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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 Intentions for Week



Tuesday, April 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Rev. Noel Whelan

Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, April 17th, 8:15 a.m.

For Vocations

Requested by Ken & Lorraine Ware

Thursday, April 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace

Friday, April 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

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Your generous gift to ShareLife is crucial for immigrants and refugees establishing a new life in Canada. Your love and support have not only provided them with safety and freedom but have also given them the opportunity to create a brighter future in our community. Thus far we have raised nearly \$30,000 toward our parish goal of \$87,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 14-20

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week: Every Moment Matters will be celebrated from April 14-20 in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week.

This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and each of the contributions they make at any moment. Collectively, every moment of sharing in time, skills, and empathy strengthens our community and answers the call to serve others following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us.

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you for your tireless efforts for your parish community!

April 17th (Canada) is the feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, patron of ecologists and the environment. "God in all things" ... Kateri Ministry celebrates Indigenous life. Named for their patron saint, Kateri Ministry fosters "a community in which relationships are cultivated, culture is practised, and learning is mutual". To learn more about Saint Kateri and how "she models a full-being integration of her Indigenous and Catholic self" see: Jesuits of Canada | Jésuites du Canada (Dec 2022) [Cancommunications @jesuites.org](mailto:Cancommunications@jesuites.org) <https://jesuits.ca/stories/kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa-a-story-of-life-death-and-resurrection/>

"Coming together for the love of creation is a way to connect, grow, listen, inspire hope and affect change." As Earth Week approaches, see Second Harvest's blog: "7 Ways To Make A Big Impact This Earth Day. <https://blog.secondharvest.ca/2022/04/06/earth-day-7-things-you-can-do-about-the-climate-crisis/>

CLEAN Toronto Together April 19th-22nd "Keeping Toronto CLEAN AND GREEN: Register for a Corporate 20-minute Makeover, Community Cleanup Days or School Cleanup Day." <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/clean-toronto-together/>

You're Invited!

Join your fellow parishioners after the 11:00am Mass **next Sunday, April 21st** for Coffee Sunday in honour of our parish patron St. Anselm's feast day. We will gather on the Millwood landing (or in the Millwood lobby in the case of inclement weather). Thank you to Pablo for organizing this once again.

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Psalm 4

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

Love is Stronger Than Death



Luke's final resurrection account caps the message of Easter and the whole of Jesus' ministry. Chapter 24 of Luke began with the stories of the disciples' astonishment at the empty tomb followed by Jesus' encounter with two disciples along the road and how their hearts were burning. Now, with Jesus' final appearance, Luke brings his Gospel to a conclusion. Luke uses this last appearance to emphasize two particular facets of the Resurrection. On one hand, this account underlines the bodily presence of Christ. The people of that day knew stories of ghosts and divinization — in fact, after someone reported having seen the spirit of an emperor ascending to the heavens, the Roman Senate would vote to proclaim that it was so, thus declaring that the deceased ruler now belonged to the ranks of the gods. Taking pains to distinguish the risen Christ from those cultural myths as well as from spiritualizing tendencies, Luke recounts a three-part encounter between Christ and his disciples. First, Christ "appears," unfettered by the constraints of material space, thus inciting their terror. Then the risen Jesus identifies himself as the one who suffered: "See, touch me. The marks of shameful suffering are very real, not something you would ever want to dream up." Finally, Luke says that Christ ate in front of the disciples. This was no ghost, nor a dream/vision that made everything OK; this was the mortally wounded one raised up, real and yet different.

The evangelists have no interest in explaining the physics or biology of resurrection. Their concern is to point out that Jesus was as real in resurrection as he had been from birth to death. He was himself, now unbound, unconstrained by physical limits, and still the man born of Mary, crucified under Pontius Pilate and raised by God. That means that God affirmed Jesus, putting the infallible stamp of approval on his life, death and message. That leads us right back to contemplate his message — again and again. We begin this reading seeing some 120 disciples being told about the experience of the Emmaus travellers. Before they can get their story out, Jesus is standing in their midst, offering them peace. We should remember that this crowd was not morally distinct from the group Peter addressed in our first reading. With the exception of some women and a couple of men, the crucifixion had overpowered the disciples' faith and crippled their faithfulness. It is for that reason that Jesus' greeting of "Peace" is so meaningful. While they were worrying and wondering what reports of the Resurrection might

mean, Jesus came to them seeking reconciliation. We need to underline that easily missed detail: It was Jesus who sought reconciliation, not his fragile disciples. Jesus' approach, his coming into their midst, summarizes the utterly astounding meaning of his life, death and resurrection. This is the ultimate revelation about the Father who sent Christ into the world. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Adam and Eve who hid in shame, is the instigator of reconciliation, the eternal seeker of communion with humanity. That is the astounding good news that Jesus preached by the living parable of his life.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus had taught his disciples; he had reprimanded their status-seeking and vengeance; he had proclaimed the privilege of the poor and the necessity of his suffering, but they couldn't comprehend it. Now, when they were at their absolute worst, he came offering peace, and that opened their minds to understand the scriptures in a new way. Having met the risen Lord and having accepted his offer of peace, they were finally prepared to be witnesses to all the nations. What does this offer of peace say to us today? Today's readings invite us to try to suspend our presuppositions and contemplate Jesus as the one sent by the Father to give us peace. They invite us to face the risen Christ whose only word to us is "Peace." We need to let that word penetrate those parts of us blinded by ignorance and hardened by fear. We need to let Christ pour out that word over our own terrible and too often secret messes so that we too may preach forgiveness to the whole world, beginning with our own forgiveness. As we do that, we will find that John's promise in the second reading today begins to take flesh in us and the love of God will come to its completion in us. Alleluia!

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP "B"

Group "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge Provide-A-Meal program will be collected on Saturday, April 20th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Are you interested in finding out about the casserole ministry at St. Anselm's? Our parishioners prepare, freeze and deliver one casserole to the church every other month. In turn, the Good Shepherd feeds TEN hungry individuals with each casserole!

The casserole ministry in parishes across the city is a crucial part of the good work done at the Good Shepherd Refuge. Thank you to all our parish casserole chefs and thank you to those who are considering participation in this ministry.

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