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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 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.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive
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Mass Intentions for Week

Tuesday, March 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Allan Greene

Requested by John and Margaret Glofcheski

Wednesday, March 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Brian Oh

Requested by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Thursday, March 30th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, March 31st, 8:15 a.m.

Hu Gue Foy

Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **BUNDLE UP IS NEXT WEEKEND**

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up weekend is **NEXT WEEKEND, March 25-26**. The truck will be in the lot all weekend to accept your gently used clothing, textiles and footwear donations. Specific information on what can be accepted is posted on our bulletin boards in the church lobby. Textiles and gently used footwear are in especially high demand this year. All items donated go to help those in immediate need.

In Appreciation of His Eminence, Cardinal Collins

"We receive so many good things from God: He is so good to us that it is fitting, indeed necessary, to say thank you." – Pope Benedict XVI

As he prepares to enter retirement, we would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to God for blessing us with so many years of faithful service from His Eminence, Cardinal Thomas Collins. We have all benefitted from his thoughtful leadership and steady hand, especially during the turbulent times of the health crisis these past few years. We wish him abundant blessings and continued good health in his retirement. Thank you, Cardinal Collins!

VOCATIONS

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

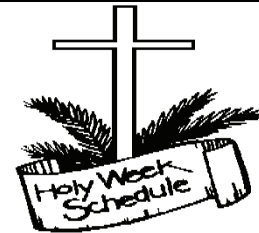
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SHARELIFE

This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. In the words of Cardinal Collins: "Vulnerable members of our community are relying on you and me to ensure ongoing access to the care they so desperately need. This is why it's crucial we meet our parish campaign goal. Our goal can be met, but only if we each do our part." Our parish goal this year is [insert goal amount].

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

Mass at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday

April 4 and 5

Morning Mass at 8:15 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6

Mass of the LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 7

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:00 p.m.

PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD

3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

April 8

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER VIGIL MASS AT 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

MASS AT 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Ezek 37:12-14 Ps 130

Rom 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

“Lazarus, Come Out!”



Lazarus was not the first person to be raised from death to life by Jesus. Jesus raised to life the only son of a widow and the daughter of Jairus. Jesus also freed countless sick persons from their diseases, untold numbers of sinners from their sin and still others from the many fears that paralyze human efforts and diminish human joy and fulfillment. But the Lazarus story stands out in sharp contrast to all these other events because it is the final sign of the seven signs chosen by John to reveal the person and purpose of Jesus and to challenge his readers to faith. The Lazarus event is the most important; it is the climax toward which every other sign has pointed in preparation. As Jesus' last and most significant sign, the raising of Lazarus should be appreciated in association with the discourse that precedes it in John 10, where Jesus is revealed as the Good Shepherd who has the power to lay down his life and take it up again as he wishes. The sign of raising Lazarus to life concretizes Jesus' statement as it offers a visible and tangible illustration of his power. In the conversation between Martha and Jesus, that power is clearly enunciated, and it reaches its climax in the proclamation, "I am the resurrection and the life." That proclamation invites faith and promises those who live and believe in Jesus that they will never die. In the future, Jesus will bring physical life again, but in the present, Jesus brings eternal life. The fact that Jesus *is* the resurrection and the life, and does not merely *offer* resurrection and life, illustrates that his saving work is totally integrated into his very being and in the beings of those who believe in him and are united with him. Therefore, faith in Jesus liberates the believer, not only in the future but also here and now. Those who already enjoy this experience know themselves to be blessed, but that blessing comes with responsibility. First, those who taste and live the risen life of Jesus are to be true to the One whose death has made this experience possible. Second, that blessing can be extended to others through our purposeful acts of liberation. By our caring, we free others from need; by our shared hope, we free them from despair; by our shared faith, we free them from the dread darkness of unbelief. Many of those who first witnessed the Lazarus event did come to believe in Jesus. Others freely chose not to believe and used that moment to press their argument in favour of Jesus' death. Ironically, Caiphas would soon address the Sanhedrin and reason, "It is expedient that one man die for the people rather than have the whole nation destroyed". In that statement, the unbelieving priest

enunciated the truth of the Christ-event. Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life, freely laid down his life for the salvation and liberation of all people. Just as Jesus said on that long-ago day to Martha, "Do you believe this?" so does he ask the same of us today. And how, we ask, are we to understand and answer Jesus' question for ourselves? During the lifespan of any human being, there is, of course, one conclusive and ultimate death. Everybody dies. But there are also many little and large experiences of dying along the way. There are the losses of friends and family whose absences create a dying in our hearts. There are the losses of oppressed and needy brothers and sisters throughout the world whose deaths continue to assault the consciences of those more fortunate. There is the dying of a friendship as it is surrendered to an argument that cannot or will not be resolved. There are the deaths that come as the distances between us grow larger and our times of communion less frequent. There are the inevitable deaths when memory fails, when bones break and muscles ache with the loss of youthful vigor. There are also deaths that come with the loss of a job or a home. In all these experiences of death, believers are assured that these deaths are but a prelude to that final act of surrender to God. Each helps us prepare for the moment that is not an end but a passage to a new and endless beginning. In that final moment, and in all the little preludes of dying that lead up to that moment, Jesus will say to us as he said so long ago at the tomb of Lazarus, "Come out! Unbind him and let him go free!"

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES THIS SUNDAY!

Children ages 4-6 years are invited to join in Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass. They will be accompanied to the parish hall, complete a fun activity related to the weekend's Gospel message and return to join their family in the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note, this is not Sunday School or sacramental preparation and is not a drop-off. No registration is required.

WELCOMING ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the central region on **Tuesday, April 11th at BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH (3220 Bayview Ave.) at 7:00pm.** A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Good Shepherd casseroles for Group "B" will be collected on Saturday, April 15th.

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