

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, October 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by Jan Melchers and Family

Wednesday, October 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Josephine Rohe

Requested by Her Sisters

Thursday, October 29th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, October 30th, 8:15 a.m.

In Sook Kwan

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

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.

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 stanselmprefects@gmail.com.

Cold and flu season is upon us, on top of the current second wave of the pandemic. Should you experience symptoms of any kind, we ask that you stay home and take the proper precautions. Please do not come to church to attend Mass with a fever, severe cough etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFIRMATION 2021

Grade 7 Parents and Students in Grade 7, including St. Anselm's School, Public and Private Schools who celebrate Eucharist at St. Anselm's Parish. Immediate Action Required: Dear Parents of Grade 7 students,

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 the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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 the **latest date of November 2 2020**.

Please include the following:

Your name:

Your child's name:

Grade:

Your phone Number:

First Eucharist yes ☐ no ☐

Your Email Address:

(must be an email you regularly check)

Church of Baptism:

Once we receive this information from you, registration will be sent for those young people 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 Confirmation. If your child has not been baptized, has been baptized in another faith tradition or has not yet celebrated First Communion, this preparation process will not be the right one for them; they will be delayed until regular preparation processes can be established post pandemic. For all others, you will receive further information via email from the office along with an official registration form. This form, along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at St. Anselm's, will be required by return email at office@stanselmschurch.com
Latest date: Nov. 2 2020

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

Thomas G. Moore (Rev), Pastor

Barrig Hayward, Administrative Assistant

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Exod 22:20-26
Ps 18

1 Thess 1:5c-10
Matt 22:34-40

'I love you, my Lord, my strength.'



Today's familiar Gospel about the greatest commandment might pass us by were it not for the specific demands placed on us in love in the first reading from Exodus. It is one thing to say, yes, I love my neighbour as myself, but another to acknowledge the poor, the refugee and those who owe us money as our neighbours. Each group sets us up for a deeper examination of what it means to be in covenant with God. In its original context, the word seems to apply only to one's fellow Jews, not to every person on the face of the earth. But it's clear from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount that Jesus expects us to love even our enemies. And when Luke's Jesus discusses the greatest commandment, he immediately follows his teaching with the parable of the Good Samaritan, demonstrating that even the hated Samaritan was neighbour to the Jew mugged along the Jericho road. In short, there's no limit to who is one's neighbour.

The scribes and Pharisees were masters at articulating the Law of Moses. They knew before they confronted Jesus just which of the commandments was the greatest. All Jews recited daily the Shema: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind and all your strength." They also knew that this core teaching was joined to the requirement to love your neighbour. What these teachers had also mastered was the art of avoiding these commands when it suited them. Moses reminded the people that they were to love others as God had loved them when he rescued them from slavery. As God once heard "the cry of the poor" and led them out of Egypt, so they must care for the widows, orphans and aliens in the

same way. God saw everything and would punish them if they abused their poor neighbours, extorting high interest for a loan or holding a poor man's cloak overnight to force payment. We do not need to stretch our imaginations to apply this to our own lives today. How many of those who have "made it," with the help of tax laws and benefits that favour those who already have money and education, look down on the poor who struggle to survive without these benefits? And how can the descendants of immigrants forget their own roots? These issues are neither simple nor easy to resolve in the abstract. But does this abstract complexity justify condemning actual people in our communities whose lack of opportunity or legal status relegates them to low-wage jobs we benefit from? Do we think that God does not see their plight or hear their cries for help? Jesus stands in our midst at every Mass; he is revealed when the word of God is proclaimed and when we commemorate his death in the breaking of the bread. His sacrifice on the cross set us free to love one another as he loved us. The table of the Lord is laden with gifts meant for all, to be distributed freely by us, his followers, to a hungry, thirsty and struggling world. We complete the greatest commandment of love when we surrender ourselves completely to God and then go forth to share his unconditional love with everyone we meet.

The challenge to love is immediate when we look around us today in this time of pandemic when a second wave is upon us. Are we complaining about how long this is lasting? Do we resent wearing a mask and see it as a restriction of our freedom? Are we looking for ways to avoid the restrictions by travelling out of our area to go out for dinner or work out at the gym? Have we continued to contact the vulnerable to make sure that they are okay? How do we practice the corporal works of mercy or the beatitudes? How will we welcome Jesus the stranger, the prophet, the one who was crucified so that we might have life? Food for thought...

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