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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, November 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Anne Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, November 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosetta and Gerlindo Dalla Corte

Requested by the Family

Thursday, November 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Tony Tangney

Requested by the Family

Friday, November 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

INVITATION TO RED WEDNESDAY MASS CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO

For more than 75 years, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN-Canada) has been advocating for persecuted Christians worldwide. The annual Red Wednesday event to pray for and raise awareness to the plight of persecuted Christians will take place once again this year. Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo will be offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the intentions of persecuted Christians at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on November 15 at 5 p.m.** Please consider joining Archbishop Leo for the celebration of this Mass.

Archdiocesan Consultation Underway – your assistance is requested!

Our archbishop, the Most Rev. Francis Leo, is inviting Catholics throughout the archdiocese to share their key priorities to help inform and guide an updated Pastoral Plan. To participate in the consultation, visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation to complete a brief survey by **December 15, 2023**, where you can offer your suggestions and insights.

The process should take just a few minutes and we ask that you complete the short survey as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. Thank you in advance for sharing your insights, ideas and discernment.

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 next Saturday, **November 18th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. For more information, please contact Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net or call the parish office.



Remembrance Day 2023: Sat., Nov. 11th

On Oct. 04th 2023, Pope Francis released *Laudate Deum* – a disturbing sequel to his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*: *Care for our Common Home* (2015). Pope Francis urges our intervention in the fight against the crisis threatening our planet and all life. Francis decries the climate crisis as “a senseless war against our common home” and warns the climate crisis is “a terrible world war”.

Excerpt from “*Laudate Deum*”, *Exhortation of the Holy Father Francis To All People of Good Will On The Climate Crisis*: “2. Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and maybe nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc. (Pope Francis) https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **CHRISTMAS INITIATIVES**

The **St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree** is coming to the Millwood Lobby next weekend. ***New this year***, choose from the following Angels: 1) a toy for a boy or girl, 2-12 years of age, or 2) items needed by adult residents of SSVP-run emergency shelters.

Suggested toys - ethnically diverse dolls, and actions figures for boys and girls (please, no weapons!) See Angels for SSVP shelter clothing and toiletry requests.

Return gifts, ***unwrapped*** by December 10th, and please *include a gift bag, if possible*.

We are also accepting donations for extra food cards to bring seasonal joy to needy households for Christmas. Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please include your full name and address.

Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.

Wis 6:12-16
1 Thess 4:13-18

Psalm 63
Matt 25:1-13

LIGHTING OUR WAY



If you wrote down your 10 most important priorities in life, “preparing for the second advent of Jesus and the end time” might not be too high on your list. Most of us are content to relegate that experience to some far-off time in the distant future. It has been suggested that while

Jesus’ return is a given, it has little vital significance for most of us because we tend to see it as a single event. Some people have even tried to suggest a date, time and place for this ultimate coming of God to the world. But we believers enjoy an ongoing and intimate relationship with God, and this means that God breaks into our world repeatedly, constantly, all of the time. These ever-unfolding revelations of God’s presence reveal the ever-coming Christ in our world and remind us that the world is God’s, just as the first word was God’s and the last word will be God’s. God’s continuous forays into time and space also affirm the fact that ours is a God of surprise, for whom the unexpected is the norm. How often do we see the reflection of God in unexpected events? Seemingly undefeatable powers vanish from the world stage. Prosperity yields to overwhelming hardship. An unforeseen ecumenical

council opens a window and offers the church a breath of fresh air and a new vision. Peace is brokered where conflict once reigned. Do we see all these events as God and Christ coming toward us? It would seem that this is the vision being shared with us today through the sacred texts. In today’s first reading, the ancient author of Wisdom urges those who look for God in their lives not just to sit back and wait. Rather, believers are to cultivate the willingness to seek God in all the unexpected people and places where God chooses to be made known. God comes at dawn and sits at the gate, but God also comes in darkness and sits in the gutters. From there, in the most surprising guises, God calls forth our love, our mercy and our caring. If we become accustomed to those varied manifestations of God, we will be better prepared to welcome God’s ultimate advent. To encourage his contemporaries, Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, advises that useless worry and speculation are for those who have no hope. But those who believe can look to the future with peace and calm, for the God in whom we hope will never fail us — this, says Paul, should be a source of consolation.

In the parable of the foolish and wise maidens, the Matthean Jesus assures us that hope is more than holy abandon; hope is a hard worker who translates her relationship with God into a deliberate, daily preparedness for his ultimate and unexpected appearance. Without oil in their lamps, the foolish maidens were not ready to welcome their bridegroom. These women represent people who think the second appearance of Jesus seems so far off that it is of little consequence. They haven’t been aware of the Christ in all his many comings, great and little. They have been slow to recognize Christ in God’s least ones and to serve their needs. The ones without oil have not taken to heart Jesus’ challenge to be the light of the world. They have not spoken out against injustice, violence, greed and dishonesty. They have often settled into apathy. They have procrastinated, their service and their witness to Gospel values until a more convenient time. Those with oil enough to light their lamps and welcome the Lord are not perfect, but they have been persistent in their efforts at goodness, at caring and tending to the needs of others. They have not always shone as brightly as they might, but they have never given up or turned away from the challenge to lighten the load of God’s least ones. They have not always been outspoken against evil and injustice, but they have prayed to God to be able to find their voice and have continued to ask God for the grace to persevere. These are the wise and hopeful ones who call us to follow their lead in preparing for the God who comes.

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