

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 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, September 30th, 8:15 a.m.

Fred Kirvan

Requested by the Pliska Family

Thursday, October 1st, 8:15 a.m.

Josephine Rohe

Requested by Her Sisters

Friday, October 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

Dorothy Brunelle

Requested by Theresa Ryan

ST. ANSELM'S CHOIR INVITES YOU...

to view a beautiful video created as a message to our dear parishioners. Please visit the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/8bXhrVbi0To>

This video was three months in the making! The choir members look forward to the day when they will be able to sing inside the church once again. Until then, they hope you will enjoy this special video made for you.

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.

Immediate Action Required:

Dear Parents of Grade 2 students residing in our parish boundary:

Due to restrictions imposed on us for health and safety reasons and respecting our abilities to hold limited in person meetings at this time, all communication regarding sacraments is proceeding online and by phone. Your child will be preparing this year to celebrate two sacraments – Reconciliation and First Eucharist. In order to provide you with additional information and a proper registration form, please understand that we require the following information **by email** to office@stanselmschurch.com by September 29th:

Please include the following: (Typing or legible printing only please)

Your name:

Your child's name:

Grade:

Your phone number:

Your email address:

(must be an email you regularly check)

Please be aware that, once we receive the information above, registration will be sent to those children who attend St. Anselm's Parish for the Sunday Eucharist in normal times – pre-pandemic. If you usually attend another Catholic parish, *please contact them to find out what they are doing* in preparation for Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

If your child has not been baptized or has been baptized in another faith tradition, this preparation process will not be the right one for them; they will be delayed until regular preparation processes can be established post pandemic. You will receive further information via email from the office along with an official registration form once we receive your preliminary email. These documents, along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. Anselm's, will be required by return email.

If you have questions, please contact either myself or Barrig in the office at 416-485-1792.

Thomas G. Moore (Rev), Pastor

5km walk in support of St Clare Inn on October 17th!
Check out <http://www.stclareinn.com/> for more information or to register.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
BUNDLE SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3 & 4

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in our lot **NEXT WEEKEND, October 3/4**. Sought-after items include clothing, winter apparel, gently used bedding and towels. The truck cannot accept soiled or tattered material, appliances, furniture, books, mattresses, dishes, construction materials or videotapes.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving is around the corner and this year the Good Shepherd needs our help more than ever. Our parish casserole program (which provided upwards of 50 casseroles a month to the Provide-A-Meal initiative) was regrettably put on hold in March because of the pandemic. We have yet to resume accepting casseroles but hope to do so in the near future.

Should you wish to support the food drive and help the Good Shepherd to replenish their depleted pantry shelves, there is a box in the Millwood lobby to receive your donation of non-perishable food items such as dry pasta, rice, canned tuna, peanut butter etc. You can learn more or make a monetary contribution by visiting www.goodshepherd.ca Thank you for your generosity.

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ps 25

Phil 2:1-11

Matt 21:28-32

Alleluia. Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

OUR WAY HOME



In our First Reading today, Ezekiel is demanding that his people adapt to the unique environment of forgiveness Yahweh has created, an environment in which they're not only permitted to change; they're invited and

expected to change. In the Gospels, Jesus creates such an environment for the "sinners" he encounters. Notice where Matthew positions today's well-known passage about the two sons: It takes place on the day after Jesus' Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem and his "cleansing" of the temple. It's easy to misunderstand the original significance of the temple passage. Many of us believe this visiting carpenter from Capernaum is simply condemning some greedy temple merchants for cheating people during their transactions. We could get by with that interpretation if it weren't for the quote from Jeremiah 7:11 about the "den of thieves" Jesus cites to

defend his actions. Jeremiah wasn't concerned with sixth-century B.C.E. moneychangers and animal sellers when he condemned temple worshipers for turning the temple into a "den of thieves" instead of making it a "house of prayer." In his confrontation with Jewish leaders, the prophet doesn't mean the den is the place where thieves *do* their thieving; it's the place where they go *after* their thieving in order to find security. "Here you are," the prophet declared, "trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Ba'al, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say: 'We are safe! – only to go on doing all these abominations?' " They think their bad relations with God and other people can easily be taken care of by just visiting the temple and going through the prescribed rituals.

Like Jeremiah, Jesus perceives that for many of his fellow religious Jews, faith in Yahweh has dwindled down to a simple process of going to the temple, obtaining God's ritual forgiveness for their actions, then going out and repeating the process over and over again. For such people, Judaism has simply become a security blanket instead of being the force that drives them out to form the relationships Yahweh expects them to form. Catholic use of frequent confession without a firm purpose of amendment repeats this same delusion. It's against the background of such a misdirected faith that we hear today's story of the two sons. For Matthew's Jesus, true faith isn't about finding the religious loopholes that permit us to go on sinning; it's about creating an environment in which we and other sinners can change our life's direction. Imitating the son who originally told his father, "I will not!" but eventually thought better of it and went to work in the family vineyard, some of the tax collectors and prostitutes Jesus encounters are changing their lifestyles and "entering the kingdom of God." Unlike many of their religious contemporaries, they're taking Jesus' message seriously and are starting to discern Yahweh working effectively in their daily lives: a basic change in their faith experience. Without sensing the freeing forgiveness Jesus offered for their former way of life, such a transformation would have been unthinkable. Jesus tells his disciples, and us: "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it". The parable of the two sons teaches hope. Even if we are late in realizing it, doing God's will is the way forward. It is our way home.

*For the grace of conversion, that we may not merely speak of God's ways but live as faithful and dedicated disciples... **We pray...***

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