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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 2:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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Mass for Intentions Week



Tuesday, October 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Marjorie Wittman

Requested by Steve and Cathy Carter

Wednesday, October 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Betty Stokes

Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, October 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Candidates and parents who attended the meeting for Confirmation on October 11th: the candidate is asked to submit the completed form along with a copy of their baptism certificate and material fee by Sunday, October 22nd. Please submit directly to Fr. Moore at one of the Masses this weekend.

Registration for Confirmation 2024 will close on October 22nd.

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 REFUGE

Group "A" casseroles will be collected Saturday, **November 18th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Thank you to our parish casserole program participants. This is an important ministry year-round, but takes on a much larger task as the weather turns colder. Those in need will turn to the Good Shepherd for a hot meal and refuge from the damp, cold nights of fall and winter. By preparing a five ingredient casserole every other month, you will provide a nutritious meal for ten hungry individuals in need. The pan, lid and recipe are provided each time.

For more information, please contact Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net or call the parish office.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SSVP is accepting gently used **Winter Clothing** for adults and children:

Currently, we have a request for the following items for our neighbours in need:

Men's jacket (size L) and size 8/9 boots for a 17 yr old.

Children: Boy's and girl's coats (size M 7-9y) and size youth 5/6 boots. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Yvonne: yvonne.gray@bell.net

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. *Thank you for your support of this important work.*

FALL BOOK CLUB WITH OUR PASTOR

Open to all parishioners, Fr. Tom's book club is back! We will be meeting on **November 7, 14 and 21** at 10am in the church.

The book is "Atonement" by Ian McEwan. Please call the parish office if you would like to join us.



EcoAnselm

"The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change has stated that acting now with greater urgency means that we will not miss our chance to create a more sustainable and just world. We can and we must prevent the worst from happening. "Truly much can be done" (ibid.,180), provided we come together like so many streams, brooks and rivulets, merging finally in a mighty river to irrigate the life of our marvelous planet and our human family for generations to come. So let us join hands and take bold steps to Let Justice and Peace Flow throughout our world." (Pope Francis on World Day of Prayer for Creation 2023).

For the full message of Pope Francis: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/>

Isa 45:1, 4-6

Ps 96

1 Thess 1:1-5b

Matt 22:15-21

"I am the Lord, there is no other."



Our second reading, the opening of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, sets up our reflection of today's scriptures. Paul invites us to listen to his letter as though we were the community originally addressed, to bask in his description of us, and nod in agreement with the members of that early community of Greek-speaking Christians. Paul's opening words actually reinforce the community's identity as a people called together by God's gracious love who lives their faith in Jesus as their Lord, the saviour God sent into the world. Even if he's more complimentary than we deserve, Paul's recognition of the grace of our call and the way of life it stimulates inspires us to revitalize our way of living our vocation. We can approach the other two readings from that starting point.

Beginning with Matthew's delightful account, we ask, "Who in their right mind starts a debate with Jesus and expects to win?" In today's Gospel, the Pharisees' henchmen try to trap Jesus by posing an either-or quandary. The tax in question was imposed on every adult man, woman and slave in Judea, and was to be paid in Roman coin. Israelite nationalists resisted the tax to the point of armed rebellions, the last of which brought on the destruction of the Temple. Additionally, the denarius used for payment was stamped with an image of the emperor and called him the son of God — not at all in keeping with Jewish sensibilities. To say the least, this was an emotionally charged question designed to get Jesus in trouble with one camp or the other. Perhaps Jesus had meditated on today's reading from Isaiah and took his approach from the prophet's explanation of God dealing with the world.

In Isaiah 45, we hear about God's plan to save Israel through the military leadership of a pagan king working for his own advancement. While in the long run that was very good news, it was also a slap in the face of Jewish national pride. When God referred to Cyrus as "anointed," the implication was that the Davidic royal line had come to an end. That was a bitter pill. This pagan who didn't even know who God was had been picked as the one to save the chosen people! Not far below the surface of the conflictual feelings about Cyrus lay questions of identity. Who were they as a chosen people if God was willing to work through others? Who, really, was God? The second question is the key. God, through Isaiah, was calling the people to go beyond their tribalism, to accept the implications of their own profession of faith. They should have noticed that twice in this short reading God said, "I am the Lord, there is no other." They were facing a question that eventually

plagues most monotheists. Was God exclusively their god or was God bigger than their orthodoxy? Theoretically, the answer is a no-brainer. In practice, affirming faith in God as Creator and Lord of history humbles believers of every stripe; it recognizes God's freedom to act with us, for us and even in spite of us, through any means God chooses to use, without seeking our approval or conforming to our doctrine.

Now, back to Jesus and the poor guys sent to trip him up. Their first setback came when they inadvertently proved that they carried the sacrilegious coin with them. That in itself was a capitulation to Rome. Then, given the fact that they were in possession of a "graven image," Jesus got them to admit whose image it was. With that, Jesus pointed out that the coin obviously must belong to the one whose face it portrayed. It surely couldn't belong to faithful Israelites! Jesus had successfully confounded those sent to investigate his orthodoxy. But his goal went beyond winning the debate. This was a teaching moment. His question about whose image and inscription pointed beyond coin and toward God. The unarticulated question hanging over the whole conversation asks where one encounters the image, works and words of God.

Now it all comes full circle. The final answer is that everything — even Caesar and Cyrus — belongs to God. God's word is intended to lead us beyond our limited, self-aggrandizing dogmatism to recognize the image of God in human persons, including those who do not share our theology. Paul reminded us that our faith is a result of God's graced calling. Isaiah reminds us that only God is God, and that God can work through anyone. Jesus, with some humour, calls us to remember what it means that we ourselves belong to God and only to God.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. Regular support of the offertory and building funds is crucial to daily operations.

Joining our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program is simple. Remembering cash or a weekly envelope will be a thing of the past and the church is assured of your support to meet operation costs. Please contact the parish office for information. Your yearly donations will be eligible for a tax receipt for the full amount (over \$50 in a calendar year).

You can also earn credit card points by making secure, recurring donations online through the Archdiocese by visiting <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and clicking on "Donate" to support the parish offertory fund. Thank you for your financial contributions to the church.

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