

# 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, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Shirley Rouleau

Requested by Lise Anglin

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Rachel and Andy Oh

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

The St. Anselm Prefects invite you to a **BAKE SALE** this Sunday (February 23<sup>rd</sup>). Stop by the Millwood lobby after the 9 and 11am Masses for some fresh treats and support the fundraising efforts of our parish youth group!



On Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be two opportunities to receive ashes:

8:15 a.m. – weekday morning Mass

7:00 p.m. – Mass

*Everyone Welcome!*

Mark your calendars! Hosted by the Women's Network, instructors Dorothy Brunelle and Barbara Laplante will be offering a creative card-making workshop on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am in the Griffin Room. All are welcome to attend.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES**  
Group "A" casseroles will be due March 21/22.

**PARISH PANCAKE SUPPER**



St. Anselm Parish's annual **PANCAKE SUPPER** is back! Join us on **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 – 7:30pm in the parish hall. Tickets are available after Masses this weekend

in hopes of determining approximate attendance. Tickets will also be available at the door. \$5/person or \$20/family.

**42nd Annual Concelebrated Mass in Honour of Saint Patrick**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia's Church

161 Annette Street, Toronto

(Corner of Pacific Avenue and Annette Street; 2 blocks west of Keele Street)

Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto. A reception will follow the Mass in the church hall, with refreshments and Irish entertainment provided by Michael Kelly and Irish dancers from the Johnson School of Dance.

**NORTHMOUNT SCHOOL FOR BOYS**

Toronto's only independent Catholic boys' elementary school (JK-8) invites you to their Open House on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:00am**. 26 Mallard Rd., Toronto. For more information or to RSVP, please call 416-449-8823, ext 114 or email [info@northmount.com](mailto:info@northmount.com)



St. Anselm's Ecology Group

**Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis**

**Laudato Si'**

Chapter Two

**The Gospel of Creation**

**II. The Wisdom of the Biblical Accounts**

68. This responsibility of God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world, for "he commanded and they were created; and he established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds and he set a law which cannot pass away" (Ps 148:5b-6). The laws found in the Bible dwell on relationships, not only among individuals but also with other living beings. "You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fallen down by the way and withhold your help....If you chance to come upon a bird's nest in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs and the mother sitting upon the young or upon the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the young" (Dt 22:4,6). Along these same lines, rest on the seventh day is meant not only for human beings, but also so "that your ox and your donkey may have rest" (Ex 23:12). Clearly, the Bible has no place for a tyrannical anthropocentrism unconcerned for other creatures.

**Pope Francis**

# Some Ideas For Lent

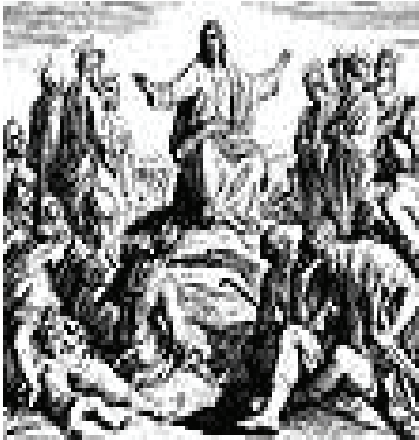
## The Lenten Journey...

What is turning our eyes from Christ? How can we give up on the old ways to prepare for a new life in Christ? What can we give up in order to become the holy men and women God calls us to be?

### WHAT TO GIVE UP . . .

- Give up complaining. . . . **focus on gratitude.**
- Give up pessimism. . . . **become an optimist.**
- Give up harsh judgments . . **think kindly thoughts.**
- Give up worry. . . . . **trust Divine Providence.**
- Give up discouragement. . . **be full of hope.**
- Give up bitterness. . . . . **turn to forgiveness.**
- Give up hatred. . . . . **return good for evil.**
- Give up negativism . . . . **be positive.**
- Give up anger. . . . . **be more patient.**
- Give up pettiness. . . . . **become mature.**
- Give up gloom. . . . . **enjoy the beauty around you**
- Give up jealousy. . . . . **pray for trust.**
- Give up gossiping. . . . . **control your tongue.**
- Give up sin. . . . . **turn to virtue.**
- Give up giving up. . . . . **hang in there!**

## The Call to Wholeness and Holiness



Today's Gospel is ... well, just impossible. Give to those who take from you. Turn the other cheek. Pray for those who mistreat you. Love your enemies. Forgive. What is especially hard

about all this is the notable lack of exceptions. "Love your enemies, except ... your parents who were really pretty bad at parenting; your sibling who is greedy and taking more than a fair share of your inheritance; your business partner who cheated you; your boss who didn't promote you; your best friend who betrayed you; your ex-spouse; your spouse; your child." In order to avoid forgiving someone we like to demonize them a little bit, secretly hoping they will do something unforgiveable. Some of us may be fortunate enough not to have close-to-home enemies.

When they hear this Gospel, they may think of the enemies of our nation. For some the enemy may be our current prime minister or mayor and for some it's those who voted for the other guy. For some the enemy is those who criticize the church; for others it's the bishop or pastor or usher or lector or simply the person who persists in sitting next to them every Sunday. For some it's black people or white people, rich people or poor people, refugees who are trying to get into our country or citizens who are trying to keep them out. Whoever it is, we tend to think that *my* enemy is the exception; that *my* hate is reasonable and not what Jesus was talking about. As Jesus asks, what challenge is there in loving those who love you? Actually, plenty, but we won't go there today. But to love our enemies! This must be divine teaching. Lent will begin in just 3 days on Ash Wednesday. If Lent is supposed to draw us deeper into God's life, then it must draw us into deeper loving. Today's readings call us to grow in our ability to love and provide us with a resounding tone for our Lenten journey this year. The first reading commands us to love our neighbour as ourselves and the psalm reminds us that God's love is revealed in God's kindness and mercy toward us. The second reading does not use the word love, but it speaks of the divine indwelling that communicates God's love to us and enables us to love others. The Gospel poses the biggest challenge as Jesus commands us to embrace those who would do us harm: Jesus' words stand as a constant challenge to continue to grow in our ability to love as God loves. But how are we to begin? If we have a hatred that's gnawing at us, perhaps it suggests our Lenten discipline. If we can't love our enemies, we can pray for the desire to love them. And as that first act of love, we can pray *for* them. However insincere it feels, our intention is good and our prayer will be heard. Who knows? If we stop clutching that grudge, if we surrender to doing the right thing, we might be led into love even if right now it's not where we want to go.

***For freedom of spirit, that God may unbind us from possessions, grudges and resentments so that we may be free to love and offer our gifts in service to others...***

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