

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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Aloysius Chan, Organist

## 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

416-393-5243

# Mass for Intentions Week

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Francesco Sposato  
Requested by Teresa Marrelli and the  
St Anselm School Staff

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Matthew Ogle & Glenna Ogle  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nora & Richard Ryan  
Requested by Theresa Ryan

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Dermot Christopher  
Requested by Christina Christopher

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Joan Daly  
Requested by the Family

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.**

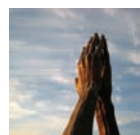
Ellen Corcoran  
Requested by Mary Hennessy



## PARISH SUPPORT

Last weekend, the parish collection was \$8,080, which includes a PAG amount of \$4,512. Thank you.

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For the sick who have asked for our prayers, especially Mary Hanna, Rachel Moxam, 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...

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The Angel Tree and Family to Family gifts are due this weekend. Thank you to those who have chosen to support these initiatives. Thank you as well to the Vincentians in our parish for their hard work and dedication to the less fortunate in our community, not just at Christmas but all year long.

### ST. ANSELM'S PREFECTS' SANTA CLAUS ACTIVITY DAY



St. Anselm's Prefects invite your children ages 4-10 to the annual **Santa Claus Activity Day** next **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** in the parish hall. The fun begins at 9am and lunch will be provided! Registration is now open online – please visit [www.stanselprefects.com](http://www.stanselprefects.com)

*As we approach Christmas time and the pews in the church become more crowded, we ask that you remember to refrain from using heavy scents and lotions. Several parishioners are either sensitive or allergic to heavily scented products. Thank you.*

Group "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge Provide-A-Meal Program are due **NEXT WEEKEND, December 15/16**. Please bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen prior to Mass next weekend. Good news for those who find it difficult to manage the stairs to the kitchen; Prefects will now be available before Mass to take your casserole downstairs. If you are unable to deliver the casserole during those times, we would be pleased to accept your frozen casserole during regular office hours the week ahead of the collection. Replacement pans will be provided. Thank you to our casserole chefs who generously provide nutritious meals to feed the hungry throughout the year.

### SENIOR/FRIENDSHIP GROUP



Save the date: The Senior/Friendship Group will meet for a Christmas luncheon on **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 12:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. New members are always welcome! We hope to see you there.

### 2019 DONATION ENVELOPES

Boxed envelopes for 2019 are in the Millwood lobby. If you currently have a box in 2018, your number will remain the same. Boxes are in alphabetical order by LAST NAME. Please include your name and address on the first 4 envelopes of 2019.

**We kindly ask that you not use 2019 envelopes until the beginning of January so we may ensure accurate crediting of donations for the calendar year.**

If you would prefer to switch to our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG), simply complete the registration form (found in the lobby or available through the parish office) and provide us with a void cheque. Thank you for your support!

### **CELEBRATING BAPTISM IN COMMUNITY**

Baptism is the sacrament that gives us entrance into the community of faith and is, along with Confirmation and First Eucharist, a Sacrament of Initiation. All sacraments are communal and contribute to building our relationship with the Lord. Because of the intimate nature of the sacraments of initiation, it is a real witness from and for the community of faith when both Baptism and Confirmation are celebrated within the midst of the Sunday Eucharist. Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholic Christians. It is from the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist that we are sent forth to continue the work of Jesus in our lives. When we nurture the baptism of our infants, we are surrounding them with the prayers and good witness of our whole community. Along with each member of the community, we welcome new life into our midst and remember our own baptismal promises. We are fortunate here at St. Anselm parish; we are able to celebrate Baptism within the Sunday Eucharist. Let us rejoice and be glad!

#### ***Realizing the Vision***



Near the end of Acts, Luke tells of Paul defending himself and his ministry before Agrippa. When Festus, the procurator who was present at the hearing, accused him of being mad, Paul argued that he was speaking words of truth and reason. He also claimed that all those present were well aware of Jesus and all that he had done while among them. "This was not done in a corner!" declared Paul. Paul quoted this Greek proverb in order to affirm that the story of Jesus and the entire history of Christianity were public knowledge and could not be dismissed as a fiction contrived by his disciples. Luke had a similar intention when he introduced John the Baptizer, who would introduce Jesus. By naming the civil and religious authorities who held office at that time, the evangelist situated the ministries of John and Jesus squarely in the midst of human history. Our salvation was not accomplished in a corner, nor was the good news invented by a small group of misguided messianic dreamers. God's intervention in Jesus was a real, purposeful event that has forever transformed all that was, all that is, and all that ever will be. Having established the significance

of John and Jesus, Luke went on to describe the Baptizer's ministry in a manner similar to his Marcan source, in terms borrowed from Isaiah's Book of Comfort. When they were first spoken, these words assured the prophet's exiled contemporaries that God knew their plight and would create for them a new exodus and a return to their homeland. When John and the other Gospel writers quoted these words in their Gospels, they assured those who lived under Roman oppression that God had not forgotten them and would soon send relief in the person of the messiah. To prepare for his appearance, believers were called to repent and reform. As these words are spoken again in our hearing, the call to repentance is renewed. Because the One we await is the source of all goodness, justice, peace and truth, our Advent preparedness will require that we straighten out what has grown crooked in our lives, fill in the gaps created by our selfishness and descend from the heights where our pride and arrogance have led us. When he recommended similar actions to his readers through John, the Lucan evangelist departed from his Marcan source in one small but significant detail. In quoting from Deutero-Isaiah, Luke chose to include an extra line from the sixth-century prophet's vision: "and all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (v. 6; see Isa 40:5). This is announced at the outset of the public ministries of John and Jesus, and a universal tone will be heard throughout the Lucan Gospel as well as the Acts of the Apostles. That same tone should continue to reverberate in all that the church undertakes in Jesus' name. He is Savior not only for Jews and Christians but for all people. Until all humanity sees the salvation of God and experiences its blessing through our witness and our efforts, then our work here is not done. In the spirit of Advent, let us clothe ourselves in hope and faith and press on together until the vision is realized and the Lord is come.

### ***In Appreciation***

We are grateful to the members of our Women's Network for their tireless efforts toward last week's Christmas Craft, Bake and Vendor Sale in the parish hall. The members have been working on this annual event since early September and it was enjoyed by many! Thank you to all for your creative contributions and energetic participation.



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