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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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, May 27th, 8:15 a.m.

James Albert Henry & Mary Jane Henry
Requested by Christine & Bruce Henry

Wednesday, May 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Yvonne George & Robert Robinson
Requested by the Boateng Family

Thursday, May 29th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, May 30th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosemda Mascarenhas
Requested by the Family

JUBILEE 2025: DAY WITH MARY

Saturday May 31, 2025: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Villanova College, 2480 15th Sideroad, King City
During this Jubilee Holy Year, come spend a day with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Hope. Join us for Mass with Frank Cardinal Leo, grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address with Dr. Josephine Lombardi, inspiring witnessing for the adults and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd activities for the children. Draw closer to Mother Mary in praying the rosary together.

Admission is free but registration is required. All are welcome! Learn more and register:

www.archtoronto.org/mary



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 **SCAN ME**



"If food loss and waste were a country, it would be the third largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world" (World Resources Institute). Wasted food squanders the resources that are used to grow, produce and distribute that food AND it produces unnecessary greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to adverse climate change.

SIGNS OF HOPE The National Zero Waste Council of Canada (NZWC) is "bringing together organizations to advance waste prevention and the circular economy in Canada." One example is the collaboration of NZWC with Halifax Food Policy Alliance in stimulating support for the development of food hubs across mainland Nova Scotia. Nova Scotians, hope to "dial down food waste and move to a circular food system". Circular food hubs in Nova Scotia aim to "contribute to the evolution of a Canada-wide circular food system." Learn more at: nzwc.ca/focus-areas/food/what-we-are-doing/circular-food-hubs-nova-scotia/

SOWING SEEDS OF HOPE – LITERALLY!

Saint Cuthbert's Anglican Church (Leaside) is looking for helpers to work in their Community Vegetable Garden. "Whether you have a few hours a week or can pitch in for an hour each month, please consider joining us." Last year, Saint Cuthbert's Gard'n Angels provided 52,000 lbs. of fresh garden produce to the Flemington Park Community Food Bank. stcuthbertsleaside.com/gardens-of-st-cuthberts/



May – the month of Mary

Honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May began near the end of the 13th century. We acknowledge that she is the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Church and therefore our mother as well. Her particular vocation is to show Jesus to the world and invite us into deeper relationship with Him. She not only prays with us,

but prays for us, so that we may know and do God's will.

The Rosary is an "old friend" that invites us to reflect on the mystery of Jesus, how He touched Mary's life and continues to be present to His Church. It is a simple and beautiful meditation. The Rosary can be quite calming in times of stress and anxiety, as it brings us into God's loving and healing presence.

This month when we pray the Rosary, let us remember to pray for peace, justice and the care of creation. Let us pray that we will join with God and build up the Kingdom.

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

GOD'S GIFT



Edwina Gateley, British laywoman and founder of the Volunteer Missionary Movement, tells this story:

Once upon a time we captured God and we put God in a box and we put a beautiful velvet curtain around the box.

*We placed candles and flowers around the box and we said to the poor and the dispossessed, 'Come! Come and see what we have! Come and see God!' And they knelt before the God in the box. One day, very long ago, the Spirit in the box turned the key from the inside and she pushed it open. She looked around the church and saw that there was nobody there! They had all gone. Not a soul was in the place. She said to herself, 'I'm getting out!' The Spirit shot out of the box. She escaped and she has been sighted a few times since then. She was last seen with a bag lady in McDonald's. ("Prophetic Mission: Sniffing out the Kingdom," *Mystics, Visionaries and Prophets*, edited by Shawn Madigan, Augsburg Press, Minneapolis: 1998)*

Today's sacred texts set forth the same truths about the Spirit that Gateley conveys with her provocative tale: The Spirit is God's gift and not the consequence of human effort, however noble or powerful that effort may be. The Spirit cannot be contained. It cannot be claimed as the possession of any one person or group. The Spirit blows where it will, and for that reason we may discover the presence of the Spirit in the least likely people and in the most unexpected places. Before departing from his disciples, the Johannine Jesus promised that the Father would send them the Spirit to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had told them (Gospel). After Jesus' resurrection, he breathed this Spirit upon them, and soon it

became clear that discerning the truth that the Spirit taught would be a challenging process for the budding Jesus movement. Thanks to Luke, contemporary readers are able to follow the struggles of those early believers. Acts gives us glimpses into their process of discernment and invites us to appreciate the value of diverse voices — even dissenting voices — in the ongoing conversation that keeps a community viable. As today's first reading shows, some in the growing community of believers thought the Spirit of God could be "captured" put into the "box" of Judaism with its rich faith heritage and centuries-old traditions regarding holiness and purity. These Jewish Christians were happy to tell others, "Come and see what we have! Come and see God!" But the Spirit had other plans. On the contrary, it is of the very essence of the Spirit to think, to breathe, to live *outside* the box. Just as the Spirit could speak and act in Peter and James, so could the Spirit enliven Paul, Barnabas and even Phoebe, Lydia and Cornelius. The Spirit, always teaching, always reminding, always enlightening, led the community to see that decisions about membership, missionary activity, table fellowship and so on were no longer solely theirs to make. "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us ..." declared those disciples of Jesus who had gathered in Jerusalem. The earliest leaders of the community had learned that their continued surrender to the workings of the Spirit would be the source of their strength and survival. They were wise enough to give the Spirit top billing. That same Spirit continues to be available to everyone — to the church and to the unchurched; to Christians and to all who believe in God; to men and women; to clergy and laypeople; and not only to the hierarchy but to all the people of God. The bag lady at McDonald's who is open to the Spirit is as worthy as the most finely dressed prelate. We might do well to preface all our words and works with the same words spoken by our ancestors so long ago: It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us ..."

O God, let all the nations praise you, for you have rescued them from death and offered them the gift of peace through your resurrection.

COFFEE SUNDAY – MAY 25th after the 11AM MASS

Please join your fellow parishioners after the 11:00am Mass for coffee and treats on the Millwood landing. Many thanks to Pablo for organizing this gathering. We hope to see you there!

POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION

This weekend, there is a special collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response in countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works displays Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Envelopes are included with boxed sets and PAG bundles. Special collection envelopes are also available on the glass tables at the entrances to the church. Please give generously

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