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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 30th, 8:15 a.m.

Patrick John McGrath

Requested by Sheila Flynn-McGrath

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

George Poblete

Requested by Sheila Flynn-McGrath

Thursday, February 1st, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Ann Peplinski

Requested by Denis & Carmel Madigan

Friday, February 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Murphy Family

Requested by Theresa Ryan

CASSEROLES GROUP "B"

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge (Group B) will be collected on **Saturday, February 17th** from 4:00-5:00pm in the church parking lot.

St. Anselm's casserole ministry is truly that – a ministry! Meals are prepared by our parishioners and delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge downtown. The simple recipe is provided, along with a pan and lid. The commitment is 6 casseroles a year (one every other month based on your surname).

Several parishes contribute their own casserole recipes and, working together, provide the shelter with hot and nutritious meals to serve to the vulnerable each day. During the winter months, more casseroles are needed as more people seek refuge from the cold temperatures. If you would like more information, please email the parish office. Thank you to our parish casserole chefs! Your casseroles feed TEN hungry individuals each!

"..for I was hungry and you gave me food..."
Matthew 25:35

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo – February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14

There will be two opportunities to attend Mass on Wednesday, February 14th. The first will be at 8:15am, and the second at 7:00pm.



New Year - New Attitude

**RECAP of COP28 (Nov 30-Dec12)
Was the COP28 (2023) a successful intervention? Are the outcomes sufficient?**

"After 30 years, the final COP28 decision acknowledges fossil fuels as the leading cause of climate change. Many advocates had hoped that the final decision would include stronger language around phasing out fossil fuels but pledging a move away from fossil fuels does send a strong signal. The final decision also included a tripling of renewable energy and, on the first day of COP28, plans to operationalize a Global Loss and Damage Fund were adopted. These decisions are good steps forward but the science is telling us that world leaders are not acting quickly enough to keep pace with the impacts of climate change." (FLC Dec 2023). You can find an overview of reflections, statements and summaries on the 2023 COP28 at: For the Love of Creation flc.pac@gmail.com (FLC Update December 2023/Mise à jour du PAC décembre 2023)

PANCAKE SUPPER – FEB. 13th FROM 5-7pm

Delicious fluffy pancakes, real maple syrup and supper WITH your fellow parishioners WITHOUT having to clean your kitchen afterward...(almost) PIRCELESS! To cover costs and to help provide the organizers with an accurate number of attendees, advance tickets will be sold after Masses on February 3, 4, 10 and 11. Cash only - \$8/person or \$25/family. Please consider buying your ticket in advance!

Deut 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35

Ps 95
Mark 1:21-28

GOD'S TRUTH



Part of what scholars have described as a typical day in the ministry of Jesus, this scene at the synagogue in Capernaum sets forth the plan and purpose of that ministry: to take on the forces of evil and its consequences and to

emerge from the battle victorious. This Jesus did, both in his words and in his works. As he taught in the synagogue that day, Jesus' unique style amazed his listeners, for he did not speak with an authority derived from any human institution, as in "the rabbis have said" or "as cited in the Law." On the contrary, Jesus' authority originated in his relationship with God and in the power he wielded as God's Son. Just as God's word had the capacity to be realized ("and God said, 'let there be light,' and there was light," Gen 1:3), so did the word of Jesus.

Not only could Jesus' words amaze people in the synagogue; that same word could expel demons and heal human beings. Because the ancients attributed maladies to demons, many of the healings Jesus performed were described as exorcisms. In each of the exorcisms, the Marcan Jesus overcomes the hostile forces of evil with the authority that comes from God and grace and his inherent goodness. Ironically, many of those who witnessed Jesus' actions in the first Gospel, including those closest to him (his disciples), did not recognize him or acclaim him for who he was. But the demons were well aware that they had met their conqueror in Jesus: "I know who you are — the Holy One of Israel" (v. 24). This title was

befitting of the prophet like Moses whom God promised to raise up. Some scholars suggest that the demon was not making a faith confession but was attempting to ward off Jesus' power by calling him by name and thereby gaining mastery over him. In either case, the title invites Mark's readers to begin to recognize and accept that the power of God was at work in Jesus. Contemporary readers might wonder why everyone present at this remarkable scene did not repent, believe and follow Jesus. But, obviously, responses to Jesus cannot be coerced. Those who heard Jesus' words and witnessed his works that day were free to respond — or not.

Like them, we who hear his words and works proclaimed today are also challenged to respond. Like those who gathered to pray in the synagogue in Capernaum, we who gather in our respective holy places are to ask, "What does this mean?" What place do I give Jesus in my life? Do I allow him to help me with my personal demons? Or do I assert my independence and forego his power and grace? If we in the community of believers give Jesus a positive response, we can continue to preach his word and teach his way to others. In so doing, the believing community becomes in itself an authoritative teaching and an act of powerful goodness that continues to wage the battle against the forces of evil that was initiated in Jesus, the prophet like Moses, raised up by God to speak God's truth.

For the grace to be grounded in God, that each of us, whether celibate, single, married, or widowed, may seek God first in our lives and love others with the love with which God first loves us... We pray...

REQUEST FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul welcomes gently used winter apparel for newcomers to Canada. In particular, size 9 ½ or 10 men's winter boots would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any winter coats/accessories/boots, please contact the parish office to arrange drop-off, or you may bring them to Mass on the weekend. Thank you!

PLANNING AHEAD
BUNDLE UP COLLECTION

Our next "Bundle Up" weekend for St. Vincent de Paul will take place April 6 and 7. Please set aside your donations of gently used clothing, footwear, household linens and textiles for that weekend!

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