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#### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Sunday:

5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

# **INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (UKI)**

Sunday Mass: 2:00 p.m. (Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month)

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday:

8:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrangements 12 months in advance Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

**MEDITATION GROUP** Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

FALL OFFICE HOURS By appointment.

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**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.** John Hayes Requested by M.G. McCollam

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. Brian Hayes Requested by M.G. McCollam

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. Joseph Legnard Requested by M.G. McCollam

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. For Peace and Care of Creation Requested by EcoAnselm

## **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP A**

Group A casseroles will be collected in the church parking lot from 4-5pm next Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH BISHOP NGUYEN

Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica 65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/ The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration opens on December 9, 2022.

Please visit <u>www.archtoronto.org/marriage</u> to register and to access resources.

Have you moved? Please remember to change your address by calling or emailing the parish office. This will ensure your information is up-todate and that your 2022 tax receipt goes to your current address. Do you know a kid who LOVES to sing? Voices Rock is an inclusive, after-school rock choir for ALL young voices (Gr 4-12). February 6, 2023 kicks off our 2nd semester, with a promo of \$350 for 14 weeks of professionally directed, fun choir practice at Leaside United Church and a big end-of-season concert (with a live band!!)

Check out https://www.voicesrockcanada.com/januarypromo

(psst, we have adult choirs, too!)

CAN'T WAIT TO SING WITH YOU!

Isa 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Psalm 40 John 1:29-34



# "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will."

In a letter to his nephew Leonardo, Italian Renaissance artist Michelangelo (1475-1564), then in his 70s, wrote about his great achievements as a sculptor, painter and

poet, saying, "Many believe - and I believe - I have been designated by God for this work. In spite of my old age, I do not want to give it up; I work out of love of God in whom I put all my hope." A prolific artist whose works continue to inspire the faith of many, Michelangelo regarded his service to the church and the community as a vocation and not merely a job or yet another commission. He approached each work with reverence and humility, seeking to discover rather than create. For example, as he sculpted, he claimed that he was uncovering a figure that already existed in the marble. He was not chiseling it or molding it according to his own set plan but setting it free to be whatever God intended it to be. It is said that when the great artist was at work, he wore a lighted candle fastened on a cap over his forehead so that no shadow of himself might fall upon the marble or the canvas. When considered in reflection on today's sacred texts, these short excerpts about Michelangelo encourage a deeper appreciation of the truths they continue to teach us about God, about ourselves and about our call to service.

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Like the servant featured in the Isaian text, like Paul (1 Cor) and like John the Baptizer, who speaks in today's Gospel. Michelangelo understood that his role and his contributions were God-inspired and God-sustained. If he was great, it was God's greatness reflected in him; if he, like the servant, brought light to others, it was God's light shining through him that enabled others to find their way. Like John the Baptizer, Michelangelo knew that his work, however great it was and however much it was acclaimed, paled in comparison to the saving work of God in Christ. Nevertheless, the Italian artist always set a high standard and put forth his best effort in all he did. He once said, "The greatest danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our mark." Like all of us, however, Michelangelo was not without pride. Once, in a fit of rage when he heard a pilgrim to Rome credit one of his pietas to sculptor Christoforo Solari, Michelangelo took hammer and chisel and carved the following inscription on Mary's sash: Michel Angelus ("Michelangelo **Bonaratus** Florent Facibat Buonarroti, Florentine, made this"). Later, he regretted his pride and his anger and never signed any of his other works. He remained content to let his work and his service speak for themselves.

In Michelangelo's approach to his work, and in the humility of Isaiah and Paul, John and Jesus, we also find a lesson that may aid us in our own fulfillment of our baptismal promises. Our efforts for others and our service to the Gospel are not intended to forcibly mold others or cause them to conform to our own perceptions or expectations of what they should be, however sincere and wellintentioned we might be. Rather, our service should have a liberating quality, so that others are not limited or encumbered by our efforts but freed by them to become their best selves. Regardless of how well we have served those in our care, they are not "works of art" or projects to be signed by us. We may share in and support them but not take credit for their accomplishments.

As parents and pastors, teachers and mentors, friends and relatives, we are all called to extend our good influence on others in an attempt to guide and inspire, but not to control, constrain or manipulate in any way. Rather, the sacred texts challenge us today to aspire to a level of service that prefers to affirm rather than attack, to offer encouragement rather than critique, and to continue to hope rather than despair. Then, taking our cue from Isaiah, Paul, John the Baptizer and Jesus, we should make sure that the only horn we blow is the one that renders authentic praise to God.



New Year - New Attitude

Protecting "planet sustainability" includes taking time to reflect & to discern ways in which we can better respond to the appeal of Pope Francis to 'Care for Creation'.

By accepting small changes individually, our parish community CAN collectively make a BIG DIFFERENCE!

EASY strategies for respecting WATER within households: avoid running the tap unnecessarily while washing dishes or brushing your teeth; reduce shower time; use water-efficient settings on household appliances.

When not in use, turn electrical devices OFF (lights, TVs, computers) and UNPLUG small appliances (toasters, hair driers).

Avoid idling your car. This simple act of conservation reduces unnecessary emissions in the AIR we share.

Small individual adjustments in our daily habits can make a difference.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can enrol in our parish preauthorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting <u>ADoT</u> <u>Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of</u> <u>Toronto (archtoronto.org)</u> and choosing "St. Anselm" from the drop-down menu of parishes. Cheques may be mailed or dropped off in the parish office mailbox at any time. Thank you for your support!

