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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 Intentions for Week



Tuesday, June 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Freeman & Iona D'Silva

Requested by Christopher, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva

Wednesday, June 5th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Wren Family

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, June 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Wanda Stankiewicz

Requested by Marc de Bellefeuille & Luci Rizzo

Friday, June 7th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Yu and Oh Family

Requested by Angela Oh

Join us for Coffee Sunday after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, June 23rd. We will pray for sunshine and plan to gather outside on the Millwood landing. Should we encounter rain, we will move things indoors. Thanks to Pablo for offering to host once again!



Summer is upon us and in this neighbourhood, many are fortunate enough to be able to spend part or even all of their summer weekends out of town on holiday or at cottages.

Unfortunately, the expenses and needs of the Church cannot take the same holiday, and budgeting becomes quite difficult when weekly offerings dip so drastically. We gratefully accept lump-sum cheques or post-dated cheques to support the parish offertory and building funds during the summer months.

Our parish also offers a convenient **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)** plan, where ONE automatic withdrawal is made on the 20th day of each month (12 payments in a calendar year). This can be in any amount of your choosing, and you will receive a tax receipt for all monies donated. You won't need to keep track of a box of envelopes, fill your information in on visitor envelopes or search for loose cash. Most importantly, when you're away, you can rest assured that your home parish continues to receive your support, without which so many things would be impossible.

If you would like more information about how to join our PAG program or how to give online, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

PLANNING AHEAD - CASSEROLE DROP OFF DATES

Group B – June 15, August 17 (4-5pm)

Group A – July 20, September 21 (4-5pm)

This will be our final issue of the parish bulletin until Labour Day weekend. Weekday Mass intentions will be posted in the Millwood lobby.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, 2024 is WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED).

“We cannot turn back time, but we can grow forests, revive water sources, and bring back soils. We are the generation that can make peace with the land.”

To learn more about WED 2024, please see: www.worldenvironmentday.global/

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th is FATHER'S DAY.

SAINT JOSEPH is the patron saint of fathers, families and workers. May the faithfulness, courage and tenderness of Joseph guide all fathers in their roles as providers, protectors and mentors. May his example inspire all who father to encourage respect for self, others and for ALL creation. EcoAnselm takes this opportunity to thank **FATHER TOM** for his pastoral support, involvement and spiritual counsel in the efforts of this ministry to encourage greater stewardship of “Our Common Home” (Laudato Si’).

EcoAnselm invites prayers for the **HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS**. We pray for his well-being, for each of his intentions, and that the Holy Spirit may continue to inspire his global leadership on behalf of all creation and for unity among all people.

EcoAnselm wishes each parishioner a safe, happy and *GREEN* summer! Make time to savour and to give thanks for God's most generous abundance.

A Prayer For Holding And Being Held By The Earth

If you are feeling far away from God, go outside and sink your fingers into the dirt. Whether it's red clay or glacial till, it was all brought forth by the great mystery of love, which set millions of unseen processes into motion - wind sweeping volcanic ash across the land, time and water compressing tiny bits of rock into the symphony of soil you hold in your hands. Nudge it gently with your finger until you can see each individual grain, varying ever so slightly in color and size, for the song of sacred creativity rings out in

every place. Remember: it was just such dust into which God breathed. Remember: it is the very same God who breathes into you. Amen

Poem by Cameron Bellm, Jesuit Spirit & Verse <https://www.jesuits.org/stories/spirit-verse-a-prayer-for-holding-and-being-held-by-the-earth/>

MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

Next weekend, there will be a collection for **Marygrove Girls Camp** run by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Each year, over 1,000 young girls with financial or domestic hardship enjoy a subsidized joyful camping experience. Please give generously.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thank you to Fernanda and her team for leading the Children's Liturgy again this year! The final Children's Liturgy before summer break will take place Sunday, June 16th during the 11:00am Mass.

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Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Psalms 116

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

DARE TO SAY AMEN



Today's reading from Exodus describes a majestic, identity-forging scene in which the people who had followed Moses out of slavery solemnly committed themselves to the covenant God offered them. Twice, everybody — men, women and children —

cried with one voice, "We will do everything that the Lord has told us." Just imagine trying to get a group of Catholics to say that! It's not so much accepting God's law that would be the rub; the difficulty would be in getting all of them to agree to one answer. Some would say "Yes!" Others would ask, "What are the legal and financial ramifications?" Others might say, "I will do it, but I refuse to be judged by how others comply!" Jesus and his Hebrew ancestors shared a culture very different from our own. They were "collectivists," people who learn from infancy on that membership in your group

creates your identity and that everyone's well-being depends on group cohesion. The accomplishments of your great leaders like Moses and Jesus, as well as the reputation of your family or tribe, are the source of your honour because you are identified with them.

When it came to the preparations for Jesus' last Passover with his disciples, Mark reflects subtly on the relationship between leader and followers. With careful detail, Mark describes how some disciples asked Jesus, "Where do you want us ... to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" In response, Jesus told them where they would share the meal *together*. Jesus was planning for a shared celebration of commitment, not a moment when they would see him act the hero. Emphasizing that point, when Jesus passed the cup at the supper, Mark tells us that they "all drank from it" even before he explained what it symbolized. Jesus wanted them to realize that being identified with him implied imitating him. As he emphasized the cup, Mark wanted readers to remember the incident in which James and John had asked to reign at Jesus' right and left in his glory. In response, Jesus asked them if they could drink the cup that he would drink (Mark 10:35-41). Like the good but naive folks they were, they said "Yes." It was a pledge that would take a long time to come true. The bread Jesus offered as his own self and the cup of the new covenant invited the disciples to be in communion with the essence of his life, death and resurrection. Their participation in bread and cup were a pledge to be faithful and to do as he did. Like their ancestors who promised to do everything God asked, like the people of God throughout the ages, they failed almost immediately. But, because God is who God is, no failure is definitive.

Most of the disciples who communed at the supper failed but were not lost. Some women from that company remained near Jesus as he died on the cross. They were then the first to discover and proclaim his resurrection. Others of the group slowly but surely came to comprehend, to live, and to preach the new covenant. Through their communion with Christ, the disciples became, as St. Paul teaches, the Body of Christ extended through time. As we celebrate this feast, a reprise of Holy Thursday, we are invited to join the disciples in hearing Jesus' invitation to receive the bread of Communion and to drink the cup of the new covenant with him. When St. Augustine taught about the Eucharist he offered these time-honoured insights: So now, if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle Paul speaking ... "You are the body of Christ, member for member" ... You are saying "Amen" to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. ... Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true! According to St. Augustine, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is our feast day. On this day, just as we do every Sunday, we repeat the celebration that forges our identity and strengthens us to be the very body of Christ that we receive. Jesus let his disciples know that joining him in the celebration of the Passover was an event of communion in his self-giving love. Celebrating the body and blood of Christ always calls us to do what he commanded: to share our lives as he did. When we dare to say "Amen," we proclaim, **"Yes, we will receive what we are and be what we eat."**

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