

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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*Give thanks to the Lord for  
His many Blessings  
On Thanksgiving*

## Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Mark Poole

Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Dorothy Brunelle

Requested by Barbara Laplante

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

Fred Kirvan

Requested by Shelagh Kirvan

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Filippi Family

## Thanksgiving

**Isa 25:6-10**

**Phil 4:12-14, 19-20**

**Ps 23**

**Matt 22:1-14**

### Let Us Be Glad and Rejoice...



This week's Gospel is yet another parable being addressed by Jesus to the chief priests and elders, inviting them to accept that the kingdom of heaven has become present in him. As invited guests, they were to come and be fed by Jesus' words. However, it was their prerogative to attend or not. This

parable also vindicates Jesus' pastoral manner. It was his custom to reach out to those whom the righteous discounted as unworthy of God or salvation. In Jesus' parable, it is these poor ones who were the second to be invited yet were the ones to accept the invitation. When Matthew adapted Jesus' parable for his community in the 80s C.E., he did so with a free hand in order to drive his message home. The first guests invited to the feast represent the chosen people. Careful readers will realize that Matthew has deviated from Luke's recording of this parable, changing a man's private dinner party to a wedding feast given by a king for his son. According to Jewish tradition, the day of the Lord would be celebrated as a great feast given by God (the King) for all those who would let themselves be gathered unto him. Matthew's adaptation suggests that those first invited not only turned down a great feast, but also the gift of salvation revealed in Jesus.

As in last Sunday's Gospel, the first group of servants represented the prophets whose voices went unheeded. The second group of servants represented the disciples of Jesus whose initial mission began with the Jews. The unlikely reaction of the king, in sending his troops and destroying the city, was probably an allusion to the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 C.E. This gruesome

#### **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.*

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.

detail seems to insinuate that Judah had received its "just desserts" for its repeated rejection of Jesus. While this is obviously untrue, this notion was prevalent in the early decades of the church and is hinted at in the Gospel. To underscore the universality of the church and its call to salvation, the king in this parable orders his servants to "Invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." As a result, the hall was filled with guests, "both good and bad."

Just in case you think that the kingdom has no rules or requisites, Matthew added the second parable about one of the guests lacking a wedding garment. Initially, the king's harshness may insult our sensibilities. How could a person who just came in from the street be expected to be dressed appropriately? But, we must remember that the evangelist was in allegorical mode; the wedding feast represented the kingdom of heaven, and the garment required by all is the willingness to embrace and live according to the Gospel. When questioned about his lack of proper attire, the guest had nothing to say. He accepted the invitation to salvation, but he did not conform his life to the Gospel. For his choices, he suffered the consequences. His presence in Matthew's Gospel challenges each of us to recognize God's call and to do all we can to live as God's own, each day, in every way. We are made by him to be fed till full on the very best, the most rich and juicy of all. The Lord himself will provide it for us in heaven, in the wedding supper of the Lamb. But, in this life too, the Lord feeds us with the best, himself, in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. There is no choicer wine or richer food. And so, as the First Reading today tells us, we are not commanded to a life of grimness. We are called to joy. "Lo, this is our God."

#### **We Pray...A Prayer of Thanksgiving**



*We give thanks for the food we will eat today...for your blessing on those who are hungry ... We give thanks for our homes...for your blessing on those who are without safe*

*and comfortable shelter ...*

*We give thanks for our country...for your blessing on those who are refugees ...*

*We give thanks for our safety...for your blessing on those in harm's way...,*

*We give thanks for our health...for your blessing on those who are living with illness and pain ...  
We give thanks for companionship...for your blessing on those who are lonely ...  
We give thanks for all that fills our lives with joy...for your blessing on those who are sorrowing  
We remember and pray in thanksgiving for those who have died...*

#### **WALK TO SUPPORT ST. CLARE INN**

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.

#### **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).

**CHECK IT OUT!** Our parish is on TWITTER.  
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Last weekend, Daniel McPhee was ordained a permanent deacon at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. We are pleased to welcome him to our pastoral team. Congratulations, Deacon Dan!

#### **IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?**

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email address? At this time, it is more important than ever that we be able to contact our parishioners. If you're unsure about how up-to-date your contact information is with us, please do not hesitate to reach us at 416-485-1792 or email us an update at [office@stanselmchurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmchurch.com)

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