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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Sunday:

5:00 p.m. 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** Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5 416-393-5243

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, January 21st, 8:15 a.m. Patrick John McGrath Requested by Sheila Flynn McGrath

Wednesday, January 22nd, 8:15 a.m. Agatha Fama Requested by the Filippi Family

Thursday, January 23rd, 8:15 a.m. Neil Fitzgerald Requested by the O'Carroll Family

Friday, January 24th, 8:15 a.m. Richard Ryan Requested by Theresa Ryan



The Ontario government has announced plans to send out \$200 rebate cheques later this month or in early February.

This payment will go to all Ontarians who were 18 or older at the end of 2023 and filed their income tax for that year.

Why not turn this rebate into something even more meaningful? If you are in the position to make a financial contribution, consider reinvesting your \$200 as a charitable donation. You'll give charities a much-needed boost to start 2025 strong while unlocking valuable tax savings and greater impact through charitable tax credits.

Make your rebate count and create lasting change for the causes you care about most.

You can use the QR code above with your smartphone or visit <u>www.archtoronto.org</u> and click on "Donate" to support your parish.

Jubilee of Youth 2025

Calling all young adults (ages 19 - 39), join Fr. Paul Magyar and the OCY team for a pilgrimage of a life time!

We will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome from July 23rd to August 5th, 2025. Please contact <u>youth@archtoronto.org</u> to receive the pilgrim information package and detailed itinerary.



"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT" Pope Francis has proclaimed the YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025, "consigning the Bull of Indiction – "SPES NON CONFUNDIT. HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT". Francis expresses his desire that the Jubilee Year be "an opportunity for us to be renewed in hope". Francis writes: "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring." <u>https://www.vaticannews.va/</u> <u>en/pope/news/2024-05/pope-proclaims-</u> jubilee-may-hope-fill-our-days.html

"Pilgrims of Hope" is both the 2025 Jubilee Year theme announced by Pope Francis and the motto chosen for Catholic Education 2025 Jubilee Year. "The phrase refers to people who are travelling with a strong sense of faith and hope". The motto was chosen to "help restore hope and trust and to encourage people to recover a sense of universal fraternity, care for our common home, and to contemplate the beauty of creation." https://www.ocsta.on.ca/project/ cet-2024-25-pilgrims-of-hope/

The Jubilee Year 2025 began on DEC. 24th, 2024 and will last until JAN. 06th, 2026. Learn more about the meaning of a jubilee year in ordinary time: <u>https://insidethevatic an.com/magazine/the-jubilee-year-2025-a-holy-year-of-hope/</u>

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES - GROUP B

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected on **Saturday, February 15th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Please email <u>yvonne.gray@bell.net</u> or contact the parish office if you would like information about joining our casserole program at St. Anselm's. <u>CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11:00am</u> Thank you to Fernanda and her helpers for facilitating this engaging program. A reminder that this is drop-in (no registration required in advance) and is for children currently in Junior Kindergarten – Grade 1.

Children are escorted downstairs by our volunteers and will be brought back up to join their family after the Homily.

SAVE THE DATE...if you are purging items of clothing in the next few months, the next St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up weekend is May 10 & 11. The truck will be in our lot that weekend so please mark your calendars!

Isa 62:1-5 Psalm 96 1 Cor 12:4-11 John 2:1-11 "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)



Everybody loves a wedding. The affection so ardently expressed by the bride and groom, the festive dresses, the handsome tuxes, the glorious flowers, the sacred music, the thrilled gathering of family and friends, the heartwarming laughter that fills the

halls of the reception, the spontaneous dancing that motivates everyone to join in ... all of it creates a moment of unforgettable joy and delight. And let us not forget the wine. Jesus certainly didn't! John, the author of this Gospel reading, tells us that the God whom Jesus reveals first broke into human history at a wedding feast — in the midst of all the joy and dancing and laughter. John even suggests that this supreme expression of human love best reveals who God is, the kind of God that he is, as well as the kind of communion that can exist between God and a human being. It's like the abundant overflowing of wine. But it also tells us something more. And it's through the words of Mary, Jesus' mother, that we find what that "more" is.

In the midst of all the festive happiness, it seems that there's a problem. Mary is the first to notice it and so she immediately informs Jesus that something very important is missing: the wine. Jesus' response is strikingly abrupt, even rude: "Woman, how does your concern affect me?" This is not the type of response one would expect from a son to a mother, especially Jesus to Mary. But, if the reply of Jesus to his mother is surprising, even more so is her reaction to it. Mary does not allow it to deter her. Instead, she tells the servants - and, by extension, you and me — "Do whatever he tells you." By doing what she did, Mary became the first person to demonstrate that the correct response to the presence of Jesus is trust - trust in his word; trust in his self-surrender; trust in his relationship with Abba, his Father. Her trust, in fact, sets the stage for Jesus' first miracle. In doing so, the mother of Jesus is the first to show each of us what true belief in Jesus looks like. It looks like a trust that is unconditional. even in the face of apparent rejection. Mary also helps us to understand the meaning of the action Jesus takes as a result of her direct intercession. The old wine of God's message through Moses was not enough. The stone jars filled with water for ritual washings give way to the new dispensation of grace, which flows abundantly like wine at a wedding feast. The first covenant, focused on obedience to the Law, can only take the community so far; then a new covenant in grace is revealed. Moses the Lawgiver steps aside for Jesus the Bridegroom. Water keeps us alive, but love gives us life. People need water, but also the "new wine," a new view of God and the gift of God's unconditional love flowing in our lives and overflowing into the lives of others. The water into wine symbolizes Jesus' gift that transforms us. This wine gives joy to our hearts, focuses our minds, strengthen our wills and moves us beyond the stone jars of routine filled with the water of duty to feel again the joy of the wedding dance. Mary, the compassionate mother, sees the couple's need and moves with confidence to meet it. She is our model and inspiration. Her words to us are simply, "Do whatever he tells you." With that, Jesus performs his first "sign," beginning to fulfill the covenant he will complete on the cross. As in every Gospel story, we have found the whole in this one part. Cana would be the site of the first of the seven Johannine signs, each revealing something of the identity of Jesus while challenging those who witnessed the sign to believe in him. With each successive sign, the saving purpose of Jesus would also be further revealed and clarified. Yet while some accepted the challenge offered by the sign and believed that Jesus was the loving Bridegroom sent by God to love and save humankind, others did not. Jesus continues to be revealed through the signs of the sacraments and the word and in the faces of God's least ones. Can you see him? Will you believe?

