

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

416-393-5243

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, December 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Daly

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, December 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Matthew and Glenna Ogle

Requested by the Family

Thursday, December 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Nora and Richard Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, December 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Dermot Christopher

Requested by Christina Christopher

Saturday, December 14th, 9:00 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Brisbois Family

New Missals are available for purchase from the parish office during weekday office hours.



Group "B" casseroles will be due December 21/22. If you know you'll be away that weekend, please plan to drop your frozen casserole off during parish office hours the week before. Thank you to our casserole chefs!

SANTA CLAUS ACTIVITY DAY



Save the date! The Prefects' annual Santa Claus Activity Day is tentatively set for **Saturday, December 21st** in the parish hall.

More information to follow – keep an eye out for sign up details in next week's bulletin and at www.stanselmsprefects.com



The St. Vincent de Paul **Angel Tree** gifts are to be returned to the Millwood lobby by **December 8th**. If possible, please include a gift bag or some wrapping paper. Thank you for your generosity!

The Family-to-Family contributions are due in the offertory basket this weekend. Please make cheques payable to St. Anselm – St. Vincent de Paul. The amount is \$60 per family member. Thank you for your participation in this St. Vincent de Paul initiative in our parish.



SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Assigned boxed sets of envelopes for 2020 will be available in the Millwood lobby next weekend. If you currently have a boxed set, please note the envelopes will be displayed in alphabetical order by SURNAME.

This year, in an effort to make a positive change and reduce the number of unused boxes, we have re-organized the donor number system. Over the years, the original sequential numbering system was left with several holes as people moved or discontinued use of their envelopes.

If your donor number is between **350 and 420**, you will notice that you've been assigned a different number for next year. We ask that everyone using boxes of envelopes kindly continue the practice of writing your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in 2020 as **some donor numbers will be different than in previous years.** Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office with any questions you may have.

If you are currently using weekly envelopes and would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, forms are available on the glass tables or in the parish office. Simply provide a void cheque and the amount you wish to contribute on a monthly basis and automatic withdrawals will take place on the 20th of each month, ensuring that your support of the material needs of the parish continues even when you are away.

Parishioners on PAG will receive their 2020 bundles in the mail next week.

Thank you for supporting St. Anselm's.



Families of children attending the 11am Children's Liturgy (including siblings) are invited to attend the Catechism and Children's Liturgy Christmas pageant and lunch on **December 15th**. Please email Yvonne.gray@bell.net with any questions or to confirm lunch attendance.

In Appreciation

Thank you to our Women's Network members for organizing and running the annual Christmas Bazaar last weekend.

Despite the weather, it was a well-attended event and your creative contributions and energetic participation put us all in the festive Christmas spirit. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



Guide for an Eco-Christmas
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Mindfully & intentionally reduce your Christmas eco-footprint.

Schedule a family dialogue to plan green strategies that support your family’s celebration of Christmas while doing no harm to the environment.

If driving for shopping and group errands, plan your routes to avoid unnecessary emissions.

Include vegetarian and/or vegan options in your holiday feasting. Remember that led lights use less energy and are longer-lasting than incandescent lights. Choose candles that are eco-friendly (e.g. organic beeswax / natural soy)

Recently, parishioners signed a petition to ask the provincial government to reverse changes made to the Endangered Species Act, under Bill 108, Schedule 5. The changes to the act will allow developers and industry to pay a fee to expand activity on critical wildlife habitat and kill endangered species. The petition was presented in the legislature by MPP Kathleen Wynne, on Monday, Dec 2, 2019. Thank you for your participation.

The Waiting of Advent



Reading Matthew’s Gospel is like walking through a field of tall grass loaded with grasshoppers. As each step sends up a flurry of insects, so each line of text flushes out quotations from the Hebrew Testament, especially the prophets. John the Baptist is Elijah, who has returned

to herald the coming messiah. He is the “voice in the wilderness” (Isaiah 40:3) announcing the royal arrival. In just the 12 verses of today’s Gospel, Matthew invokes Abraham and the prophets Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Zechariah. The scriptures are loaded with promises and prophecies that are coming true. Not surprisingly, Matthew is writing for a community initially made up of Jews, and his purpose is to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and prophets. The messiah he announces is an evolving figure. Today’s first reading from Isaiah 11 describes a hero who rises like a shoot from the stump of Jesse, the Davidic line. He possesses every virtue and will bring justice to the poor and judgment to the wicked. He will usher in a messianic era of peace, drawing the whole human race, Jew and gentile, to his holy mountain. For John the Baptist, the messiah is also an apocalyptic figure, laying an axe to the root of the tree, winnowing the chaff from the wheat, burning up what is unworthy. John calls the religious leaders a “brood of vipers” and challenges them to show the fruits of their repentance if they expect to escape judgment. It will be several chapters before we see John’s predictions of a fierce judge waver as the man he baptized in the Jordan preaches mercy and forgiveness to sinners. John’s image of the messiah evolves further as Matthew invokes Isaiah’s servant songs to suggest someone who will take the punishment for the nation’s sin on himself.

Advent is our time to ponder the promises and prophecies God has made to us in Jesus. Our own image of God will also evolve as life experience and our own needs show us that most people need mercy more than judgment, hope more than fear of punishment. Advent marks a chance to start again fresh, to renew our cooperation with God and our attention to the needs of others as the best preparation for welcoming God. Week by week, we light candles to guide the promised visitor to our house. As only children know, our anticipation grows because the special guest is someone who loves us more than we can imagine. He is the promise of ages, the desire of the everlasting hills. It took generations and many voices to help us grasp God’s intentions for entering our world as one of us. This is the spirit of Advent. What Isaiah and the other prophets foretold and what John the Baptist announced came into the world that first Christmas. That birth long ago continues in each of us. The Word we hear becomes flesh in us. The Eucharist we share transforms us into the body of Christ in the world. This is what we are waiting for.

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