

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 24th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Intentions of the D'Addario & Ruhr Families

Wednesday, September 25th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Thursday, September 26th, 8:15 a.m.
Joan Melchers
Requested by Jan Melchers & Family

Friday, September 27th, 8:15 a.m.
For Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm

Saturday, September 28th, 9:00 a.m.
Howard and Isabelle Tate
Requested by the 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:**

September 28	November 23
October 5	December 14
October 12	December 28
October 26	

*** FIRST CONFESSIONS * First Communion**

An information/registration meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 1st 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.

The St. Anselm Women's Network will meet on Wednesday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. New members are always welcome!

**GROUP A CASSEROLES are due THIS weekend!
Group B casseroles will be due October 19/20.**



BLESSING OF PETS

October 4th 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. **Next Sunday, September 29th 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.

**GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Refuge in the Millwood lobby. The collection will begin September 28th and conclude October 13th. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for much needed items to stock their pantry ahead of winter. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this annual drive.

**ST. VINCENT
de PAUL
SOCIETY**

Save the date! The next "Bundle Up" collection weekend is coming up on **November 2/3.**



As we move into the final week of our Season of Creation 2019, we thank all parishioners who participated in our first EcoAnselm Season of Creation Eco-Challenge. We hope your participation in any part of the Eco-Challenge helped you to realize that each small change we make individually makes a big difference collectively in saving our common earth and the intricate web of life that depends on it for survival. We pray that the new habits you have begun during the SoC will continue. EcoAnselm thanks Fr. Moore for his support & spiritual leadership in our ministry of stewardship.

Feast of Creation

St. Basil's Church (50 St. Joseph St.) Oct. 4, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. "Feast of Creation" is an Ecumenical Celebration organized by the Archdiocese of Toronto, The Native People's Mission, Mary Ward Centre and Global Catholic Climate Movement-Canada. Please join us in celebrating with diverse faiths - united in caring for our common home. The celebration begins with an ecumenical prayer service; we will then have the chance to mingle, enjoy vegan & vegetarian treats and visit various displays including one from our own EcoAnselm.

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 15th 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.

STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

By virtue of our Baptism, all of us have been called to be good stewards. The gifts of the Spirit given in Baptism and confirmed in the sacrament of Confirmation are freely given to each one of us. A good steward is filled with gratitude for those gifts, seeks to fully develop those gifts so that they may be shared with others for the good of the community and encourages others to do the same. Beginning this weekend, a short reflection on how we can reflect and integrate into our lives this call to stewardship has been supplied by the Office of Formation for Discipleship at the Archdiocese of Toronto and will continue to be included as part of our bulletin update over the next few months.

Stewardship “You cannot serve God and wealth”

Luke 16:1-13

The Lord's exhortation that “you cannot serve God and wealth” can be difficult to swallow. Jesus does not say that we cannot have wealth but rather says that we should not serve wealth. When our total focus and effort rests with amassing wealth over deepening our relationship with God, all of our time and talents go to attaining more and more possessions. When we serve wealth, there is no room for gratitude for the gifts and talents bestowed upon us or for sharing with others. When we serve God, we can then move from gratitude for our gifts and talents and move graciously to sharing them with others for the glory of God and the church. Today, let us ask ourselves how we are sharing our gifts with our own parish community?

servant who hid away the talents the master gave him, this steward carefully followed the example of his master, who prospered by the sweat of the debtors' brows. Before it got out that the steward had lost his debt-collector's badge, he had refinanced a fortune and probably lost all his commissions in the bargain. But he was gambling that social capital would offer more security than his job. In a twist that makes more sense in Jesus' culture than in our own, the sacked servant left his master in a baffling predicament. Everybody would have been marveling at the owner's stature and munificence: Such debt cancellation was surely a sign of immense wealth and generosity! The debtors themselves would have been delighted with the deal and suddenly more loyal than ever. All that increased the master's prestige even as it diminished his profits. In a society that valued honour over material wealth, the master would have ended up losing more than he gained if he had attempted to recoup his financial losses. So Jesus, who always saw third and fourth alternatives to either-or situations, praised the servant who demonstrated that, while money can't buy love, friendship engenders its own rewards. What, then, is today's message about profit and loss and grace? This Gospel is not exactly calling us to cook the books or connive at Robin Hood schemes to shame the affluent into debt forgiveness. Jesus knew the prophetic message; he designed this story to poke at listeners of every social status. While most of us will never be in the position to manage (much less own) immense fortunes, we all need to figure out how best to use the resources and opportunities and — perhaps most particularly — the problems we have. When his behaviour bore fruit in lemons, the steward brewed up enough lemonade for everybody in the story!

Today's selection from the First Letter to Timothy calls us to pray for everyone in our world. That's not because prayer changes God's will but rather opens us up to it. Genuine, ongoing love of neighbour is more than we can sustain alone. Prayer reminds us that we come from God, that each moment is touched by the Incarnation and that our destiny is union in and with God. Prayer opens us to grace, allowing the Spirit to engender in us love that recognizes the image of God in each face. The same Spirit who inspired Jesus will lead us to see the third, fourth and fifth alternatives that can transform the divisions between rich and poor, male and female, neighbour and stranger. Even if, like the steward and the prodigal son, it's our own need that moves us toward our neighbours, solidarity with them puts us all on the road toward the kingdom.

“A God of Love and Mercy”



It's not by accident that Luke placed today's Gospel story immediately after the parable of the wild younger son who was also criticized for squandering everything except his comfort. There are a lot of details missing in this story — most importantly, why the master was careless

enough to leave the steward free to feather his future with friend-winning deals. Obviously, Jesus wasn't concerned about such particulars, and he has his normal fun by spinning a yarn with extravagant details about debts of oil and wheat. Part of the message here is: “Think big!” Jesus obviously wanted to shock pious moralizers with the steward. First a wastrel, then a cheat! Not at all like the

EDUCATE, REFLECT, ACT!
BE AN INFORMED VOTER

With a federal election scheduled for **Monday, October 21st**, the Archdiocese of Toronto has prepared a series of resources to help us reflect on important issues throughout the campaign. These short video vignettes and one-page reflections provide the background through a Catholic lens on issues like poverty, religious persecution, life issues, environment, etc. As a charity, the church cannot tell people who to vote for but we do hope that all Catholics will read the party platforms from our faith perspective. To access these resources, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/election

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