

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, December 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Jack Hamer

Requested by Bernie Hamer

Wednesday, December 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Leonore Moore

Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family

Thursday, December 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Nancy Kelly

Requested by M.G. McCollam

Friday, December 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Lillian Blackwell

Requested by the Family

2019-2020 Sunday Missals will be available for \$5 each at all Masses this weekend. After this weekend, Missals will be available for purchase during parish office hours.



Group "B" casseroles will be due December 21/22.



The St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree is up in the Millwood lobby. Please select an angel and return it with an age appropriate new, unwrapped toy (approx. value \$35) to the tree no later than **December 8th**. If possible, please include a gift bag or some wrapping paper. Thank you for your generosity!

The Family-to-Family information sheets are on the glass tables. 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 8th**. Please call the office with any questions.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to ministerial service, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org**



JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL FOR ST ANSELM'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST 9:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

A reminder that the St. Vincent de Paul truck is in our parking lot this weekend to accept your clothing, textile and linen donations....

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Thank you!

In the Amazon, there are 65,000 species of vertebrates and trees. This is also the number of signatures that we want to reach in support of the *seringueiros* and the Mura people of Brazil. On behalf of all those striving to preserve their land, their water, their culture, their lives and our common home, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada **thanks you** for responding to cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Together, we have the power to change lives. To continue to take action throughout the campaign, go to: devp.org/campaign and join the Facebook group "For Our Common Home".

A future for the Amazon, a future for all.
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Guide to Eco-Christmas

“gift-giving”

Give your family and friends the essential gift of a sustainable future.

Draw names and encourage a “one gift” appreciation.

Choose organic materials & fair-trade products (e.g. chocolate, cocoa, coffee, selections of tea, fruit baskets, flowers, herbs & spices, cotton clothing or accessories, tote bags made of sustainable fabrics)

Give the gift of a cookbook to support a growing interest in vegetarian options.

Prepare thoughtful coupons that a family member can claim for tasks, or any kind deed that your recipient would value.

Give gifts of charity or support for a special service that holds significance for your recipient.

Plant a tree in the name of your recipient or plan to plant a sapling together.



Support Canadian artists, vendors, crafts persons; shop locally and purchase locally-made and/or locally-sourced goods.

“Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little.” Pope Francis

THE CALL TO REDEMPTION



Does your home have a burglar alarm? Do you have signs in your yard to warn would-be thieves that your possessions are protected by such-and-such a company? Do you leave lights and TV on when you are away to give the impression that

someone is home? We all know how to protect ourselves and our property from a would-be thief. The Gospel for today invites us to be similarly prudent in preparing *ourselves* to welcome the Lord, whose coming will be as sudden and unexpected as a thief in the night. With three short parables, Mathew exhorted those who were waiting for Jesus’ return to cultivate a posture of vigilance. In the first parable, he referred to the primeval figure of Noah, whose contemporaries were caught off-guard by the flood. They were not named for their wickedness but for their preoccupation with the ordinary aspects of everyday life. By the time the Matthean Gospel was completely formulated in the 80s C.E., people were still preoccupied with their lives. As year after year passed, it became increasingly difficult to muster the anticipation and vigilance necessary to welcome the returning Jesus. As we read this Matthean parable in 2019, we too may find it a challenge to remain alert and prepared. Nevertheless, we must; hence the season and the way of life we call Advent. The second parable features two pairs of workers. At a distance, two men working in a field look alike; two women grinding seem quite similar. But when the Son of Man returns, one man will be taken and one left; one woman taken, one left. At the final judgment, all that has been hidden, including the distinctions among persons, will be revealed. Moreover, the judgment and separation of persons will be the result of divine and not human perception. Until that judgment and ensuing separation come to pass, preparation, prayer and vigilance are the order of the day. In the third parable, a theme quite popular in early Christian literature is featured, that of the thief in the night. Obviously, thieves do not call ahead to announce their arrival, nor will the Son of Man give warning. Therefore, our vigilance must be firm. Paul tells us, “Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Rom 13:12). Dietrich Bonhoeffer joins his voice to Paul’s and reminds us that redemption is already knocking at the door (*Testament to Freedom*, Harper San Francisco: 1995). Christ is breaking through the rubble into your life and heart. He will rescue us from the prison of our existence, from fear, from guilt, from loneliness. The question is: Do you want to be redeemed?

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