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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, September 19th, 8:15 a.m.
Deceased Members of the Kiro Family
Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, September 20th, 8:15 a.m.
John and Rosa Paglialunga
Requested by the Family

Thursday, September 21st, 8:15 a.m.
Foo See Foy
Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

Friday, September 22nd, 8:15 a.m.
Joseph Kostovcik
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

FALL BOOK CLUB WITH FR. TOM – The next book club will begin meeting on Tuesdays (November 7, 14 and 21) at 10am in the church. Please call the parish office for more information and to reserve your spot!

109th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (Sunday, September 24) is “Free to Choose Whether to Migrate or to Stay.” In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges that while the decision to migrate should always be free, in many cases it is not. This point was reflected by St. John Paul II in his message for the 90th World Day of Migrants & Refugees, in which he wrote, “building conditions of peace means in practice being seriously committed to safeguarding first of all the right not to emigrate, that is, the right to live in peace and dignity in one’s own country.” As he concluded his message, Pope Francis referenced the words of the Lord when He said “...I was a stranger, and you welcomed me” reminding us that the Lord’s words are a “constant admonition to see in the migrant not simply a brother or sister in difficulty, but Christ himself, who knocks at our door.”

Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on **Friday, September 29**. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael’s Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful. A reception will follow. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION **INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS**

Parents of children in Grade 2 (or older) who are interested in information about preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one’s home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of your child’s baptism certificate, must be returned by October 10th. More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child’s baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION **INFORMATION MEETING FOR CANDIDATES AND PARENTS**

Youth in our parish who are in Grade 7 (or older) and their parents are invited to attend a meeting to hear about the preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one’s home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of their baptism certificate, must be returned by October 25th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate the child’s baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

COFFEE SUNDAY!

All are welcome to join for a Coffee Sunday **after the 11:00am Mass on September 17th**. It is planned for the Millwood landing (or lobby in case of inclement weather). Thank you to Pablo for organizing and we hope to see you there!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **BUNDLE UP COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 23-24**

The truck will be in the church parking lot September 23rd and 24th to accept your gently used clothing, shoes and textiles. Please see the complete list of what can and cannot be accepted on the bulletin boards in the lobbies of the church.

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.



The Season of Creation theme, 'Let Justice and Peace Reign', along with the symbol of a mighty river, flowed through the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation. Pope Francis asked us to first "join the mighty river by transforming our hearts" and to then "harmonize our own rhythms of life with those of creation, which gives us life." He implored us to dwell on the maternal heartbeat of mother earth like "our own heartbeats, those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God."

In his SoC/23 message, Francis admonished consumerist greed, the unrestrained burning of fossil fuels, the destruction of forests, and predatory industries set on depleting and polluting freshwater sources. Francis decried these practices, among others, as part of a "senseless war against creation".

Pope Francis called on "all people of good will" to bring about a "transformation of our hearts, our lifestyles and the public policies that govern our societies" so that "justice and peace can flow like an inexhaustible stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures."

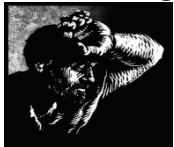
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Sir 27:30-28:9 Psalm 103

Rom 14:7-9a Matt 18:21-35

HOW MANY TIMES LORD?

Love's Forgiveness



When Peter, as featured in today's Gospel, asked Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me?" His question was probably prompted by a specific situation or a series of circumstances. Like all of us, Peter had known the hurt that is an aspect of interpersonal relationships. He may even have been mistreated, cheated or betrayed. Peter had also known suspicion and rejection because he chose to follow Jesus. But, through it all, Peter was also learning more and more about Jesus and the ways and the will of God that were being revealed in Jesus. He was learning also to integrate his faith in Jesus with the life that he lived, by allowing the mind and heart of Jesus to grace, enlighten and guide him. Therefore, Peter's question was not at all calculating. It sprang from a generous heart that was willing to forego the traditional, measured revenge ("an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth", Lev 24:20) in order to embrace Jesus' non-violent attitude toward others, even enemies. But the mere refraining from revenge and retaliation is not forgiveness. Peter knew this. For that reason, Jesus' response to him was all the more challenging and disconcerting.

Today, Peter's question confronts us all with a challenge that can sometimes seem almost untenable. That question requires that we take stock of ourselves as human beings and as believers and as Christians. When asked, "How many times must I forgive?" dozens of tragic memories flood our minds. It seems that there is not a week that goes by that we are not seeing the visible proof of lives ended violently or radically changed forever. It may be tempting to rationalize and to categorize such acts in a class of their own, viz., UNFORGIVABLE! It is tempting also to think that those so victimized could not possibly be expected to pardon such inhuman behaviour. We may even sympathize with those who hold wrath and anger tight and plot the vengeance they think they deserve. How tempting to ignore or to discount the exhortation of a Jesus who called his wronged contemporaries to forgive injustices and pray so that their own sins might be forgiven. How tempting to set aside Paul's challenges in the second reading as applicable but only to a long ago, simpler era of history. All these temptations notwithstanding, as we allow Peter's question to penetrate our hearts and resonate within us, we cannot help but admire his attempt at magnanimity. "Shall I forgive as many as seven times?" With that offer, Peter was showing that he was willing to go beyond Jewish law to embrace Jesus' teachings in the Great Sermon and to apply them in practical situations. But Jesus was leading Peter beyond practicality and common sense to that place where only faith can sustain the seeming insanity of forgiving evil and injustice, not just seven times, but without limit.

How many times? How many times? When we begin to count and to keep a memory ledger of another's sins, we have already begun to diminish the challenge of Jesus. Just as God never measures mercies or limits forgiveness and just as Jesus held nothing back but gave himself fully and freely for sinners, so are the forgiven to extend mercy and forgiveness to others. These mercies and pardons are not limited to family, friends and next-door neighbours but to all. These mercies and pardons are not contingent upon the worthiness of the sinner nor on our judgment as to the sincerity or not of his/her desire to make amends and be reconciled. Nor are the mercies and pardons we owe to one another as fellow sinners confined to those of our own country, culture or religion. Even those whose principles and ideologies contradict our own are not outside the scope of God's mercies; neither can these be "written off" by us because, as Paul reminds us today, "we are the Lord's." In that capacity and because of our belonging, we are bound to forgive others, regardless of who they are or what they have done.

If our faith in God does not move us to forgive... if our belonging to the God whose mercy knows no limit does not inspire us to forgive, perhaps the warning of Jesus will provide the impetus. Forgive injustice, urges Jesus, and when you pray, you will be forgiven. These thoughts are echoed in today's Gospel: "should you not have pity... as I had pity on you?" Unless each of you forgives your brother from the heart... With this challenge affirmed once more in our hearing, do we dare to continue to ask "How many times?" The answer is written on our hearts.

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