

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

182 Bessborough Drive

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Mass  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

William Blackwell

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, September 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Escallon

Requested by the Family

Thursday, September 24th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, September 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Foo See Foy

Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

Daniel McPhee is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on October 3rd, 2020 at St. Michael's Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Part of Dan's diaconal ministry will be here at St. Anselm's.

ShareLife and other charities that the Archdiocese supports are still happy to receive any donation you may wish to give to support their good work. If you have envelopes in your weekly offering box or PAG bundle, you may still make a donation to those charities through the offertory basket at the end of Mass or by mailing it to the parish office.

We remain under capacity restrictions for indoor gatherings at this time.

We ask that, whenever possible, parishioners 65+ attend on Saturdays at 5pm.

On Sundays, parishioners with surnames beginning with A-L please attend the 9am and surnames M-Z attend the 11am. Thank you.

SUNNYBROOK SPEAKER SERIES

COVID-19: From Prevention to Recovery

You are invited to a virtual evening talk on Covid-19 on Monday, September 21st from 6:30-8:30pm. Topics will include best steps and latest knowledge about prevention, rehabilitation strategies and managing stress and practicing mindfulness. This lecture will only be accessible online at sunnybrook.ca/speakerseries

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Important Announcement for parents with children currently registered in Grade 2 who would be planning to celebrate Reconciliation and First Communion in the parish community of St. Anselm's.

Due to Covid 19 and continuing restrictions placed on large gatherings as well as health and safety measures implemented to keep all of us safe, our communication will continue via email, the parish website and the school website for notification of details surrounding preparation for these sacraments. These notices apply to all who consider this parish the one where they come to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist in normal times. Moving forward, preparation will take place remotely and suitable resources have been sourced in order for parents to help their children at home. It will be critical for you to pay close attention to details as they are provided. Updates will be posted in the bulletin and can be found in the bulletin library at stanselmsto.archtoronto.org The parish email is office@stanselmschurch.com.

Parish Preparation has been suspended for the time being. Children currently in the Grade 2 program are invited to participate in the parish preparation program offered remotely and described in the announcement above.

Confirmation

Young people who were prepared to celebrate Confirmation last year will be celebrating this sacrament once the Archdiocese has released instructions on when and how we can proceed with your celebrations. It is important that the integrity of the sacrament be maintained in a safe manner for both the presider and the candidates.

For those who are currently entering Grade 7, a program that can be completed remotely is currently being adapted to your needs and will be available as soon as it is ready. This program will be available to all who currently attend St. Anselm's parish in normal times. **Young people currently in the Grade 7 parish preparation program are included in this announcement.**

Isa 55:6-9

Ps 145

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Matt 20:1-16

Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

***“Are you envious because I am generous?”
(Matt 20:16)***



An honest answer to the above question asked by the landowner at the end of this Gospel story is an impassioned “You bet I am.” The reason is simple: It’s not fair. Why should those who

are hired at the end of the day receive the same wage as those who have toiled from the beginning? It’s not fair. But, when you stop to think about it, is this “prodigal employer” story really all that different from Luke’s incomparable “prodigal son” story? The only real difference is that in Luke’s parable, it’s the elder son who angrily complains. And his envious criticism is the very same one we hear in today’s Gospel: It’s not fair. The point to both of these stories is identical: God’s unfathomable, immeasurable generosity! In the one, the main character is the father. Here it’s the landowner. Both represent the gracious Mystery that we call God. The landowner in the story we heard today is confronting the workers and each of us, with our own limited understanding of who God really is and how radical his love for each of us can be. He is inviting each one of us to consider carefully the core values that represent the true nature of God: generosity, mercy and love. But beyond that, this Gospel today challenges our eyesight — our angle of vision. Both tell us that there is another way of looking at things. We need to see differently. Perhaps the best way to do that is to start looking from the perspective of being at the back of the line, instead of at the front. From this vantage point, we begin to see something that we’ve been missing when we’re up front and blinded by our own self-righteousness. From the back, we get the opportunity to see the very best way to know how infinitely gracious our God is by watching his generosity being poured out on others, especially the wretched of this world. Standing up front, we smugly think of ourselves as the ones who are owed, the ones who have earned

the prize. But when we stand in the back, we can start to understand, as the first reading reminds us, that “your ways are not my ways, says the Lord.” Then we begin to get a glimmer of what God’s way is. The more he lavishly pours his generosity out on others, the more we slowly start to let go of envy. We begin to experience that process of replacing our smallness with the gigantic spirit of God’s radical grace! And it all starts with a simple question: “Are you envious because I am generous?” The question lurking underneath this parable is, “What is just?” The disgruntled workers, who were fortunate enough to spend the whole day employed and certain that they and their families would eat that day, ended up thinking that they deserved more than others. It never occurred to them that they had already gotten it. Apparently, the lord thought that justice had more to do with what someone needs to survive than with the luck of landing a good job.

Nearly 2,000 years after Jesus shared this parable, St. John Paul II applied its principles to conditions of the third millennium. He said: “The globalized economy must be analyzed in the light of the principles of social justice, respecting the preferential option for the poor who must be allowed to take their place in such an economy” (“The Church in America,” #55). Today’s vineyard is a globalized economy which means that the demands of justice and responsibility for the common good now know no national, ethnic or religious boundaries. Seeing things from the perspective of the vineyard owner, John Paul II teaches that in that world-wide economy, human needs trump profits. He went on to say: “the goal of the Church is to assure that no one is marginalized” (#58). That is quite a different perspective than one which, for whatever reason, asserts “I deserve more than those others!” “God’s ways are not our ways. Think about it. Isaiah got it right. How does this parable speak to us today in a globalized world seized by a pandemic? Think carefully before you answer the question. Just what are we called to do?

For an end to the pandemic that God may deliver the human race from the coronavirus, heal those who are ill and inspire those who are developing and testing safe treatments and vaccines... We pray...

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