

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 for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Bill Poole

Requested by Barbara Laplante

Wednesday, October 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace

Thursday, October 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Roch Valeriotte

Requested by the Family

Friday, October 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Filippi Family

Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 a.m.

Mark Poole

Requested by the Family



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.

CALLING ALL PREFECTS

Don't Miss it!

The youth in our parish (Grade 7 and above) are invited to the first Prefects meeting of the new year. The Prefects (youth group at St. Anselm's Church) always welcome new members and

have exciting events planned for the months ahead!

The first meeting takes place this weekend! Join in on Sunday, October 6th in the Griffin Room after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

GROUP "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be due October 19/20th. Please plan to bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen before Mass that weekend. If you will be away, please feel free to drop off your casserole ahead of time during parish office hours.

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the 2019 ShareLife campaign. Our parish raised \$98,202.12 of the overall total of \$13,014,908.50!

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Refuge in the Millwood lobby. The collection will **conclude October 13th.**

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

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| Canned Soups | Sugar |
| Peanut Butter | Garlic/Onion Powder |
| Coffee | Canned Vegetables |
| Vegetable Oil | Canned Stew |
| Tuna | Pancake Mix |
| Jam | Allspice |



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND
CHANGE OF DATE:
NOW NOVEMBER 30 –
DECEMBER 1

Save the NEW date! The next "Bundle Up" collection weekend has been changed to

November 30/December 1.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting clothing - all seasons (men, women and children) to be given to those in need or to be sold to help support their special works in our community. Please bring your donation to the Society's truck during the Bundle Up weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

National Catholic Health Care Week

During National Catholic Health Care Week (**October 6-12**), we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care. Whether it be in hospitals, community health centres, nursing homes or long-term care homes, Catholic health care works to provide purpose-driven care with compassion and innovation. Each year, Catholic health care providers serve more than five million people in need. Every person who contributes to working in Catholic health care is living out the healing ministry of Jesus Christ and we give thanks for the thousands of physicians, nurses, employees and volunteers who give of themselves to care for all in need.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

WHERE: Northlea School, 305 Rumsey Rd

WHAT: Blood Donor Clinic

WHEN: Tuesday October 29, 2019, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Call 1-888-2-Donate to make an appointment

WANTED: Choir Members

The members of St. Anselm's Church choir would like to extend an invitation to the singers and instrumentalists in our congregation to join us for our celebration of Christmas liturgies. Our rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We would also be happy to have you as permanent members if that is something you think you can embrace. We look forward to meeting new members. Please speak to our director, Goody Cabral after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. You can also email Goody at goodycabral@gmail.com

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

The Come and See Weekend November 1-3, 2019 at St. Augustine's Seminary

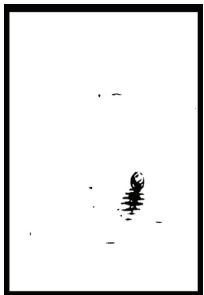
Inviting single Catholic men 17 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca For more information please contact the Office of Vocations at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org

STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

The Gift of Faith

The apostles in today's Gospel echo the words of Christians throughout the centuries. "Increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. We too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the same words found in the Gospel today, "Increase our faith!"

The Parable of the Mustard Seed



Today's Gospel may be better understood when viewed within its larger literary context. In Luke 17:1-10, the evangelist gathered four sets of sayings and a parable, all loosely linked together under the umbrella of discipleship. The first two sets of sayings dealt with giving scandal to others and the necessity of mutual correction and the constant willingness to forgive.

Upon hearing that these stringent demands were the very minimum expected of them, the disciples said to Jesus, "Increase our faith". It is at this point in the interchange that today's Gospel begins. Using vivid and extreme language, Jesus explained that even the minutest amount of faith can have amazing consequences. The black mulberry tree had quite an extensive root system, and the effort needed to uproot such a tree could be described as herculean. Moreover, the idea of transplanting a tree into the sea merely added to the difficulty. Nevertheless, through faith in God, even the seemingly impossible becomes possible. Understood in his literary context, the Lucan Jesus was teaching his apostles that through faith, they could learn to avoid scandal. Similarly, through faith, they could cultivate the willingness to help others see the error of their ways and accept correction for their own sins when others point them out. By faith, they could also learn to forgive fully, freely and without limit.

In the parable that continued their formation, the featured servant was actually doing double duty. He had worked all day as a field servant and then returned home to take up extra duties as a domestic servant. Even with that heavy load, the servant was doing no more than what was expected of him. Therefore, he should not expect a reward or even an expression of gratitude. No doubt Jesus' disciples understood the implications of Jesus' parable. Even if their words and works never posed a scandal for others ... even if they always forgave others, they were doing no more than their duty as his disciples. In fulfilling those minimum requirements, they were not guaranteed salvation. No amount of service, however well performed, could merit the gift that is God's prerogative alone to give. Therefore, even perfect human actions should not give rise to pride or boasting or back-patting. Rather, true disciples humbly admit that they are "worthless slaves". No human being, no matter how much they do, can make a claim on God, as in: "You owe me because I have done such-and-such." Even perfect observance of the law does not merit salvation or satisfy the requirements of authentic discipleship. For those who kept a mental ledger of their good deeds, Jesus' words must have been deflating. Nevertheless, while affirming the insufficiency of human words, this Gospel emphasizes the necessity of faith. By means of this great gift of God, we are able to appropriate the joys of salvation. Keep on stirring and fanning that flame.

For a growth in patience, that God may sustain and strengthen us as we await the fulfillment of God's promises and plans... We pray...

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