

# 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

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Dear Parishioners – we are here for you. Email is being monitored regularly at [stanselparish@bellnet.ca](mailto:stanselparish@bellnet.ca) You may also leave us a voicemail message at 416-485-1792.**

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pet 3:15-18**

**Ps. 66**

**John 14:15-21**

***“Alleluia. Alleluia. All who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia.***

### **Overflowing Easter Joy**



As we near the end of the Easter season, the Lectionary focuses on how the risen life of Jesus is being extended as the church carries out its mission under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, wherever the Gospel is preached, the same signs and wonders occur that accompanied Jesus' ministry. Unclean spirits are driven out, people are healed and new converts receive the Holy

Spirit by the laying on of hands. The First Letter of Peter says that the joy of the Gospel was so evident in Christians that they were to be prepared to tell others who ask why they are so filled with hope. Imagine a parish where healings are a regular occurrence and people leave Sunday Mass glowing with excitement over what God is doing in their lives. This is what Jesus promised his followers in his final discourses: “If you love me you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father and he will you another Advocate to be with you forever.” The inner life of God, the Trinity, will appear within you and in your communities. Again, imagine the power flowing from a parish where everyone believes they are carrying the Trinity with them into the world. How well Jesuit composer John Foley captured this mystery with the words and music of his song “Dwelling Place.” Addressing each person of the Trinity in the verses, the chorus then prays:

***May Christ find a dwelling place of faith in our hearts.***

***May our lives be rooted in love, rooted in love.***

These Sundays after Easter provide a time to delve into the powerful theology of relationship from which all Christian activity flows. Before we can turn the energy of faith into good works, we must know God as well as we know the members of our own households. How challenging might that be in a modern home with members going in many directions, perhaps lost in their own media worlds or on different schedules? What would the presence of the Trinity bring into marriages that have stopped any real communication and taken up routines that isolate rather than unite? The indwelling of the Trinity is a dynamic force, the source and essence of all love. Think of three additional persons living in your home whose thoughts and feelings pervade family life, sharing meals and activities, bringing joy and purpose to daily conversation. The risen life promised by Christ at Easter appears within networks of relationships, where cooperation, reconciliation, unselfish sharing and real concern for one another reveals who we are. Jesus tells his disciples that the world will know there is something special about them when they love one another. If we remain in his love, God will be revealed to us and through us. More than any act of service or sacrifice we perform, this witness to the indwelling of God is the most effective way we can carry out our Christian vocations. If a person is in love, he or she cannot long hide it from others. If someone is filled with joy and hope, everyone will notice and ask about it. The philosopher Aristotle put it simply: “As a thing appears and acts, so it is.” Our essence is revealed in what we say and do, the way we carry our bodies and express our feelings. If we are angry or depressed, in doubt or confusion, this will be evident in our appearance and body language. But if we are overflowing with Easter joy, the world will notice and want to share what we have to offer. The challenge we face in this particular Easter season is one that none of us have ever faced before. Have we been able to find in isolation a renewed sense of family and ability to learn new communication skills between parents and children and between husbands and wives? Have we reached out to those who are in

need or offered an elderly neighbour a helping hand with groceries and prescriptions? Have we taken the time to reflect on our relationship with God and taken the time to listen to what he has to tell us in the Sunday readings? It is not too late. For most of us, this doing nothing to accomplish something is what we have been doing for the past two months and it is working to flatten the curve. Let us remember Easter joy and truly become the people of hope and trust that our God walks with us and within us. Alleluia!

Let us pray...

***For all our beloved dead, especially those who have died as a result of Covid 19, that they may know the refreshment, rest, and peace of God's heavenly kingdom...for the mind of Christ...We pray...***

***For all who are grieving the death of a loved one, that they may find hope and peace in Christ who is the resurrection and life for all who believe...for the mind of Christ...We pray...***

***For the sick, especially for all those suffering from Covid 19, that God may surround them with his compassion and healing love...for the mind of Christ...We pray...***

***For all who work to restore life and bring healing, especially for those serving Covid 19 patients, that God may guide them as they journey with those in pain and preserve them from harm... for the mind of Christ...We pray...***

***For government leaders, that God may give them insight and courage as they develop plans to preserve the health and safety of society and to reopen the economy...for the mind of Christ...We pray...***

**GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE**  
**PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM**

Thank you to all our faithful casserole chefs who have contacted us asking about casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge. At this time, we ask that you do not prepare casseroles for the program as they are not being collected from parishes.

Our building (office, church, basement) remains closed and we cannot collect or retrieve casseroles that are dropped off. Furthermore, the Good Shepherd Refuge has suspended serving the communal meals that come from these casseroles due to the current health situation. Instead, they have been serving "boxed lunch" type meals with single serve foods such as granola bars. The Good Shepherd may still be accepting donations delivered directly to them – should you wish, please call them directly at 416-869-3619 to inquire about what they are able to accept and which items are most needed.

We look forward to the day when we can resume this parish ministry safely. Until then, thank you for keeping your vital role in the provide-a-meal program in your mind and close to your heart.

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