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

For the Deceased Members of the Kostovcik Family
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

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

Florence Bartlett
Requested by Theresa Ryan

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

John O'Callaghan
Requested by René Pelletier

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

For Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm

GROUP "A" CASSEROLES

Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected NEXT Saturday, May 18th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. That date falls on the long weekend. If you know you'll be away but would like to drop off your casserole early, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Cottage season is upon us – please remember the less fortunate who still seek the assistance of the Good Shepherd Refuge even with the warmer temperatures. Meals are still in high demand and with those in every parish who find themselves out of town on summer weekends, casserole numbers tend to experience a downturn from May to August. We can accept your frozen casserole outside of the third weekend drop-off date – just let us know.

If you've been considering joining the casserole program, now would be a great time! We provide the pan, lid and simple recipe. You shop for the ingredients, assemble, cook and freeze the casserole and drop it off to us. Each one of these casseroles feeds TEN hungry individuals. Please contact the parish office for more information.

CHALICE

Chalice is in our parish this weekend! At all Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.

Rosary Apostolate



Traditionally, May is the month in which we honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The 13th of May is the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. The children who had the apparition claim that the lady identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and she requested that we pray the Rosary daily.

The Rosary is a very powerful prayer that invites us to reflect on the mysteries of God's love revealed through Jesus, His mother Mary and the life of the early Christian community. In times of stress and anxiety, this simple prayer brings us into God's presence and allows us to share in His peace.

This month, when we pray the Rosary, let us pray for peace, for care of creation, that we collaborate to find solutions to our complex problems, for good leadership in the church and in government. Let us pray that we will act to heal creation and heal the world.



"A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is shortsighted."
catholicbishops.ie/2020/03/22/reflections-on-mothers-by-pope-francis/

"What world will we leave for our children? We have a great responsibility, especially with regard to future generations ... We have the opportunity to prepare a better tomorrow for all. From God's hands, we have received a garden, we cannot leave a desert for our children." vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-05/pope-francis-videomessage-laudato-si-platform.html

In his welcome to the 2023 workshop on 'Indigenous Peoples Knowledge and the Sciences', Francis recognized the great value of the wisdom of native peoples to "advancing an integral and sustainable development".
Elders Wendy and Mark Phillips teach:

“MOTHER EARTH takes care of us all. We must take care of the earth so that she can continue to take care of us”.
“Our neglect today will have devastating outcomes for future generations.”
“ALL life is sacred. Land, trees, water, birds, insects, all other animals - they are our family. We love them. When they suffer, we ALL suffer.”
‘Living Within the Laws of Creation’
(Webinar: TCDSB & Mary Ward Centre)

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23

Psalm 47
Mark 16:15-20

ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



No matter what the Gospel says, picking up snakes is never going to be part of my mission plan. Now that I think about it, I'm also pretty reluctant to pick fights with demons, so the commentaries that say Mark didn't really write this ending to his Gospel offer me a welcome justification for avoiding those adventures. Most scholars think

that the Gospel of Mark ended at verse 8 of Chapter 16, which states that the women who discovered Jesus' empty tomb "said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Reading that is depressing. Choosing the path of frightened inaction may feel safer, but ultimately I know that timid silence is no better than snake charming as a strategy for discipleship. The celebration of Christ's ascension focuses our attention on just exactly what Christians are to do now that the historical Jesus is no longer with us. This is the disciples' introduction to the life we live: believing in Christ without having known the historical Jesus. To my mind, the best Ascension story comes from Acts. To start with, Luke recaps his whole Gospel in a few opening lines reviewing Jesus' last 40 days on earth. He describes Jesus' post-resurrection activity as "giving instructions through the Holy Spirit." In this, we see that Jesus was taking the disciples through a process rather than teaching them a doctrine. The end of Luke's Gospel indicates that the teaching of those 40 days was a process of recapping all their time together, revisiting every conversion Jesus had called for from the beginning. This was a process that didn't end with the resurrection or even the ascension, but which would

only come to completion through the work of the Holy Spirit.

At the end of the Easter appearances, Luke depicts the disciples as much in need of learning as they ever were. As if they hadn't comprehended anything Jesus had been teaching for three years and 40 days, they asked him how soon all their dreams for the future would come true. Jesus patiently avoided their question and tried for the last time on earth to reorient them. "You will get it, you will understand what real power is, when you receive the Holy Spirit." There are many ways that we could describe what Jesus wanted his disciples and their successors to understand. Paul said it in Ephesians 1 when he prayed that the eyes of our minds would be enlightened by the Spirit who offers wisdom and revelation. Of course, that very prayer is a reminder that we are not often sources of wisdom, much less revelation. Paul stated the same idea as an evangelical mandate in Ephesians 4 when he called on Christians to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Here too, the very idea of "calling" urges us beyond all pretensions to autonomy. As Paul reminds us, we receive our call in community, where each is gifted and we are all called to the same hope. When Luke describes Jesus' last earthly activities and ascension, the final instruction to the disciples is that they should wait for the coming of the Spirit. When he disappeared and they were sky-gazing, two men in white appeared and questioned why they were just standing around staring into the void. That question brought their attention back to earth, where they were to pick up the task of being witnesses — a task they have handed on to us.

The Ascension might be our most whimsical feast. The story has nothing of the heaviness we heard at the Last Supper, when Jesus spoke of going away and being lifted up. When we look to the disciples as role models, we can be encouraged by their never-ending need to learn and be reconverted to Jesus' message. We know they did better than what Mark reported of the silent, frightened women, yet we remember that as so many of them were martyred, faith did not deliver them from every danger. Perhaps this is our day to remember all that the Easter season has been. It's a chance to recap our moments of encounter with Christ and our own calls to conversion. There's no reason we can't take time to do our own sky-gazing, knowing that there's more out there than a void. Nobody can tell us that we have to handle snakes, but, if we are open, the Spirit will lead us to be witnesses from wherever we are standing to the ends of the earth.

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