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# 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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Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. Bill Poole Requested by Richard & Vicki Garnett

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**Brigid Fitzgerald
Requested by the O'Carroll Family

Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. Konrad Mulak Requested by the Family

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. For Peace and Care for Creation Requested by EcoAnselm

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. Hu Gue Foy Requested by Michelle Chue

<u>CHECK IT OUT!</u> Our parish is now on TWITTER. Follow us @StAnselmChurch



Last weekend, the parish collection was \$7,393, which includes a PAG amount of \$4,417.



For the sick who have asked for our prayers, especially Bishop Bob Kasun, Mary Hanna, Rachel Moxam, John Crescitelli and Mary Lou Watson, that the healing love and consolation of God may

surround them and bring them strength in their illness, we pray...

### **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES**

Group "B" casseroles will be due April 20/21, which is Easter weekend. Please arrange to drop off your frozen casserole to the parish office ahead of time if you will be away. Many thanks!



The next Senior/Friendship gathering will be on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.



The parish office will be closed on **Tuesday**, **March 26**<sup>th</sup> due to an off-site workshop. We will have regular operating hours for the rest of the week (please see front cover of this bulletin).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please remember our community members in need while you are tidying your closet! Set aside any gently used clothing or household linens for the truck that will be in our parking lot on the weekend of **April 6/7**.

Please note that this collection is specifically for clothing and linens. The truck cannot accept DVD's, kitchen appliances, furniture (broken or otherwise) etc. as the sorting facility was overrun with many unusable items after our Christmas bundle up weekend. THIS IS A CLOTHING/LINENS DRIVE ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

## Share...Life!

How can you "Live the Gospel" when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to "Live the Gospel" by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign.

Next Sunday, March 31 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

### **DAY OF CONFESSIONS**



The Archdiocese has designated March 31 - April 6 as the Lenten Week of Confessions. Most churches throughout the city will offer several times for Confession on a specific day. Please visit <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org">www.archtoronto.org</a> for more information.

At St. Anselm, the Day of Confessions will be on **Tuesday, April 2**<sup>nd</sup>. Confession times will be:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



### A gentle reminder regarding donation envelopes:

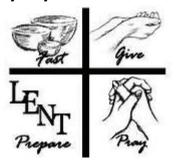
A boxed set of donation envelopes is meant to be used by just <u>one</u> parishioner/family of parishioners during a calendar year. The unique donor number on each box will be assigned to you when you identify yourself by writing your name and address on the first four envelopes you use. Unfortunately, the use of random envelopes out of different boxed sets makes it very difficult to accurately credit donations. Thank you as always for your support of the parish.

## From Development and Peace Share the Journey!

On <u>Sunday April 7th at 2pm</u>, Development and Peace, together with Catholics from the Archdiocese of Toronto are walking in solidarity with migrants across the world! Our walk begins at the main entrance of High Park (1873 Bloor Street) and ends at St. Cecilia's Church (1161 Annette Street). It will be followed by a soup dinner reception at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall! Together with other Canadians we are aiming to walk 40,175 km by June 2019!

St. Anselm's Parish will be participating! Join us! *Please contact Sebastian:* snsbgomes@gmail.com

## "I will be your God, and you will be my people"



Today's First Reading creates the setting into which one of the most significant religious experiences of human history takes place. Moses came to believe that God was sending

him back into the slave camps of Egypt to bring freedom and faith to his people. As we are told, God revealed to Moses the sacred name YHWH, a word that is linguistically linked to the verb "to be." The story itself makes this link when God responds to Moses, "I am Who I am." This sacred name has been translated as 'He causes to be" or

'Being Itself.' The God who spoke to Moses further identifies Himself as the God whom Abraham and Sarah had known some six hundred years before. Moses accepts the challenge to return to the land from which he had escaped in order to complete the mighty task set for him by God - to free his people and to lead them to the Promised Land. This meeting with YHWH leads to the eventual freeing of the enslaved Israelites and the enforced march through the desert to a further meeting on Mount Sinai between Moses and the one God, the God of his ancestors, the God whose name is *I am*. A covenant was made with the people of Israel, one based on their recognition of YHWH as the one God and God claiming them as His people. The Israelites would stray from that covenant many times over the years, turning away from the one God and worshipping false gods. Their prophets would repeatedly call them back to the covenant worship of the one God. We, too, turn away from the one God to worship false gods. We make an idol of money, worshipping at the altar of the almighty dollar. We make an idol of power, worshipping at the altar of domination, oppression and entitlement. We make an idol of pleasure, worshipping at the altar of satisfaction and luxurious comfort. Our prophets call us back to the one God, but we ignore or render them ineffective. Lent is a season to turn away from our false idols and call on the merciful and gracious Lord, who is "slow to anger and abounding in kindness." We are called in Lent to prayer, fasting and works of mercy because, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." We are called to abandon our false gods of money, power and pleasure at the expense of others and return to the one God, who has been faithful and loving all along, calling us to justice and concern for those who need us.

For the areas of our lives that do not produce fruit, that God will prune us, nurture us and help us to bear a harvest of faith, hope and love...Lord, in your mercy....

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