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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 for Intentions Week

Tuesday, May 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Anne Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, May 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Jerry Webster

Requested by Denis and Carmel Madigan

Thursday, May 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Garnett

Requested by Judy Brown and Family

Friday, May 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family



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.

GOOD SHEPHERD GROUP A

*The next **Good Shepherd casserole collection for Group "A"** will be **NEXT 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. Should you wish to drop off your casserole ahead of time, please call or email the parish office.***

*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 \(archtoronto.org\)](#) Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.*

VOCATIONS

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

SPECIAL COLLECTION 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.

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.



EcoAnselm

May 15th is the feast day of

The Virgin Mary of the Harvest.

This is an opportune time to reflect and to give thanks for the food that sustains and nurtures us.

Remember those who are hungry; support any food bank.

Food waste is directly linked to climate change. Become more aware of greenhouse emissions related to the production of food.

Our choices as consumers are powerful. Use them to advocate for sustainable practices in all aspects of harvesting, processing, transporting, cooking, packaging, and disposing of waste.

Plan meals to avoid waste; shop local and select locally-grown foods.

Offer a mindful grace before meals.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66**1 Pet 3:15-18****John 14:15-21****EASTER HOPE**

A number of parishes in the Archdiocese welcomed new members at the Easter Vigil a few weeks ago. The Vigil is typically the time when new life is specifically welcomed into parish life. After a protracted period of prayer, study and mentoring, adult catechumens and candidates were baptized or made a profession of faith, declaring their

belonging to Christ and to the community. All share a common faith, and all have accepted the privileges and responsibilities of their new belonging, but each person came to this juncture in their lives for reasons that are uniquely their own. Some came because of the witness of a friend or a spouse. Some were invited here, liked what they found, and stayed. Curiosity drew some among us to life in a community of faith, while for others this is a last stop on a sort of spiritual shopping trip — they have tried one community after another, and this seems to be the best fit. For some, it is a matter of coming home after a time away. Many of us return when the time comes for us to impart to our children the faith that our parents once shared with us. Others among us may be attempting to give it another shot after something made us so angry or disappointed that we left behind our faith and its practice. Perhaps some of us, still wounded from recent scandals within the church, are trying to forgive and forge a new beginning. Our reasons for being here and for staying here are myriad, just as they were in those first decades of the Jesus movement.

Some of those earliest believers had had the joy of knowing Jesus and were convinced that he was indeed sent by God for the salvation of humankind. These had the courage to remain even after he was handed over, suffered and died on a cross. They believed that he was risen and present to them through the power of his promised Spirit. Others believed and committed themselves to Jesus and the church based solely on the compelling testimony of eyewitnesses to the Christ-event. As today's first reading attests, the witness of those early believers was so effective that the community soon grew beyond Jerusalem to Samaria. Luke tells his readers that this development produced great joy. No doubt the spirit of joy was contagious, and others who witnessed it wanted to discover its source so they too could share in the experience. Along with

their obvious joy, the everyday lifestyle of those early believers was magnetic. Others were impressed at how they shared among themselves so that all the needy were attended. Their regular gathering to pray, to break bread and to be taught by their leaders was compelling and attractive. People admired their daring to continue preaching even when threatened by the authorities. Their goal to make Jesus known to others, despite the personal cost to themselves, caused many to open their hearts to them and to the Gospel they preached. The very fact that Philip, as featured in the first reading from Acts, dared to bring the Gospel to Samaria from Jerusalem, despite the animosity that existed between Jews and Samaritans, must have caused many to wonder at the depth of his conviction. Perhaps, in their wonder, they were prompted to listen, and in their listening, they too began to believe. Besides the quality of their character, the attractiveness of their lifestyle and the strength of their convictions, the early believers in Jesus also possessed another gift that recommended them and their message to their contemporaries: They had hope. In today's second reading, the author of 1 Peter encouraged readers always to be ready to explain the reason for their hope. That reason was and always will be the person of Jesus Christ, who has loved us and has revealed himself to us. In the strength of that love and by the power of his presence, we have hope despite the wars that continue to wrack this world with pain and grief, despite the calamities of nature, despite the diseases that seem to defy any attempts at a cure, despite the poverty that goes unchecked, despite the homeless, the hungry, the lost and the lame of body and spirit. Despite all those whose sorry lot proves the weakness of our efforts, we have a living, breathing, loving and caring reason to hope. The witness of our hope can speak louder than any evil and truer than any grief ... until the One who is our hope comes again.

In today's Gospel Jesus promises us that ***I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life.*** Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life.

It should be a great comfort to all of us to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the sick and dying, the prisoner and the refugee. Christ rescued us from our attachment to injustice, and then he sent his Spirit to remain with us and within us. Our prayer is one of gratitude for such a gift and hope that *we feel its saving power in our daily life.* Alleluia!

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