

# 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, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Leonore Moore

Requested by Brian and Arlene Cassidy

**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Kenneth Stovell

Requested by the Family

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Jack Currie

Requested by the Madigan Family

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.**

Giovanni Gnocato

Requested by August Gnocato

### ST. ANSELM WOMEN'S NETWORK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Join us in the parish hall on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am to 1:00pm for Christmas treats and gift ideas.

St. Anselm Women's Network is requesting White Elephant sale

items for the annual Christmas Bazaar. **\*\* Please NO clothing or books!\*\***

Items may be dropped off

- any Wednesday morning to the parish hall;
- to the office during regular office hours;
- to the parish hall the day before the sale (Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>)

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Shepherds' Trust has a mission to provide, comfort and care for those who have steadfastly cared for us - our retired priests. As parishioners, we have our own memories of a Catholic priest who made a positive, meaningful and lasting impact in our lives. Each year, thousands of people contribute to the Shepherds' Trust. **The collection takes place this weekend in all parishes in the Archdiocese.** We want our priests to retire safely and with dignity. The Shepherds' Trust allows us to help achieve this goal. Envelopes for this special collection are in your boxed sets, PAG bundles and on the glass tables at the entrances to the church. Thank you for considering your donation to this special collection.



The St. Vincent de Paul **Angel Tree** will be in the lobby next weekend (November 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Those wishing to participate are asked to please select an angel from the tree and return the

angel with an age appropriate new, unwrapped toy (approx. value \$35) to the Millwood lobby no later than **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. If possible, please include a gift bag or some wrapping paper. Thank you for your generosity!

The **Family-to-Family** program also begins next weekend. If you wish to support one of our families in need, simply complete a Family Information sheet (glass tables) and enclose \$60 per family member. For example, for a family with 5 individuals, the amount of your donation would be \$300. Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please remember to include your information.



Place the completed sheet and cheque (St Anselm-St. Vincent de Paul) in the offertory basket by December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office with any questions.

### BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

The next "Bundle Up" collection weekend is coming up on **November 30/December 1**.

The truck will be in our parking lot on that weekend. Please note the following:

#### ACCEPTED

- All Clothing (any condition)
- All Footwear (any condition)
- Bedding (any condition)
- Drapery/Towels
- Toys (new or nearly new)

#### NOT ACCEPTED

- Books (any kind)
- Construction Material
- Dishes
- Furniture
- Video/Audio Cassettes

### **FIRST CONFESSIONS**

The sacrament of First Reconciliation for all registered children will be celebrated on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> in the church. Please arrive by 9:45a.m.

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The Amazon is home to half of all the plants and animals in the world. It is also home to more than 30 million people, nearly 3 million of whom belong to 380 indigenous groups. Logging, industrial farming and mining companies threaten their way of life and their survival. Indigenous people in the Amazon need us to stand with them in solidarity and Pope Francis urges us to listen to them in the face of this ecological crisis. Act now!

**On November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Development & Peace encourages you to:**

- 1) Sign the Solidarity Letter to defend the defenders;
- 2) Encourage your children to participate by drawing a card to express their care and solidarity. The children's visual messages can be placed into the box at the parish entrance.
- 3) Take the online intergenerational pledge for our common home: [devp.org/pledge](http://devp.org/pledge)

**Change starts with each and every one of us.**

For more information: [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign)

great national distress. Their message was one of hope and reassurance that believers would survive because God is faithful. The overthrow of Jerusalem had an impact on the Jewish world at that time similar to the shock of 9-11 in our time. It shook all their assumptions about God, even as the attack on New York and Washington in 2001 was unthinkable to many Americans. Jesus is quoted here as saying the temple would be totally destroyed, a shocking prediction. The temple was regarded as a symbol of God's presence on earth, an unshakable foundation for the covenant. Yet, everyone knew that the temple had been destroyed once before at the time of the Babylonian exile. There was no guarantee that an institutional expression of the covenant between God and his people would survive if they did not live up to its principles. The temple Jesus pointed to was magnificent but was also a source of controversy because it had been built by Herod, a nonbeliever currying favor with the Jewish establishment. It was also a symbol of the complicity between the high priests and the Romans, who shared revenues from its animal sacrifice and money changing, making it a virtual marketplace. Jesus did not hesitate to attack it verbally and even physically when he saw its one purpose — to be a house of prayer — being violated by other agendas and abuses, nor did he hesitate to predict the institution's downfall if real conversion did not take place. The theme of loss and letting go is part of our ongoing liturgical conversion. Crisis is never welcome, but when it happens, it often purifies and unburdens us so we can start over. It also reminds us of what is essential and what is not.

We are coming to the end of one church year and about to enter another with Advent. It is a good time to take stock and to let go. We also commemorate our beloved dead in the feasts of All Souls and All Saints, and we contemplate the end times, when heaven and earth will pass away and all our possessions and assumptions will be swept aside as we enter eternity. Jesus tells his disciples not to be anxious about loss or suffering, or even persecution. Whatever they need to face any crisis will be provided, and, even more reassuring, he will be with them to guide their understanding and response. The end of the liturgical year likewise reminds us that for every ending there is another beginning. The disappearing sun and colder days of autumn will take us into winter, the ancient harbinger of death. Yet there, when darkness seems about to overtake us, we will kindle the first candle of Advent. How many times prophets of doom have predicted the end of the world, the collapse of the civilization as we know it! Change will surely come for many institutions, their impressive structures and claims of divine favour. All we know for sure from the mouth of Jesus is that the essence of what is good, most human and divine within us, will endure in fresh manifestations of the mystery of God in history through every ending and beginning. What Jesus revealed in himself about the future of humanity will endure in us, even if the temple falls.

**CALLING ALL CASSEROLE CHEFS**



**\*\* We are experiencing a worrying decline in the number of casseroles received for the Good Shepherd Meal Program at the time of year when the need is greatest. Whatever you can do**

**to reverse this trend will be gratefully appreciated. ALSO, we need NEW MEMBERS (cook a casserole every other month) to ensure our parish can continue to make a meaningful contribution to FEEDING THE HUNGRY. Please call the office at 416-485 1792 for more information.**

**GROUP "A" casseroles are due THIS weekend. Group "B" casseroles will be due December 21/22. Please plan to bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall before Mass that weekend or drop it off to the parish office during the week prior if you know you will be away.**

**Letting Go and Starting Over**



Today's Gospel from Luke, written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 C.E., reads back into those terrible events the apocalyptic imagery of Daniel and Ezekiel, who wrote during times of

**2019-2020 Sunday Missals will be available for \$5 each on a first-come, first-served basis after all Masses on November 23/24 and November 30/1.**

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