

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

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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, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Shirley Rouleau

Requested by St. Anselm's Meditation Group

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Anne Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Jean Stovell

Requested by the Family



Group "A" casseroles (surnames A-M) are due this weekend.

Group "B" casseroles will be due the weekend of February 15/16. (Family Day Long Weekend)

*Please take a moment to send us an email or give us a call to update our records if your address changed in 2019. This will ensure your tax receipts reach you by mail next month. Thank you!*

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18-25

The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture reading in this service describes a perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the sometimes tempestuous journey Christians make together towards unity.

Visit [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca) for more information.

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9

All are welcome to a celebration of marriage in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins and held on **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Isaac Jogues (1148 Finch Ave.) in Pickering.

### Humanitarian Relief – Australia Fires

As you are aware, in recent weeks, hundreds of forest fires in Australia have killed dozens, destroyed thousands of homes and threatened many local species with extinction. At present, more than 10 million hectares of bush, forest and parks in the country have been impacted.

Locally, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, fondly known as Vinnies, has volunteers on the ground in hundreds of communities across the country helping people as they deal with the immediate aftermath of fires as well as the long-term recovery.

100 per cent of donations are used to support those who have been affected.

Members and volunteers live and work in the impacted communities and will stay alongside people affected for the many months and years ahead as they recover from these devastating fires.

Funds channeled through our Australian St. Vincent de Paul partners will provide:

- Emergency financial packages to families who have lost their homes or been impacted in other ways by the fires.
- Food, clothing, generators, household items, furniture, vouchers and other essential items.
- Direct support with crisis accommodation through our own services or making referrals onto a range of other organizations and specialized services.
- Much-needed emotional support and counselling.

**Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
- By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
St. Anselm – Australia Fires – Disaster Relief

Please use a humanitarian relief envelope. (yellow in colour, on the glass tables)

Our prayers are with the people of Australia as the country struggles to cope with this disaster. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to assist those in crisis.



St. Anselm's Ecology Group  
**Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis**  
**Laudato Si'**  
 Chapter Two  
 The Gospel of Creation

62. Why should this document, addressed to all people of good will, include a chapter dealing with the convictions of believers? I am well aware that in the areas of politics and philosophy there are those who firmly reject the idea of a Creator, or consider it irrelevant, and consequently dismiss as irrational the rich contribution which religions can make toward an integral ecology and the full development of humanity. Others view religions simply as a subculture to be tolerated. Nonetheless, science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both.

**I. The Light Offered by Faith**

63. Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realize that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality. Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality. If we are truly concerned to develop an ecology capable of remedying the damage we have done, no branch of the sciences and no form of wisdom can be left out, and that includes religion and the language particular to it. The Catholic Church is open to dialogue with philosophical thought; this has enabled her to produce various syntheses between faith and reason. The development of the Church's social teaching represents such a synthesis with regard to social issues; this teaching is called to be enriched by taking up new challenges.

**Pope Francis**

***Welcome to Ordinary Time...***

We're in Ordinary Time. Just the day-to-day, run-of-the-mill, practice-of-faith time, which, the church tells us, is the perfect time for transformation. It is the time to live into the realm of God by being God's reflection in the world. Today's readings call us to make such

unordinary tasks the essentials of Ordinary Time. Just before today's reading from Isaiah, Yahweh says that



a time of "absolute newness" has broken forth in history. What was this absolute newness? In part, Yahweh describes it as a time of knowing — and acting on — the difference between truth and idolatry; a time of not making things or people into gods. In today's reading, confident that God's people could come to know the difference between God and not-God, Yahweh says it is no longer enough to just be a faithful servant. What is required is for the people to be an actual reflection of God in the world. I have formed you in the womb for something more than servanthood, says Yahweh. You must reflect the great newness, the good news of Yahweh's participation in history. So are we adept enough yet at knowing the difference between God and not-God that we can reflect the absolute newness in which we live? Or do we still identify God with fortune and fame - prosperity and power? Or just simply with ourselves and our desires? Paul writes of the call to be holy. We might say "whole," but the task of being holy is the same: to be a fully human person in whom God can be fully God, and idols have no place. Surely we have heard this call before in our lives. But have we been light enough to reflect the truth of it in our behaviour, in our choices, in the way we deal with our day-to-day decisions? Does the call to reflect the holy in life affect how we earn and spend our money; how we respond when called upon to hate, or discriminate, or harm those who differ from us; to consume more, and more, and more? It is precisely because these idolatries have become so ordinary that the call to a lived holiness is so crucial. We need to hear, again and again, the call to live the "absolute newness" that Yahweh declared, and that Jesus enfleshed. It makes a difference in how and where we spend our time, our money, our energy, our faith and our power. How fitting that today, John's Gospel puts us on the scene at Jesus' baptism. We hear the Baptist's testimony. More importantly we see his humble recognition of the truth. His very own cousin Jesus is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. The one they'd all been waiting for. "I did not know him," says the Baptist, "I did not know him," until the Spirit came and hovered over him. We have seen this, this hovering spirit. We have each known people upon whom the Spirit rested. There is something in the way they handle life that is free, even when life itself is costly. They are reassuring even in the absence of certitude. They have come to terms with the riches as well as the limits of self and found a home for God in both. They know the difference between truth and idolatry and have built a life by choosing truth. It is as if even the Spirit does not want to leave their presence. For these tasks we have Ordinary Time, a time of absolute newness.

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