

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

416-393-5243

Mass for Intentions Week

Monday, December 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Jack Hamer
Requested by Bernie Hamer

Tuesday, December 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Dae Hyun Chung
Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family

Wednesday, December 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Mark Poole
Requested by Marilyn Alston & Family

Thursday, December 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Mark Poole
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Friday, December 21st, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Scott-Shea Family

Saturday, December 22nd, 11:30 a.m.

Iona D'Silva
Requested by Chris, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva



PARISH SUPPORT

Last weekend, the parish collection was \$8,217, which includes a PAG amount of \$4,512. Thank you.

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

HAVE YOU MOVED?

If so, we ask that you take a moment to ensure that your mailing address and contact information are correct and up-to-date with the office. This will save headaches when it comes time to send out charitable donation receipts early in the New Year.

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.

During the Season of Advent, what better way to help someone in need than to give someone the gift of sight. Please donate any used eyeglasses you may have by placing them in the box located at the back of the Church and we will ensure that they are given to someone in need. The EcoAnselm

SENIOR/FRIENDSHIP GROUP



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

*Group "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge Provide-A-Meal Program are due **THIS WEEKEND**. Please bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen prior to Mass.*

DAY OF CONFESSIONS



† The Archdiocese has designated December 16-22 as the Advent Week of Confessions. Most churches throughout the city will offer several times for Confession on a specific day. Please visit www.archtoronto.org for more information.

At St. Anselm, the Day of Confessions will be on Tuesday, December 18th. Confession times will be:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.;

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and

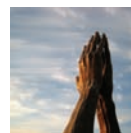
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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.

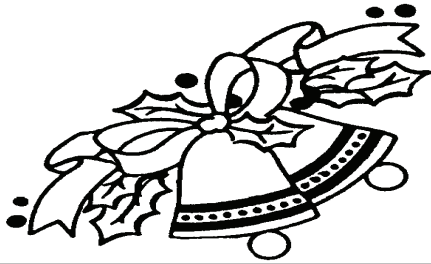
We kindly ask that you not use 2019 envelopes until the beginning of January so we may ensure accurate crediting of donations for the calendar year.

PAG participants can expect to receive their special collection bundles in the mail in the coming week. 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!



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...

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 22nd

Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 23rd

Masses

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

Mass

5:00 p.m.

Christmas Carols

7:30 p.m.

Mass

8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

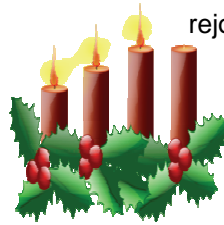
Mass

9:00 a.m.

Mass

11:00 a.m.

Rejoice in the Lord Always...



The readings for this Sunday are about rejoicing. The First Reading tells God's people to shout for joy, and the Second Reading urges Christians to rejoice always. The Gospel Reading says that John the Baptist preached good news to the people. So what did John the Baptist say? What is there to rejoice about? It helps in thinking about this question to have some sense of what the bad news is. The Second Reading follows the call to rejoice with an exhortation to have no anxieties. The bad news is everything that raises those anxieties. The First Reading spells out some of it. There are enemies; there are misfortunes—sickness, poverty, unemployment, natural disaster, and the list goes on. It is possible to find some peace about all these things by bringing them to God in prayer and putting your trust in him. At any rate, that is the antidote to these anxieties recommended by the Second Reading. But a person can have anxieties that are harder to bring to God. There are the relationships you have broken, the wreckage you have made of things at home, the failures you are culpable for at work. Sin can paralyze any effort at joy in loving relationship with God and others. You can put your trust in God; but what happens when you know that God can put no trust in you? What happens to joy in the face of this thought? *That* is the bad news. But this is also where the good news comes in. The Prophet Zephaniah promises that *God will rejoice over you*. Why? The answer is also in the First Reading: God will renew you; and, when he does, you will be so lovely that God himself will make songs about you and for you, and he himself will sing them to you. That is amazing good news, isn't it? But how can it be? This is where the good news of John the Baptist comes in. Christ will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit will then dwell in you. Christ is Emmanuel, God with us, and he brings God the Holy Spirit into us. When God is with you and in you, how can you keep from singing for joy?

Did you know...What is Gaudete Sunday?

"Brothers and sisters: rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice." St. Paul commands this in the Second Reading. The word for rejoice in Latin is *gaudete*, so quite naturally this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. Why all this exultation? Are we finally getting a break from the somberness of Advent? Yes, but there is more to it than that. Remember that Advent is like a retreat that the worldwide Church is making. In this upcoming third week we will consider our lives in the context of the great beauty God has put in us and around us. Can you think this way? What does this mean to you? For the church, that we may experience joy through recognizing God with us each day and be instruments in helping others become aware of God's work in their lives... ***We pray...Our God will come to save us.***

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