

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

Barrig Hayward, Administrative Assistant

Goody Cabral, Music Director & Cantor

Aloysius Chan, Organist

## 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

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243

## Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Roch Valeriote

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Maxheleau Family

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

### **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.

*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.*

5km walk in support of St Clare Inn on October 17<sup>th</sup>!

Check out <http://www.stclareinn.com/> for more information or to register.

### **VOCATIONS**

Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

### **ST. ANSELM'S PARISH PREFECTS**

**2020-2021**

The Prefect program will be continuing this year with socially distanced meetings and events in light of COVID-19. We will be holding monthly meetings via Google Hangouts. Prefects is a great opportunity for youth(13+) to volunteer in the community and connect with other St. Anselm youth!

For more information, and to join the group please contact Kate Mader and Sophia van Run at [stanselmsprefects@gmail.com](mailto:stanselmsprefects@gmail.com).

### **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

#### **BUNDLE SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND!**

The St. Vincent de Paul truck is here this weekend. 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](http://www.goodshepherd.ca) Thank you for your generosity.

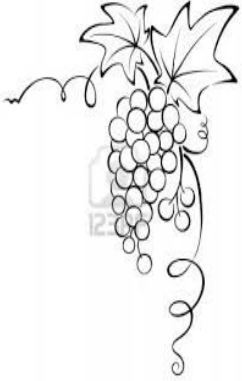
We remain under capacity restrictions for indoor gatherings at this time.

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.

Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80

Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43

**THE CORNERSTONE**

Imagine that you are there with those who have gathered near the terraced foothills on the outskirts of Jerusalem listening to the prophet Isaiah in the First Reading. It is time to harvest the grapes, and the owner of the vineyard has joined the workers to celebrate the harvest. Spirits are high because the harvest is plentiful. Some have already begun to crush the grapes. Suddenly, a

singer begins to entertain; his ballad is sweet, like the fully ripened grapes. But then his words turn sour as he sings of the infidelity that has strained Israel's relationship with God. Using imagery that was very familiar to his people, Isaiah described the loving care that God, the vineyard owner, had lavished upon the vineyard, Judah. He sang of the tower and a winepress and the clearing of stones. Towers were typically erected by vineyard owners so they could oversee and protect their vineyards from thieves — the two-legged, four-legged and winged types. Many vintners even camped out in their vineyards for the duration of the harvest. All this, God had done for Israel, but when harvest time came, God's expectations were dashed. As with Isaiah and his love song in the first reading, Jesus' parable was intended to touch the hearts of those who listened in order to move them toward repentance and the experience of God's forgiveness. But this parable also reflects the hand of Matthew as he sought to adapt Jesus' story to his own community in the 80s C.E. Mark and Luke also recorded this story, but Matthew's adaptation is an allegoric reprimand — not only against the rejection Jesus experienced during his ministry, but also against the rejection that the church of the 80s was suffering. Having been ousted from the synagogue in the mid-80s, Jewish Christians were thereafter subject to Roman oppression; they were no longer tolerated by Rome, as Judaism was. Notice that Jesus began by quoting Isaiah's love song, which featured a vineyard, a favored metaphor for speaking about Israel. The vineyard represented the people, so the tenants or caretakers would have been the chief priests and elders, the very ones to whom the parable was being addressed. The idea that it was vintage time conjured up the great harvest of humankind, which was associated with the coming of the messiah who was, indeed, present in Jesus. Those

listening to Matthew's adaptation of Jesus' parable would have been aware that the servants who were sent represented the prophets who had been mistreated and even put to death for speaking God's truth to an unwilling people. Thus, it follows that the son of the vineyard's owner was Jesus. Notice that Matthew alludes to the manner of Jesus' death in saying that "they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him". As Mark told the parable, he had the son being killed and dragged out of the vineyard. Matthew reversed that order to reflect the fact that Jesus was crucified outside the city. Further clarification of Matthew's message came in response to Jesus' question, "Do you never read the Scriptures?" Imagine the reaction of those chief priests and elders, or anyone, who prided themselves on their thorough knowledge of the sacred texts! Jesus went on to quote Psalm 118, which tells of the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone. Although Jesus was a stumbling block for many in Israel, he became, nevertheless, the cornerstone or foundation stone of a community of living stones who continue to rely on him for life, for solidarity and for grace. God provides the vineyard of our lives. God provides the tools, the wisdom, the circumstances and the strength to bring fruit out of this vineyard. All together we might call this "grace." What we provide, and only we can provide, is the "will" to do what needs to be done to bear good fruit — the will to work in the vineyard every day. It may be that we get distracted by what we lack. We may think we need better tools — to be smarter, to have more money, even a different vineyard. But if we remember that all is from God and that we have what we need to make of our life a fruitful paradise, then we will be judged worthy tenants. And we will have understood this teaching of Jesus. This parable, coming as it does as our numbers are rising and we have entered into the second wave of this pandemic, challenges each one of us to discover just what we can do to live out the message we take with us into the week ahead. How can I work in the vineyard? What is God calling me to do this week? The answer will be different for each one of us. Let us pray today for the grace to discover the answer.

***For the church, that God may stir up the Spirit who has been given to each of us and embolden us to love without expectation and to forgive without condition...***

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