

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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PARISH STAFF

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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

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

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Mass for Intentions Week

Monday, November 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Melita Regina Cyril
Requested by the Family

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

Stephanie Marson
Requested by Patricia Marson & Mario Anecchini

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

For the Intentions of Meliza Pamela Cyril
Requested by the Family

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

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

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

For the Deceased Members of the Beckett & Belanger Families
Requested by the Beach Family

Saturday, December 1st, 9:00 a.m.

For Peace and the Environment
Requested by EcoAnselm



PARISH SUPPORT

Last weekend, the parish collection was \$7,525, which includes a PAG amount of \$4,599. Thank you.

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

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

A reminder for those preparing for First Reconciliation: the celebration is next Saturday, December 1st. All are asked to be seated by 9:45 a.m. in the church.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Shepherd's Trust. Last week's collection raised \$1393 in our parish.

SAVE THE DATE!! St. Anselm's Prefects invite your children ages 4-10 to the annual **Santa Claus Activity Day** on **Saturday, December 15th** in the parish hall. Details and registration information to come....



St Anselm Women's Network's next meeting is on **Wednesday, November 28th. All are welcome.**

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

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 30th and Saturday, December 1st in the parish hall.

Don't Miss it!



ST. ANSELM'S ANNUAL CRAFT, BAKE AND VENDOR SALE is NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd.

Stop by the parish hall from 9:30am to 1:00pm for sweet treats, handmade

crafts and a collection of unique items from a variety of talented vendors just in time for Christmas! Be sure to check out the White Elephant table, gourmet basket raffle and more! Please help advertise our upcoming Christmas Bazaar by putting a lawn sign at your home. They will be available for pick up after each mass this weekend. Thank you!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

St. Vincent de Paul's **Bundle Up Weekend**, takes place **NEXT WEEKEND, 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!

The Angel Tree is now up in the Millwood Lobby. Those who wish to give a gift to a less fortunate child in our community are asked to take an angel, purchase a gift (suggested value of \$35) and return the gift unwrapped to the Angel Tree no later than December 9th so that the elves are able to sort and deliver the gifts the following week.

The Family to Family program is also underway. Please see the sheets on the glass tables in the church to support a less fortunate family in our community. A cheque made payable to St. Vincent de Paul – St. Anselm's in the amount of \$50 per family member (IE: for a family of five, \$250) can be placed in the collection basket or returned to the church office along with the family information sheet.

Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.

Development and Peace

Share the journey with Aysha, a Syrian refugee in Lebanon since 2012. She lives in a makeshift camp with her four children and is waiting for news from her husband, who left for Germany in the hope of bringing the family there. "What I miss the most about Syria is my house, my homeland, my mother, and my father. I haven't seen them in five years. Before I felt secure, in my house, in my country. Now, my life is temporary." Sign the Development and Peace/Caritas Canada Action Card today after Mass! To sign our Action Card online, go to devp.org/act



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

39. The replacement of virgin forest with plantations of trees, usually monocultures, is rarely adequately analyzed. Yet this can seriously compromise a biodiversity which the new species being introduced does not accommodate. Similarly, wetlands converted into cultivated land lose the enormous biodiversity which they formerly hosted. In some coastal areas the disappearance of ecosystems sustained by mangrove swamps is a source of serious concern.

40. Oceans not only contain the bulk of our planet's water supply, but also most of the immense variety of living creatures, many of them still unknown to us and threatened for various reasons. What is more, marine life in rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans, which feeds a great part of the world's population, is affected by uncontrolled fishing, leading to a drastic depletion of certain species. Selective forms of fishing which discard much of what they collect continue unabated. Particularly threatened are marine organisms which we tend to overlook, like some forms of plankton; they represent a significant element in the ocean food chain, and species used for our food ultimately depend on them.

Pope Francis

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For the sick who have asked for our prayers, especially Mary Hanna, Ken Stovell, 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...



CHOOSING TO SERVE

The kingship of Jesus is the authority of self-sacrificing love. The assertion that love is more powerful than force is a paradox that turns the world's assumptions upside down. Kings rule; they enforce structure and order. If they serve or listen or allow, it is only in the exercise of their power. But, as Jesus instructed his disciples — who knew all too well that worldly rulers lorded it over their subjects — it was not to be this way with them. The last would be first and the first last and those who would lead must be servants. It is a lesson we have been slow to learn, even in the church, whose most visible representatives are still sometimes called princes. At the very start of his ministry, Jesus was confronted by Satan in the desert with the choice whether to wield power or to serve with love. He set a course toward crucifixion when he accepted the role of the suffering servant. He paid in full and in advance for the power to heal people and to expel demons because he had already taken upon himself the brokenness of the world. By the time he staggered to the cross, "for our sake He made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor 5:21). He duped Satan and took death with him to death. Resurrection was the triumph of love that broke the spell of sin and death. The Gospel is the greatest power of all, because it leads to eternal life. The church's celebration of Christ the King completes the church year because it sums up the core teaching of Jesus, our crucified saviour and risen leader. We honour him by imitating him. We imitate him by choosing the path of love over force in all our relationships. Pilate, a man of authority accustomed to having absolute control over others by threat of force, must have been astonished by Jesus. He interrogated him to find out why his own people — the Jewish priests and leaders — wanted him executed. Who was this Galilean carpenter, already beaten and abused by the Sanhedrin guards, struck and spit upon by the members of the court? Pilate knew he was being baited with the charge that Jesus was being called a king, a challenge to Roman rule. The city was teeming with Passover pilgrims. Pilate wanted only to dispose of this harmless fool as quickly as possible. But there was clearly something about the man standing before him that disturbed Pilate deeply. Jesus was in command. It was Pilate who was being trapped by history, an unwitting player in the drama of salvation. He could bring down the full weight of imperial power on Jesus, but in doing so he revealed how powerless Rome was, for love triumphed over violence and truth can never be silenced by fear. Pilate, and the emperor he served and the mighty armies that conquered the world, are dust in the winds of history, while Jesus has been revealed as the measure of full humanity and the promise of divine destiny for all those who follow him. The kingdom of Jesus is not of this world, but his authority and example reach down through history to teach us how to live. We are instinctively attracted to power, for the influence and protection we believe it affords us to have friends in high places. Today, Jesus our brother, God's image and likeness, is lifted up highest of all and draws all people to himself, not by force or fear, but by the example of his life-giving love. What do you choose?

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