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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, January 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Jean Stovell

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, January 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Eugenia & Franciszek Kalita

Requested by Jacek Kalita

Thursday, January 30th 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, January 31st, 8:15 a.m.

Alice Sterling

Requested by the Tixi-Loewenthal Family

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER:

1. scan this QR code:

2. follow this QR link: qrco.de/WebFeb01

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write

"webinar February 1" in the title line +

your name(s) in the body of the message.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11:00am

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.



"The Holy Father Francis wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a year of hope". EcoAnselm invites you to seek **SIGNS OF HOPE** in our lives, communities and globally on behalf of our common home.

Several CANADIAN universities have ranked among the **TOP GLOBALLY** in the most recent **QS World University Rankings: Sustainability**. The ranking "assesses how universities perform across environmental and social sustainability, measuring indicators such as environmental research and equality." University of TORONTO ranked as "the most sustainable university in the world". U of T has "strict guidelines for energy efficiency and water reduction and is pursuing ways to increase renewable energy and solar power". U of T offers "sustainability-related internships, career development and agent-of-change leadership training programmes and mentoring." U of BRITISH COLUMBIA "ranked 5th among sustainable universities globally." UBC pro-actively "encourages more sustainable modes of transportation" and, since the 2000's, "has reduced campus CO2 emissions by 28,000 tons annually, equivalent to taking almost 6200 cars off the road". UBC also has a "campus-wide Zero Waste Action Plan". MCGILL ranked 3rd in Canada, 15th globally, and has developed "62 specific actions...towards achieving long-term sustainability goals". WESTERN ranked 4th in Canada and 30th globally "due to its concerted efforts towards safeguarding the planet". UWO promotes and incorporates sustainability principles in "teaching, learning, and research initiatives". <https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings-articles/qs-sustainability-ranking/top-sustainable-universities-canada>

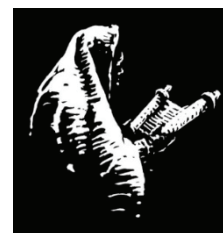
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Psalms 19

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Our Call to Discipleship



In the opening lines of today's Gospel, Luke explains his writing project: he intends to present an "orderly account" of what he has discovered from his research about Jesus. We then skip a few chapters and hear Jesus proclaim his understanding of what he has

been called to do. Now and through the rest of the coming year, we are being invited to come to know Jesus as Luke knew him. The journey will be

challenging. Luke packs a lot of information in the setup for Jesus' inaugural statement at Nazareth. He's so intent on emphasizing the role of the Spirit that by the time we get to these verses, he's already cited eight different occasions in which the Spirit has been active. So with Luke's introduction we know that Jesus is under the influence of God's Spirit and that he's a faithful Jew accustomed to praying with his people in the synagogues. We also learn that Jesus quickly became a rather famous character in the region. That's the setup for today's Gospel story, which is presented as a carefully described, solemn liturgy of the word. We can almost imagine the scene. We're in a small village where there's not usually a lot of novelty. A hometown fellow, who surprisingly turned out to be the town prodigy, returns to his own backyard. Like one of the regulars, he joins everybody in the synagogue and offers to do the reading. There must have been some mixture of pride and curiosity as the man in charge handed Jesus the scroll and probably some murmurs of approval as he chose what to read from the prophet.

We know what it's like to be in that situation. Every time we hear the proclamation of God's wonderful promises, they comfort and console us. It's such a hopeful thing to see new leadership step up to proclaim the scriptures for us. Hearing a reading like this from Isaiah is a little like listening to Christmas carols with all their magic. It's spiritual. It awakens our consciousness of God's wondrous promises and helps us to accept the troubles of the present. Now pay attention to what Jesus proclaimed. He went back into the tradition and enumerated their fondest hopes and memories. God would care for the poor; exiles and captives would come home; no one would walk around maimed and everybody would see the truth. If the story had ended there, all would have been well. Jesus' fame would spread and he would be praised all around. But he broke the routine. His synagogue community may have been waiting for a beautiful prayer for deliverance or a teaching about how God had worked through Moses and David and all the old heroes. But no. That wasn't what they got. Jesus sat down and looked at them and said, "Today."

That was where he stopped. "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Our Gospel ends there.

"Today" is the explosive word in this Gospel. It calls forth more than the drama of repentance and celebration we heard about in the reading from Nehemiah. It actually demands that we live out the call that Paul gave the Corinthians — to be the body of Christ. These readings leave us sitting with that Nazareth community. The Gospel is designed to stun us. To disturb us. To make us squirm as we hope for a different ending. But we won't get it. Twenty centuries

after Jesus' inaugural address in Nazareth, we stand in our own moment of challenge. The word of God comes to us no less than to those in the past. Jesus, now risen from the dead and our source of life, is in our midst, in the word, in the assembly, on the altar and in the presider, proclaiming God's intentions for the world. Where there are ears that hear and hearts that welcome the Gospel, these words will come true in our hearing. We too are called to repent for our failures. But this is also meant to be a time of rejoicing. The joy of the Gospel is always ours in Jesus. If we live as missionaries of mercy, we will know God's mercy in our own lives. If we liberate one another with forgiveness, we ourselves will be set free. If we lift the burdens of the oppressed, we will know God's favour in our own difficulties. God is always blessing us. Let us make 2025 a Year of Favour from the Lord.

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 yvonne.gray@bell.net or contact the parish office if you would like information about joining our casserole program at St. Anselm's.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – FEBRUARY 8th

As we approach World Day of the Sick on February 11th, we will offer anointing during 5pm Mass on **Saturday, February 8th**.

More information can be found on the glass tables and on the bulletin boards in the lobbies of the church.



A graphic with a light blue background. At the top left is a yellow cross. To its right, the text "Support St. Anselm's Parish" is written in a serif font. Below this, a paragraph reads: "Please consider supporting the parish by making a one-time or monthly donation. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to contribute." To the left of the QR code, it says: "Tax receipts for one-time or monthly donations will be issued." Below that is a blue dove icon. At the bottom left, it says "Thank you for supporting our parish!". At the bottom right, there is a QR code and a button that says "SCAN ME" with a smartphone icon.

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