

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

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Mass for Intentions Week



Tuesday, December 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Dae Hyun Chung

Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family

Wednesday, December 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Iona D'Silva

Requested by Chris, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva

Thursday, December 19th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Scott-Shea Families

Friday, December 20th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm



SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Assigned boxed sets of envelopes for 2020 are 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.

Please do NOT use your 2020 envelopes until January 1st. Even if your donor number remains the same, please write your name and address on the first FOUR envelopes you use in the new year, to ensure proper crediting of donations.

The deadline for contributions to be credited to 2019 is 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 31st. Donations received in the collection basket during the New Year's Eve Mass on December 31st will be credited toward your 2020 contributions.

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

Thank you for supporting St. Anselm's.

SANTA CLAUS ACTIVITY DAY



Save the date! The Prefects' annual Santa Claus Activity Day is tentatively set for next **Saturday, December 21st** in the parish hall. More information and sign up by visiting www.stanselmsprefects.com



Group "B" casseroles will be due NEXT WEEKEND, December 21/22. Please bring your frozen casserole to the parish hall kitchen before Mass next weekend, or to the parish office during the week.



Guide for an Eco-Christmas "think about It"

"The Australian Conservation Foundation reports a minimum of 2,285,000 tonnes of greenhouse pollution contributed to Christmas in Australia alone"
<http://www.sustainablebabysteps.com/green-christmas.html>

In Canada, 58% of food produced goes to WASTE. Parents, MADD explains that impaired drinking is the leading criminal cause of death in Canada with 4 deaths and 165 injuries PER DAY. For your partygoer, give the gift of a pre-party chat along with a wallet-sized coupon for a taxi OR a no-questions-asked drive from you - *just in case* she, he or any attendee needs a safe drive home. Caring for Creation includes caring for others. Christmas is a time of connectivity with family and friends. Consider including others in your Christmas. Welcome the spirit of Christmas into your homes & hearts.

Check out strategies for eco gift-wrapping & decorating AND the many helpful websites provided in EcoAnselm's Eco-Christmas Guide, posted on the Ecology Wall in the Millwood entrance.



From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You!

It is with sincere gratitude that I offer thanks to all those who have offered congratulations on the occasion of my 40th Anniversary celebrating Ordination to the priesthood. Mass at 11:00 a.m. filled St. Anselm's with a thundering of responses and was a testament to the journey of faith that we are on together. The reception following this Mass was a delightful opportunity to share with parishioners, family and friends in a joyful time of hospitality and good wishes. The gift earmarked for travel was both unexpected and overwhelming in its generosity; be assured that I will put it to good use and anticipate revisiting places I have enjoyed in the past and exploring new experiences. The book containing your good wishes is something I will keep as a remembrance of this day. Thank you to all of you for making memories with me that will remain for many years to come. I am most grateful.



"Go and tell John what you hear and see."

Matt 11:4.

Something had to change. Something radical had to happen. The Jewish world of first-century Palestine was awash in an atmosphere of

terror, of extreme poverty, of hopelessness. Something had to give. We see much of this same situation to this very day in the modern world of the Middle East: the demonstrations, the killings, the tortures, the hideous aftermath of violence and utter poverty. Two thousand years ago, a similar situation existed. The Roman Empire had imposed brutal taxation and robbed the landowners of all they possessed. The leaders of the Jewish religion in Jerusalem had largely colluded with their masters to benefit personally, and, in effect, joined in the persecution of their own people. And then came a man named John, called the Baptist. He became something of a sensation at that time. People were flocking from all over to hear his word of judgment, of God's consuming wrath, and of the need for a total conversion through baptism in the river Jordan. The movement launched by John became so popular, in fact, that the Romans became alarmed. Their fear was that the people would revolt. And so, as a result, the situation became explosive when King Herod decided John must be imprisoned so that all this great protest he was creating could be stopped once and for all. But it didn't stop John. Instead, from his prison he denounced Herod's decision to divorce his wife and to marry another. That then brings us to the person of Jesus, originally a follower of John to the point of being baptized by him. Jesus, however, went in a different direction from John — a direction based on his unique relationship with the God he called Abba, Father. Instead of emphasizing the wrath of God and the punishment soon to come, Jesus saw everything in the context of God's great, infinite mercy. In fact, Jesus introduced a whole new language about God. He agreed with John that the people needed conversion. But what he wanted people to see first was not the wrath of God so much as his incredible compassion for all. And so, Jesus began talking about something he called "the reign of God." He emphasized that God comes to us primarily as a saviour, a liberator. He replaced the Baptist's austere life in the desert with a lifestyle centered on meals open to everyone, meals in which he could invite people to celebrate this new possibility of total trust in a Father God. And then Jesus began doing something that John never did. He healed people whom no one else could heal; he soothed the pain of the "least of these" who lived on the margins of society; he blessed and embraced women and children. Everyone was invited to the feast of mercy. That's the background to this powerful story we hear in today's Gospel. John and his followers are beginning to wonder about Jesus. What is he doing? Jesus' response to all of this is very simple: "Go and tell John what you hear and see." The very hope that Isaiah the prophet spoke of in the first reading is coming true: The blind see; the deaf hear; the poor have a gospel of hope and love being preached to them. What he's telling John is this: A revolution has taken place. People are starting to live out a whole new understanding of who God is. Hopefully, this coming feast of Christmas will mark the birthing of that very same God of mercy and liberation in each of our hearts.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 21st
Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd
Masses
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th
Mass
5:00 p.m.

Christmas Carols
7:30 p.m.

Mass
8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
Mass
9:00 a.m.

Mass
11:00 a.m.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS



The Archdiocese has designated December 16-22 as the Advent Week of Confessions. Most churches throughout the city will offer several times for Confession on a specific day. Please visit www.archtoronto.org for more information. At St. Anselm, the Day of Confessions will be on Thursday, December 19th. Confession times will be:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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