

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.

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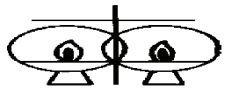
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 14th – Mary O'Carroll

Wednesday, July 15th – Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwssen Families

Thursday, July 16th – Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Friday, July 17th – Freeman D'Silva

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12 2020

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23

Psalms 65 Matthew 13:1-23

“The seed that fell on good soil produced a hundredfold.”

A Word about Parables...



Would it surprise you to learn that there are over 50 parables in the Gospels? Matthew collects a number of them in Chapter 13 and we explore some over the next few weeks: the parable of the sower, the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, the yeast, the treasure, and the pearl of great value to name a few. Jesus told stories to his disciples and to the crowds to shed light on the mystery of the kingdom of God. Parables convey a depth of meaning that cannot be reached by conceptual language. The most effective way to let Jesus speak to our hearts through a parable is to get into the parable itself and let it challenge us. Why were parables so important, and what do they reveal about Jesus and his message? First of all, scholars tell us that the parables offer the clearest glimpse we have into the mind of Jesus, a

master storyteller. Because these sayings come before the post resurrection theologies that shaped the four Gospels, to grasp their meaning and intent is to meet Jesus beneath the multiple layers of interpretation that became the faith of the church. To the extent that we can uncover the Jesus of history, we also come face to face with the person the apostles remembered and preached as a man and then as the Christ of faith. Another key to understanding the parables is that along with their content, these stories were Jesus' way of teaching us how to see both the surface and the depth of life. He wanted us to see what he saw and the way he saw. Jesus was constantly seeing God in all things. The parables reveal Jesus' own experience of God. The parables invite us into his intimate relationship with God. The good news is that we are not saved by achieving something or getting somewhere but by knowing Someone. What saves us is our relationship with God. Jesus' parables were his stories about God. Once we learn to see as Jesus did, we discover God revealed in the narrative of our own daily experiences and especially in our relationships. To the eyes of faith, God the Creator is speaking in the patterns of nature: the sky, the weather, the seasons, the beauty of wildflowers and the birds of the air, in the cycles of planting and harvesting. With faith we see God active in the dramas of ordinary life, in family relationships and in our friendships, even in failure and pain, when conversion opens us to deeper life and shows us how to live as God lives. The parable of the treasure (Matt 13:44) captures this invitation: “The kingdom of God is like a treasure buried in a field which someone finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field”. Finding a treasure hidden right under our feet changes everything. But we must act decisively. Go, joyfully sell everything you have and buy that field. Pay any price. Claim that treasure before all else! The invitation comes at different levels for different people. Some in the crowd heard just an entertaining treasure story. Some heard a wisdom saying about being alert to opportunity. But others knew in their hearts that Jesus was himself the treasure of God, and they decided in that moment to leave behind everything to follow him. They discovered that being with Jesus brings every other good: Finding the parables in our own lives extends

this invitation to us. Treasures wait to be discovered. Our lives are like fields in which the kingdom of God waits to be uncovered. The parable of the sower, one of this week's parables, is about the good seed God sows in our lives that sprouts and multiplies wherever it finds receptive ground. It is not always simple or easy. There are other competing stories in our world that do not give life, but instead keep people from relationships of trust. The pervasive message of consumer culture takes root in our consciousness and produces a harvest of discontent until we purchase the many products that promise happiness. Life is complex and the results often mixed. Once we learn to see God all around us, parables never cease. Jesus tells so many parables about getting started, however tentatively. Even the tiny mustard seed will produce a large shrub, giving shade and a home to the birds. A small amount of yeast hidden in dough produces enough bread to feed a village. Persistence pays off. The seeker with an eye for quality and the patience to search until he finds it will claim the pearl of great price. Discernment helps us sort through life's random experiences to spot what is of value. Like the fisherman who casts his net out into the deep, we will find treasures among the flotsam and jetsam. Wisdom prepares us for every kind of outcome. Other parables teach us that God comes to us in paradox and reversal, where loss is gain. Listen carefully to the message God is revealing over the next few weeks and take the parables to heart. What is God calling you to do? Are you listening? .

Being Safe - Coming to Church please

- 1. Take your temperature**
- 2. Check for cold symptoms**
- 3. Check for exposure to Covid 19**
- 4. Wear a mask**
- 5. Respect physical distancing**
- 6. Follow Instructions**

Note: Until further notice, please refrain from singing at all times. 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.

Parish Volunteer Screening



The parish community of St. Anselm has been blessed with volunteers who have given of their time and talents to strengthen this community of faith through their care, compassion and ongoing support.

The many faces of ministry work undertaken by our volunteers assist the pastor and the parish staff to make this parish home. In the year 2000, the Archdiocese of Toronto introduced a screening program for all of its parishes and mandated each parish to begin following its guidelines and its request to keep records for every minister who operates either on or off parish property.

The main responsibility of this screening policy is to provide a safe and caring community that ensures the protection and safety of everyone. All information is confidentially treated, so that privacy concerns are respected. Each screened participant is asked to read the policies and procedures manual. Screening is a mandatory requirement, even for those who have served for many years, and is not limited to those working with children or seniors. The protection and safety of volunteers and of all those that they serve are the driving forces behind this initiative.

Due to the time available right now, our parish volunteer coordinator Elizabeth Shergold is busy contacting people to begin updating old information and adding those who were never screened at all. Any questions may be directed to Elizabeth at screeningstanselm@gmail.com Please cooperate with requests and know that this is one more way that we are protecting you. Thank you for all that you do for your parish family.

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