

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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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

Monday through Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Saturday: 11:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance

Marriage Course is required

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 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 1:00 p.m.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00am – noon;

1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

## St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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# Mass for Intentions Week



**The Prefects' next meeting is on November 4<sup>th</sup> after the 11am Mass.**

**Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**  
For the Special Intentions of Emma Garnett  
Requested by the Family

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**  
Lillian Hunter  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**  
For the Faithful Departed  
Requested by Cerila Quitasol

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**  
Christian Sampson  
Requested by Christine Sampson

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**  
Garnet Maley  
Requested by Mary Egan

**COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**  
Please see the flyer in the lobbies of the church for information about the annual community food drive taking place in November – volunteers are needed for this ecumenical event!  
(Flyer distribution – November 17<sup>th</sup>; food collection – November 24<sup>th</sup>)



**St Anselm Women's Network's** next meeting is on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.**

We meet Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

**Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Craft, Bake and Vendor Sale will take place on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:30a.m. Don't miss it!**  
**DONATIONS** to the White Elephant table will be accepted Wednesday mornings in the parish hall, to the parish office during regular office hours or Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the parish hall.



Last weekend, the parish collection was \$8,409, which includes a PAG amount of \$4,599. Thank you.

**BUNDLE UP WEEKEND**  
**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY** St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Up Weekend will take place **December 1 & 2**. Gently used clothing, linens and small household items are needed. The truck will be open in our parking lot before all Masses, and volunteers will be nearby to assist with your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

**CHECK IT OUT! Our parish is now on TWITTER. Follow us @StAnselmChurch**

## NOTICE

There will be no Saturday morning Mass on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The parish office will be closed the week of November 12<sup>th</sup>. Voicemail will be checked for emergencies.

## REMEMBER

**Those who have submitted enrollment forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation will have their first preparation session on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Please arrive by 9:45 a.m. to check in. The session will last approximately an hour and a half.**



For the sick who have asked for our prayers, especially Mary Hanna, Ken Stovell, Hugo Smyth, John Crescitelli and Sharon Batke, that the healing love and consolation of God may surround them and bring them strength in their illness, we pray...

## Development and Peace

Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and safety. This fall, please participate in the Development and Peace/Caritas Canada "Share the Journey" campaign to learn more about the causes of forced migration and show your solidarity with those forced to flee their homes. Sign the Action Card after Masses on Nov. 24-25 at St. A's! And learn more at [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign)

PDF versions of our weekly parish bulletins can now be viewed online on our parish website. Visit <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and click on News and Events, and then on Bulletin Library.

## God's Love



We know that we are supposed to love God. But God loves us before we love God. How many of us really believe that, or understand what it means? We think: God loves us — but only if we love God back. God loves us — but we have to deserve that love. God loves us — but we can lose that love

through sin. None of that is true. There are no conditions on God's love. God simply loves as a matter of course; God loves because to be God is to love. We try to get a grasp on God's love by saying that it is unconditional, irrepressible, unbreakable. But, although we understand the words by themselves, our own experience of love is otherwise. We love a little or a lot, up to a point, unless or if. We love as hard as we can, but our love has limits imposed by our humanity. And even if we have never reached that limit, it is just a matter of time. Human love is, by definition, partial. There are many shades of love all the way from slight preference to the "die-for" kind. At its most intense, love means to will another the best. That is how God wills the very best for each of us. But willing, like faith, is dead without works. So love also includes showing that love. That is how God loves us: by doing good to us, such as creating us, sustaining us, forgiving us, being with us. You might remember the Fiddler on the Roof who asked his wife if she loved him. Golda screams, "After 25 years of washing and cleaning and feeding and bearing your children — I suppose I do." And Tevye sighs, "After 25 years, it's nice to know." Of course, we are not unique in this. We are not God's exclusive lover. And yet, God's love is somehow exclusive, personal to each one of us. God does not simply love all of us together but one at a time. God does not just love us in general but in particular. We get a better sense of this by saying that God not only loves us, but also likes us. It is something like that with us humans. We can love someone without liking them. That is how we love enemies. We will them well, but far away from us. But if we like someone as well as love them, then that love has a totally different tenor. It is tinged with emotion. We will them well with a passion; we enjoy their good fortune; they become part of our own life. Don Quixote looked at a tavern wench covered with slime and sweat and saw Dulcinea, his royal lady. It is the inner essence of a person that we love; it is the exterior idiosyncrasies that we like. As Old Blue Eyes sang: "The way she wears her hat, the way she sips her tea — they can't

take that away from me." Each of us is a unique combination of attributes, actions, sin, grace, experience and genes. There is nobody else quite like us: the way we look and act and want and strive and dream. We can't take that away from God. God's affection for us is without rhyme or reason, even irrational. Like Sancho's fondness for Don Quixote. They told Sancho: "He is crazy, tilts with windmills, jousts with cattle — why do you follow him?" Sancho sighs: "I like him. Don't ask me why or wherefore. I really like him." Experience God's deep, personal love for you. Feel intensely God's individual fondness for you. No ifs, ands, or buts!



St. Anselm's Ecology Group  
**Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis**  
**Laudato Si'**  
 Chapter One

What is Happening to Our Common Home?  
 III. Loss of Biodiversity

38. Let us mention, for example, those richly biodiverse lungs of our planet which are the Amazon and the Congo Basins, or the great aquifers and glaciers. We know how important these are for the entire earth and for the future of humanity. The ecosystems of tropical forests possess an enormously complex biodiversity which is almost impossible to appreciate fully, yet when these forests are burned down or leveled for purposes of cultivation, within the space of a few years countless species are lost and the areas frequently become arid wastelands. A delicate balance has to be maintained when speaking about these places, for we cannot overlook the huge global economic interests which, under the guise of protecting them, can undermine the sovereignty of individual nations. In fact, there are "proposals to internationalize the Amazon, which only serve the economic interests of transnational corporations." We cannot fail to praise the commitment of international agencies and civil society organizations which draw public attention to these issues and offer critical cooperation, employing legitimate means of pressure, to ensure that each government carries out its proper and inalienable responsibility to preserve its country's environment and natural resources, without capitulating to spurious local or international interests.

**Pope Francis**

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