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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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, May 9th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Living and Deceased Members of the O'Neill and Glofcheski Families
Requested by John and Margaret Glofcheski

Wednesday, May 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Marcia Dolan
Requested by M.G. McCollam

Thursday, May 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Iona D'Silva
Requested by Chris, Aubrey and Melanie D'Silva

Friday, May 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Ryan
Requested by Theresa Ryan



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – **11:00am**

Children in the parish who are currently in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 1 are invited to join our volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass. Registration is not required.

VOCATIONS

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION MAY 13-14 **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS**

The Pope's Pastoral Works collection was established by the bishops of Canada in 1970. The Papal Charities allow the Pope to contribute to various charitable causes around the world, particularly toward aiding the victims of war, famine and natural disasters. By contributing to the Pope's Pastoral Works, the faithful of Canada give a universal dimension to their charity. Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. Envelopes are available in your boxed sets, PAG bundles and on the glass tables. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Please give generously.

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE FAITH COMMUNITIES **AWARENESS SUNDAY**

On **Sunday, May 7, 2023**, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate in **Mental Health in the Faith Communities Awareness Sunday**. The special focus for this day is to raise awareness in our parish communities of the importance of mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if we are struggling. In our faith communities, people often report experiencing shame or stigma attached to mental health and mental health illness. Having open conversations about mental health issues, listening, and sharing information, opens doors to seeking help, and healing. So, on Sunday, May 7, 2023, let's talk about mental health and help stop the silence, stigma and shame.

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting [ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto \(archtoronto.org\)](http://ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto (archtoronto.org)) Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.*



May is a month in which we celebrate our mothers and throughout which we honour Mary, mother of Jesus.

“May is an opportune time to let our petitions fly to Our Lady – especially for the needs of the Church and the whole human race – that most urgently require our Blessed Mother’s intercession” (Pope Paul VI) <https://www.goodcatholic.com/nine-ways-to-celebrate-the-month-of-mary/>

During the month of May, pray a novena, a Hail Mary, or use your own words to petition Our Lady’s intercession on behalf of creation and for peace throughout our world.

GOOD SHEPHERD GROUP A

The next Good Shepherd casserole collection for Group “A” will be Saturday, May 20th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Please contact the office or yvonne.gray@bell.net if you need a pan.

**Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9
Psalm 33 John 14:1-12**

“Let your love be upon us, Lord...”



During the final decades of the first Christian century, believers in Jesus had come to understand and acknowledge that Jesus and the God who sent him were one. This insight is reflected in today’s Gospel,

where the Johannine Jesus, prompted by the questions of Thomas and Philip, declares, “If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” “I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” The followers of Jesus were growing in their appreciation of God and of Jesus and of their salvific efforts on behalf of sinners and were also coming into their own; they were becoming aware of themselves and their role in God’s ongoing involvement with humankind. In the wake of Jesus’ death and resurrection, as they reflected on all that Jesus had said and done among them, they began to understand that his mission had become their mission. This realization

became all the more poignant as their waiting for Jesus’ return stretched into weeks, months and years. Thanks to the Lucan evangelist and the author of 1 Peter, contemporary believers have a window of sorts through which to look in on those first generations of disciples. In tracing their growth, we can find inspiration for our own spiritual development; in their efforts at preaching the good news, we can discover a new impetus for our own service to God’s people.

In today’s second reading, the ancient writer was encouraging his persecuted brothers and sisters not to fall apart as a community or lose themselves and their identity. He reminded them and he reminds us that ours is not an institution of mere human origins, but that it was the call and the choice of God that precipitated the movement we now call church. To further affirm this conviction, the author of 1 Peter appealed to the Hebrew scriptures. He reminded his readers that each of them constituted a living stone that was part of a spiritual construct, the Architect of which was God. “Let yourselves be built ...” he urged. In other words, acknowledge your divine Source and Centre and rely on God’s grace for sustenance and strength.

Too often, perhaps, we as church look only to our own meager resources and, as a result, we have a tendency to leave untapped the spiritual legacy left to us by Jesus. Sometimes we think too small. We concentrate on matters of little consequence like Pharisees enamored with the minutiae of the law and we miss the big picture. For that reason, the ancient authors’ words reach out across the centuries to remind us that we are all vital parts of a living edifice whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ. In its capacity as the holy, priestly people of God, the early community learned to delegate and share authority. At first reading, the excerpt from Acts may give us the impression that others were recruited to serve as leaders because the Twelve were too burdened by the task. Similar narratives in the Hebrew scriptures also seem to imply that Moses gathered helpers because he was frustrated by his workload. Even today, the participation of laypersons in the liturgy and governance of the church is sometimes regarded as a concession made necessary by dwindling numbers of clergy. To remedy this unfortunate notion, the sacred texts, at regular intervals throughout the liturgical year, remind us that Jesus’ gift of the Spirit was given to all. God’s choice of a holy and priestly people was extended not to only a few but to all the baptized who will hear and respond to God in faith and loving service. Every community of believers is charged with continuing to be a holy, priestly people whose source of goodness, light and life is God. During the remaining days of this Easter season, let us truly examine our hearts to discover just how we can contribute to this legacy and then Just Do It!

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