

# 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

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 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 Intentions for Week**

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Maria Lee

Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Catherine "Moir" Hayden

Requested by Iseult Hayden & Family

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

John, Mary & Garnet Maley & Vincent Egan

Requested by Mary Egan

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

William Blackwell

Requested by the Family

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

Foo See Foy

Requested by Michelle Chue & Family

*Help!* If you have taken a box of donation envelopes bearing the number **153**, please either call the office to let us know, or write your name and address on the next few envelopes you use.

**SATURDAY MORNING MASSES**

Weekday morning Masses are now celebrated **Tuesday – Friday at 8:15 a.m.** The Saturday morning Masses that were requested prior to the change in schedule will be honoured until the end of December. ***These Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on the following Saturdays:***

<b>September 21</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>November 23</b>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>December 14</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>December 28</b>

**ST. VINCENT  
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SOCIETY**

Save the date! The next "Bundle Up" collection weekend is coming up on **November 2/3**. The truck will be in our parking lot to accept your donations of gently used clothing and linens. If you are clearing out your closets in preparation for the change of seasons, please remember our neighbours in need and set aside some items for the truck. Thank you!

✱ **FIRST CONFESSIONS** ✱

*First Communion*

An information/registration meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church** for all parents of children in the parish who are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion).

Should you have any questions about the meeting or about the sacraments, please call the office during the week at 416-485-1792.

**CONFIRMATION**  
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Young parishioners in Grade 7 (or older) who seek to be confirmed next spring are asked to attend (with their parents) an information/registration meeting on **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church.**

Every effort should be made to attend this brief meeting as requirements for preparation will be outlined.

**GROUP "A" CASSEROLES will be collected on the weekend of September 21/22.**

***The St. Anselm Women's Network will meet on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. New members are always welcome!***



**BLESSING OF PETS**

October 4<sup>th</sup> marks the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and his passion for the gifts of God's creation. St. Francis' love for animals resonates with us in North America, where pets are especially cherished and valued. **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass** on the front steps of the Church (Millwood Rd.), pets will be blessed as a sign that we view our pets as priceless examples of God's gift of creation.

**RCIA**

Are you considering becoming Roman Catholic? The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults or RCIA is for you.

The RCIA is designed for those who are thinking about or would like to be baptized and for those who have been baptized but not confirmed. It offers a communal process of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist) and the Reception into the Roman Catholic community. If you would like to know more, please call the parish office at 416-485-1792.

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

**MAKING CHOICES**



It seems safe to say that Jesus' three parables about the lost coin, sheep and son were welcomed with joy by the tax collectors and sinners and with a touch of resentment by the Pharisees and scribes. While Jesus' words assured his sinful listeners of God's love and mercy, those same words challenged the resentful

ones to set aside their judgments, which were God's alone to render, and to open their hearts to God's magnanimous love. While the first two parables introduce the third, they also help to steadily increase the pathos of the narrative. If there can be so much joy over the finding of a lost coin or a lost sheep, how much more will heaven and earth rejoice over a son who was lost and is found! When the son asked for his share of his father's property, he was within his legal rights, but in doing so he was, in effect, declaring his father dead to him, for such a dissolution of property usually happened after someone died. Money in hand, he made his way to what could only have been gentile territory, because, after he lost it all, he took a job feeding pigs. These animals were regarded as unclean by Jews, who neither ate nor raised them. When the son "came to himself", he knew his father had no legal obligation to him, but he returned home nonetheless. How encouraging for all who sin! God has no legal obligation to us, but we know God to be merciful and forgiving, like the father who set all dignity and logic aside and ran to welcome his son - not as a hired hand but as a beloved child. Unfortunately, we might see something of ourselves in the elder son. Angry, resentful and full of his own importance, he refused to accept his brother or his father's willingness to forgive and forget. Let's take a look at some of the details of the elder son's angry spiel. First, he thinks of himself as a servant ("for all these years I have worked like a slave for you"). He thinks that his service should have earned him a decent reward; he is in a contract relationship with his father. He disowns his brother, calling him "your son." He resents the fact that the younger son has "swallowed up" the property, lessening the amount that would eventually have fallen to himself. He is not willing to rejoice because he is not willing to love. There the parable ends, and we are left to wonder: Well, where do I stand? Can I love a God whose extravagant mercy will forgive every sin? If I recognize myself as a sinner, oh yes, I can love such a God. But if I count myself among the faithful and the righteous, doesn't God owe me? Isn't it only right that my efforts be recognized and rewarded? The answer to both questions is "No!" The parable challenges those who think themselves righteous to look upon others with compassion and to look inward with honesty and humility. No sinner is irretrievably lost, and we will not find any self-canonized saints in heaven. Perhaps today we are meant to decide where we stand in our everyday lives. Let us pray for the gift of wisdom and the grace to make wise and loving choices. When we fail, like the prodigal son, we too want to be welcomed back with open arms and cries of welcome. We too want to know that our relationship with God has

been restored and love once again flows between us. And again we promise to do our best.



**Happy Season of Creation!**

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis. The suggested theme for this year is "the web of life." One million species are threatened by our lifestyle. Solving this challenge serves the Creator of All. Christians around the world are setting intentions to live a more sustainable lifestyle. Make a commitment to care for creation.

**A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation**

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.

You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,

you became part of this earth,

and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.

Today you are alive in every creature

In your risen glory.

Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light

You guide this world toward the Father's love

And accompany creation as it groans in travail.

You also dwell in our hearts

and you inspire us to do what is good.

Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,

teach us to contemplate you

in the beauty of the universe,

for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness

for every being that you have made.

Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world

as channels of your love

for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they

may avoid the sin of indifference,

that they may love the common good, advance the weak,

and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,

help us to protect all life,

to prepare for a better future,

for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love, and beauty.

Praise be to you!

Amen.

**Pope Francis**



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