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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, June 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Freeman & Iona D'Silva

Requested by Christopher, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva

Wednesday, June 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Pope Francis

Requested by Morning Mass Parishioners

Thursday, June 5th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Wren Family

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, June 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Ann Curran

Requested by Maura Wilson & Nuala Kennedy

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, June 7, 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 the QR code

2. follow this QR link: grco.de/WebJune7

3. send an email to:

Development@ArchToronto.org and write "webinar June 7" in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message.



JUNE 5th is WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Did you know that "cigarette butts are the most-littered item on the planet and the single greatest source of ocean trash - with 4.5 TRILLION butts discarded each year."?

Cigarette butts are "toxic to aquatic life, dangerous to humans, and have been linked to deadly wildfires". "Cigarettes contain plastic that can take at least 10 years to degrade, and the toxins and carcinogens in cigarettes can seep into soil and water, negatively impacting the environment for animals and humans."

<https://dosomething.org/article/5-easy-environmental-actions-for-spring>

SIGNS OF HOPE

'Do Something' members have picked up 3.7 million butts already through their GTFO: Get the Filter Out campaign.

<https://dosomething.org/action/qtfo>

No membership in an organized campaign is required to start picking up litter.

By collecting and properly disposing of litter, we can protect animal habitats and prevent the release of toxins into our soil, water and air. As MOTHER THERESA teaches us, "be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." Be intentional. Be a difference-maker.

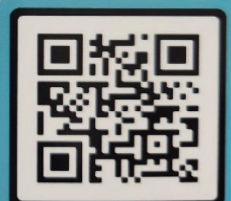



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Tax receipts for one-time or monthly donations will be issued.



Thank you for supporting our parish!



 **SCAN ME**

Help!



SSVP Requests for Summer

Can you help? SSVP is looking for a gently used bicycle for a 6 year old girl. Please call the parish office if you have one to spare.

We are also looking for colouring/activity books and crayons/pencil crayons for four children, ages 2-8 (boys and girls).to help a young refugee family in a small apartment.

Vincentians at St. Anselm would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support as we near the halfway point of the year. Blessings on your summer travels.

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 47

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

Go, make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia!

Transforming the World...



Don't people find themselves fascinated by reports of visionaries? Whether it be Lourdes, Guadalupe, or Fatima, there are people whose interest is piqued by reports of supernatural *sightings* from on high.

There is something captivating about a revelation coming down from above...whether it be a vision of the Virgin, the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of some other holy entity. Visions are found throughout religious history. In religious visions, the one receiving the vision often beholds a person or phenomenon from on high. In today's gospel, we have the opposite. The disciples have a vision of Jesus ascending on high. Luke presents this as Jesus' farewell. Jesus had been part of the disciples' lives for a few years. His presence and teaching has enlightened and challenged them. How would they carry on without him? In the Book of Acts, Luke tells of the same ascension of Jesus, but he presents Jesus' going as more of a transition for the disciples. Acts stresses Jesus' going in preparation for the Spirit's coming and the disciples as witnesses to Jesus and his message. Why is it that we humans tend to gravitate to supernatural events that bring people or angels down from on high – or send them up to the heights? We somehow find it all too ordinary living earthbound. Also, there is a tradition of God being “up above.” So, Jesus ascends on high (after having “descended into hell/hades”). From the perspective of the 21st century, where is “on high?” We realize that what's up is down, and vice versa. Our planet, indeed the whole solar system, is spinning. Maybe we need to rethink how we speak of God? What does it mean to say that God is up above? What does it mean when we say heaven is up there? That the realm of the Spirit is above? What we have come to know about the universe is that the ultimate reality is within. The building blocks of

creation are the protons, electrons, neutrinos, quarks and bosons of energy and mass that are within each cell and molecule. The spark of life, the spark of the divine is within. Jesus could just as well penetrate within.... It would be like an electric shock to the system of the world. He did say, “Behold, I am with[in] you all days...” This celebration of Ascension 2025 challenges us to find the Christ in some way “moving” in deep relationship with each part of creation. Immersed in creation, Jesus suffered, died and rose. The same Jesus lay in the stable, stayed behind in the temple, worked as a carpenter, went to a wedding and brought his friends – who helped drink up the wine. The same Jesus joined sinners being baptized by John, challenged the religious and civic elite, spoke out and was put to death for it. It was this same Jesus the Christ who had within him all that could change this world, one person at a time. So, when this Jesus ascends to heaven, let us be challenged to understand a Christ whose Spirit penetrates into all humankind, for the disciples and for all of us. From within, Christ's Spirit continues his work of transforming this world into the reign of God. Jesus told the disciples: “do not depart from Jerusalem....” “...stay in the city....” for good reason. He was entering into their beings right where they were. They were told to wait for a power greater than themselves to open their minds, prepare their hearts and warm them to service. John also represented the Holy Spirit as the continuation of Christ's presence, leading, reminding, teaching, prompting, enlightening, comforting and strengthening believers. Paul, too, stressed the importance of the Spirit as one who creates in believers the life of Christ and equips them for service. However, it is Luke's emphasis on the Spirit that may have been and continues to be the most unsettling, for, according to Luke, it is the intention of the Holy Spirit to propel the church into places where it might not otherwise have gone, among peoples whom it might not otherwise have welcomed, into activities that it might not otherwise have attempted. Such a power is disturbing. Nevertheless, it is the “disturbance” of the Spirit that keeps the church alive, active and attuned to Jesus. Just as at Pentecost the disciples were filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we believe that we too are gifted with Jesus' Spirit. The Spirit is truly with and within us as promised in the readings today, right here and right now. We too are called to be witnesses; we have become his hands and his feet. We are the instruments of the transformation of our world into the reign of God, just as all those who have gone before us in the faith. Are you ready? **Empower us, Lord; send your Spirit to perturb and disturb, lest we lose sight of your purpose, lest we overlook or ignore your people.**

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