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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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, November 26th, 8:15 a.m.

Charles & Angeline Rizzo

Requested by Luci Rizzo & Marc de Bellefeuille

Wednesday, November 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Joyce Heinz

Requested by M.G. McCollam

Thursday, November 28th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, November 29th, 8:15 a.m.

In Thanksgiving

Requested by a Parishioner

SSVP Advent Activities 2024 starting this weekend

Help Bring Joy to our Neighbours in Need
this Christmas.



Angel Tree – donate Toys for children
aged 2-12 or Gift Cards for Mary's Home,
an SSVP-run emergency shelter.



Donate to SSVP to give needy
families extra food cards for Christmas.

2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

A limited number of Sunday Missals will be available for purchase before Masses this weekend and next weekend (Nov 30/Dec 1) Missals are \$5 each – cash only. Exact change is greatly appreciated.

St. Michael's Choir School presents GLORIA!

Tickets are now available at www.masseyhall.com. Please use Promo Code: STARLIGHT.

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CASSEROLES

Group B casseroles for the Good Shepherd Provide-A-Meal program will be collected Saturday, **December 21st** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Curious about the program? The pan and lid are provided each time, as is a simple to follow recipe with a few key ingredients. You prepare the casserole by following the recipe, freeze it and deliver it to the parish on the collection date (or to the office the week prior). Your casserole will feed TEN hungry individuals at the Good Shepherd Mission. The parish casserole program is an essential part of the good work done at GSM – they experience a sharp rise in those seeking a hot meal as the days get shorter and the temperatures drop. Please consider joining our "casserole chefs in the parish" by contacting Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net or the parish office.



EcoAnselm

HELP US CELEBRATE! On **Wed., Dec. 04 at 7:00 p.m.**, please join Father Tom and EcoAnselm in a special evening mass being offered in celebration of the tenth anniversary of our inauguration as 'The Ecology Group' (Dec., 2014). Join us as we pray for peace and give thanks for the glory of God's creation. After mass, EcoAnselm is hosting a small gathering. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.**

Monday, Nov., 25th is National Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. (EVAW). Violence against women and girls remains prevalent globally and "has been exacerbated by post-pandemic effects, conflicts, and climate change". This Nov 25th, International Day for the EVAW will launch the movement, UNiTE, an initiative of 16 days of activism, calling "on all governments worldwide to share how they are investing in the prevention of gender-based violence". UNiTE will culminate on Dec 10th, Human Rights Day. www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day "5 FACTS about Gender Equality and Climate Change": unfoundation.org/blog/post/five-facts-about-gender-equality-and-climate-change/

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is looking for a new parish secretary. The position is a maximum of twenty hours a week. We can discuss how the weekly schedule is organized. The position requires a good knowledge of office management, a working knowledge of Mailchimp, and a comprehensive knowledge of Microsoft Office 365. Knowledge of DRM the Archdiocesan database is a bonus but a willingness to learn how to use DRM is essential. A willingness to adapt as technology is improved over time is necessary. To apply; send or drop off your resume to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. For those being sent by email use the address: fmcdevitt@archtoronto.org

Dan 7:13-14

Ps 93

Rev 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

THE KINGDOM OF GOD



Who are you? Where do you come from? What do you know? What have you accomplished with your life? Those are more or less the questions one is supposed to

answer on a resume. Although some are tempted to creatively enhance the narrative, in the end it's vital that the person described by the responses be recognizable as the one whose name is at the top of the page. Those questions are also pretty much the ones Pilate put to Jesus when he had him on trial. Pilate's questions aimed to find out if Jesus pretended to be a king, and therefore whether he was a dangerous threat to Rome's sovereignty. Pilate apparently asked his questions out of ignorance. As he pointed out, he was no Jew. The implication was that he didn't know what the fuss was all about but he was magnanimously offering Jesus the opportunity to explain himself. He got more than he bargained for — more than he wanted to comprehend. There's the rub. Pilate thought he was the judge, but Jesus turned the tables. Standing there, apparently powerless, Jesus brought the powers to trial. "Are you a king?" asked Pilate. "What makes you ask?" answered Jesus. Jesus' reply questioned the concept of kingship itself. What does it mean to be a king? In Pilate's world, it meant to be sitting proudly on a throne, liable to attack from every side, always fearful and vulnerable to anyone who could muster greater power. "If my kingdom was like that, we'd be involved in a battle," said Jesus, "but as it is, I am not that weak." Pilate got it. He didn't miss the insulting implication that his power was paltry and his position provisional. So he came back at him:

"Aha! You do think you're a king!" Jesus replied, "For this I was born, for this I came into the world." Who in their right mind could make such a statement? It's one thing to guess or discern, to take a gamble on the meaning of your life and say, "I was born for this." But who claims to have made a decision to come into the world? Without asking for it, Pilate was drawn from the plane of the political to the theological. Pilate was asking about coercive power, about whether Jesus wanted to use the monarch's prerogative to manipulate circumstances to get whatever he wanted. Jesus shifted the conversation to another level of reality, the level at which truth is the only operative force. Jesus replied that his kingdom is one in which people are convinced by truth; they hear his voice and follow freely. On that plane, coercive force is rendered powerless, and thus all threats are void. Jesus' dialogue with Pilate transposed their positions. Pilate's questions put his kind of power on trial, and because he could not coerce Jesus, the powerlessness of his rule became obvious.

The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King put us on the jury at the trial of Jesus. Daniel calls us to remember the vision that guides us. The Book of Revelation proclaims that Jesus, the "firstborn from the dead," reveals the ultimate truth about power and glory. The Gospel calls us to decide who we think is right and to live according to our best judgment about power and truth. Pilate asked political questions, and Jesus took the conversation to the theological plane. The proclamation of Christ as King is actually both theological and political because theology must be lived out in the day-to-day of human relationships. We know Jesus' responses to Pilate's questions. He admitted being the King who decided to come into this world to be for it but not of it. He understood the truth about God's love and came to make it known in word and deed. He left the rest in the hands of every one of his servants whom he called to become a kingdom of priests. We are those priests, ordained and sent to implement the vision, to give living witness to the freedom that comes from real power. We are called, like Jesus, to be signs of dangerous hope for God's world.

For all believers, that we may come to a deep realization that Christ holds our past, walks with us each day, and has a vision for tomorrow filled with compassion and hope...

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