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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, February 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Al Forest

Requested by Barbara Ford

Wednesday, February 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Vittoria Iacobucci

Requested by the Paglialunga Family

Thursday, February 13th 8:15 a.m.

Agatona Castillo

Requested by the Hayward Family

Friday, February 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Bill Aust

Requested by the Family

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

2024 tax receipts are now being processed. Donations made by cash or cheque through the parish, as well as PAG donations made by automatic monthly debit will be received in the mail on or before Monday February 10th (assuming Canada Post is on time). St. Vincent de Paul donations and donations made through our website or QR code by credit card will receive separate receipts. If you have any questions about what donations are included in your receipt, please call the parish office. ***Please keep an eye out for your receipt and keep it in a safe place until tax time.***

The Canada Revenue Agency has confirmed that it has extended the deadline for making charitable donations eligible to be claimed on a donor's 2024 income tax return until February 28, 2025. The government introduced this extension to help charities that were negatively impacted by the Canada Post disruption. Charities **are not required** to issue tax receipts specific to this two-month period. If you wish to claim your January and February 2025 donations on your 2024 income tax receipt (donations made by cash, cheque or PAG through the parish), please email or call the parish office. For donations made online using a credit card or web banking, contact the Development Office at the Archdiocese at 416-934-34000 x 555

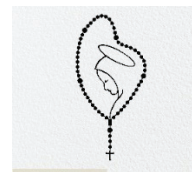
BOOK CLUB FOR LENT WITH FR. TOM

Our next book club meetings will take place on **Thursday, March 27 and Thursday, April 3 at 10am.** The book being discussed is "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan. All are welcome to join. Please call or email the parish office if you intend to participate.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422 for details on available space and pricing.

Rosary Apostolate



Our Lady of the Rosary requests that we pray the Rosary daily.

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



Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14th, is a timely reminder to reflect on the theme of love. Saint Paul explains that love is the single greatest virtue: "so faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). As persons of faith, we know the gift of GOD'S IMMEASURABLE LOVE for each one of us. Pope Francis tells us that, "as Christians called to love in faith and charity, caring for the environment is "a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus' commandment of love". (www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-06/pope-francis-2024-world-day-of-prayer-for-creation-message.)

Mother Teresa taught that "Not all of us can do great things. But "we can do small things with great love."(www.goodreads.com/quotes/6946). Throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope, in a myriad of great and small ways, may we aim to honour God's loving presence in respecting "the human dignity of others", in exercising "compassion in caring for others" and through our "stewardship of creation". As an expression of our love for our common home, may we demonstrate care for ALL God's creatures. May we cultivate peace within our families and communities and may we "help to heal the divisions in our world". May we strive to "LOVE GENUINELY AND TO LIVE GENEROUSLY" (Pilgrims of Hope 2024-2025 Catholic Education Prayer #39687-OCSTA Digital Prayer Card-English <https://www.octsa.on.ca>).

CAN YOU HELP? We have received requests from neighbours in need – if you have a men's large winter coat WITH HOOD, or winter coats for young girls ages 3 & 4 years who are new to Canada, please call the parish office.

BY THE LOVE OF GOD...



Luke throws us into the middle of contrasts in today's Gospel. Having been roundly rejected at home in the hills of Nazareth, Jesus went down to Capernaum, about 20 miles away and with an "elevation" of about 560 feet below sea level. There, as the

crowds thronged around him, Jesus must have been at least a little disconcerted that the people with whom he grew up had tried to throw him off a cliff, while he was celebrated among folks who had only recently met him. Although Luke skips the details, we know that this was not Jesus' first appearance in Capernaum. His Nazarene relatives and neighbours knew what he'd done there and wanted him to do at least as much among them as he had in the fishing village. But now the circumstances were all different. Instead of being in the limited space of a synagogue, Jesus was outdoors near a lake with a jostling crowd gathered to listen to him. In a move that was at least as symbolic as practical, Jesus decided to embark on Simon's boat and teach from there. What did Jesus preach or teach? Luke only tells us that it was "the word of God." Although that may sound ordinary enough to us who regularly hear similar phrases in our liturgy, no other evangelist uses that expression to describe Jesus' teaching. For Luke, "word of God" described the originality of Jesus' teaching; it was the seed planted among the people who were uniquely blessed when they received it. The seaside setting where Jesus began teaching the word of God was independent of traditional prayer spaces, outside the confines of a predefined or exclusive community, larger than his cultural/professional circle as a hill-country son of a carpenter. Perhaps that made it easier to invite fishermen to abandon the water for a life of walking from town to city and through the countryside. That invitation is the centerpiece of today's liturgy.

Continuing the contrasts, Jesus, the carpenter who worked with solid, earthy materials, finished his preaching by telling the boatmen to put out for a catch. Trusting Jesus' person more than his expertise, Simon did so and came up with bursting nets that remind us of a resurrection story recorded in John. Seeing that, Peter fell to his knees. What Jesus said and did was too much for him to deal with. Peter's protest was one of the most self-aware things he ever said in the Gospels — and only Luke records it. Peter's awe at Jesus and his recognition of his own inadequacies gave Jesus the opening necessary to invite Peter to more. Unlike the wealthy man who approached Jesus to let him know how well he had kept all of the commandments, Peter acknowledged that he had lots of room for improvement. That attitude prepared him for Jesus' invitation to

transformation, to lure people with the Gospel, not just sell them the catch of the day.

In today's selection from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells his people to remember the power of the Gospel he preached. To explain that pronouncement, he could well have cited our selection from Isaiah, where the prophet recounts being completely overwhelmed by the holiness and greatness of God. Like Peter, Isaiah says, "Woe is me...I am a man of unclean lips!" And like Peter's, Isaiah's admission was enough to put him on the way to wholeness. These Gospel contrasts offer a prism through which to contemplate our own Christian vocation. Luke tells us that Jesus preached the word of God: a radical, revolutionary, renovating message that communicates the seeds of unimaginable transformation. Peter and Isaiah remind us that, on our own, we are incapable of comprehending, much less spreading what we are offered. Yet, that very realization provides the opening for the grace of listening and obeying the invitation to receive and become more than we would ever hope for. Today's Gospel echoes what Isaiah says: The Lord of hosts calls us, not because we are like the glorious seraphim but because we recognize our inadequacies. Let us pray for the blessing to acknowledge the great contrast between our hopes and our behaviour. Then, like Peter, we can humbly appreciate the fact that we are invited into a love that will transform us into all that we can be — as long as we are willing to abandon whatever prevents us from walking humbly with our God. As we move toward that, we will be able to say with Paul, "I am what I am by the grace of God that is with me." What a contrast!

GROUP "B" Casseroles – for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected NEXT SATURDAY, February 15th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Please call the parish office or email yvonne.gray@bell.net if you need a pan.

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