

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

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners – we are here for you. Email is being monitored regularly at stanselparish@bellnet.ca You may also leave us a voicemail message at 416-485-1792. The parish office remains closed for the time being unless by appointment.



Just a reminder – currently there are limits to the number of people we can have in the church at one time. We ask that, wherever possible, parishioners aged 65 and over attend the Saturday 5pm Mass, while those with surnames beginning with A-L attend Sunday 9am and those with surnames from M-Z attend Sunday 11am. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28 2020

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Psalms 89

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.



The sayings we hear today come at the end of Jesus' instructions to the disciples as they were about to set off on their first mission. That context suggests that Jesus wanted to shake the disciples into asking themselves, "Am I ready for this?" They needed to really understand that this was not just an adventure or sales trip, not even another round of "follow the leader." They were about to go out on their own to share what they believed was the ultimate good news. Were they really dedicated enough to communicate the Gospel message?

Today's selection from Matthew's Gospel begins with three statements that warn Jesus' would-be followers about the cost of discipleship in relation to their sense of identity, their willingness to face suffering, and the gift of their very lives. When Jesus talks about loving him more than their fathers or mothers, sons or daughters, he's entering into the apostles' religious identity, not just their family life. In Jesus' religious culture people were very aware of being the children of Abraham, of being from a particular tribe or clan or town. Their ancestral heritage was the core of their identity. Respect for tradition was an essential element of their own self-

respect. We recall that when the prodigal son went off to spend his inheritance, it wasn't just a case of a rebellious teenager who made a bad name for himself; he disgraced his father and heritage. When Jesus demanded that disciples love him over their parents, he called the disciples to be ready to let go of their tradition, of their very identity, in order to fulfill his mission to them. It was that important!

Following that, Jesus didn't simply ask the disciples to be more committed to him than to their family and traditions; he demanded that they trust him as their future as well. At that time, children were people's hope for the future. In a faith tradition that was uncertain about an afterlife, people knew that they somehow lived on in their descendants. To be childless was tantamount to being cursed, seemingly deemed unworthy of continued existence. One's children were visible blessing and promise, as important as wealth, and the only real social security system known to the culture. Thus, to value Jesus over children was to stake your future on him, to say that only with his cause did you have a future and, only through him could you make your mark on history. By demanding that apostles be faithful to him over their ancestors and descendants, Jesus was telling them that their entire identity had to be centered on him or else they were not his disciples. Jesus' other two demands say the same thing as the first using different and equally challenging examples. The image of taking up the cross indicated that the apostles had to be willing to share his fate — in life, death and new life. Finally, both the theme of identity and the inevitability of the cross described losing one's own life for Jesus' sake and finding it again in an entirely new and unimaginable way.

These sayings were part of the instructions he gave the ones he had chosen to send on the road in his name. The idea that the demands may not have applied to everyone in exactly the same way is implied by what Jesus says next about those who welcome the evangelizers. The itinerant ministers are so identified with Christ that receiving them is the same as receiving Christ himself. Of course, giving someone hospitality is an act of solidarity that identifies the householder with the guest. It is an implicit sign of approval in the same way that eating together signifies a bond of communion. In the end, nobody gets off the hook. Some will give up everything and take to the road in the name of Jesus. Others give Jesus' representatives a place in their home and life. But, in the end, they all must decide if they are fully with him or have no part of him. There is no middle ground. This gospel calls all of us as a community of faith to the mission he set out for his disciples. Jesus

challenged his disciples and through their example, all followers of the Christ, to live out the gospel message with love and dedication and commitment to show that love to the world in all that we do and all that we say. As Christians, our love of mother, father, sons, daughters, friends and lovers can lead us to broaden our focus to become ever more worthy and ever more ready to love without limit so that we truly become his messengers in the world right here and right now. Are you ready?

Let us pray that all invited by Christ to follow him may hear and respond to his call.

For the grace to live the Gospel, that we may love God with our whole heart and strength and learn to love everyone in our lives as God loves them...We pray...

For all who are called to prophetic ministry, that they may bring forth words of truth from their prayer and speak those words effectively so that the powerful may be disquieted and the poor and suffering may find hope...We pray...

For all of our children, that God may guide them through the challenges and confusion of these days and help them grow to their fullest potential...We pray...

For all who are ill and those who care for them, that God may send healing to the sick, strength and wisdom to those who care for them and inspiration to those researching treatments and vaccines for Covid 19...We pray...

For those who have died, that God may welcome them into the heavenly banquet in the company of all the saints... We pray...

Guidelines for Coming To Church: *Please follow these steps to help us welcome you in a safe and healthy manner so that we may offer praise and glory to God in the celebration of Mass.*

1. Take your temperature: if you or anyone in your house has a fever, stay home.
2. If you have cold symptoms - cough, runny nose or sore throat, stay home.
3. If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid 19, stay home.
4. Wear a mask
5. Respect physical distancing

6. Follow Instructions at all times

Note: Until further notice, please refrain from singing. There will be one cantor who will be singing one verse for hymns at the Opening (entrance), Offertory, Communion and Recessional. Singing of the assembly increases the risk of spreading droplets further than quiet speaking voices, particularly in an indoor setting. These measures are being taken to protect all of us who have gathered to offer praise and glory to the Lord and are in accordance with all health recommendations for safe gathering.

Staying Home

If you have been staying at home and still feel that it is unsafe for you to come to church, it is perfectly acceptable and wise for you to stay home. The Archbishop has lifted Sunday obligation for those who do not feel well or for those who are vulnerable. You may continue to watch the Mass on TV or livestream on your computers. Go to www.archtoronto.org/covid19 for further information.

Celebration of Sacraments

First Communion and Confirmation

At the present time, we are unable to celebrate First Eucharist and Confirmation. When larger gatherings are permitted, communication will be shared with parishes regarding these sacraments.

Weddings and Funerals

As of Saturday June 13, indoor weddings and funerals may be celebrated with approximately 30 percent of venue seating (**86 is our number at St. Anselm's**) as long as physical distancing is practiced by everyone except those who are from the same household or from their established 10- person social circle. All other protocols are in effect –temperatures must be taken before coming to the church and if you or anyone in your house registers a fever, stay home; if you have cold symptoms, stay home; wear a mask when in the church; follow all instructions. These measures are meant to control the spread of Covid 19 and help us to protect each other. Please contact the parish for further information or clarification. .

Note: For those looking to hold a reception, attendance remains at 10. The parish hall remains closed for both weddings and funerals until further notice.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with greeting and seating parishioners. If you are under 65 and in good health, please contact us and we will train you as to how to proceed safely in this time.

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