

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, November 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Jean Stovell

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Emma Garnett

Requested by the Family

Thursday, November 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Dorothy Brunelle

Requested by Jeanette Crotty

Friday, November 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Paul Kiros

Requested by Ken & Lorraine Ware

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM

Calling all casserole chefs! We will resume collection of casseroles for the Good Shepherd next month. Although November is "Group A's" month, the Good Shepherd will gladly accept as many casseroles as we can provide.

Pans and lids will be available on the weekends of November 7/8 and November 14/15 after Masses outside the MacNaughton Lobby.

Should you wish to contribute a casserole for November, the drop off dates will be **November 21st and 22nd**. Your casserole will be accepted outside the church (more information to follow). Unfortunately, we cannot allow drop offs to the parish hall kitchen or parish office at this time. Measures will be taken to ensure your safety, as well as the safety of our volunteers who are generously donating their time to get this program functioning again. Each nutritious casserole feeds TEN hungry individuals. With the cold winter months ahead, the need will be greater than ever.

For more information, please email or call the parish office. Thanks to all those participating in this program.

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:

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

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.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24

1st Letter of John
Matthew 5"1-12

Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face...



This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to

prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honours the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known. On this feast of All Saints, we hear Jesus proclaim "The Beatitudes," the opening of his famous Sermon on the Mount. All of us are familiar with beatitudes, or are we? Let's take a look to see if we can discover why we are hearing about beatitudes on this particular feast. Perhaps a first step is to actually define "beatitude." It is a spoken declaration of the blessedness of a person. Blessedness, in plain words, means to be given a spiritual benefit, as for instance, "May the Lord bless you with a safe journey." Or, "Blessed are those who show mercy." Often there is a condition involved: "The people who keep the law will be blessed." Jesus did not invent beatitudes: the First Testament has up to 50 examples of them. By Jesus' day, people would have recognized one when it was spoken and would have been at home with it. Jesus gave nine of them in the Sermon on the Mount. But there is something strange about his. The first four seem to name bad things and call them good. Blessed are the *poor*, the *mourners*, the *meek*, the *hungry* and *thirsty*. Jesus seems to be saying that "it is a blessing to be weak and unhappy." Why use the beatitude form in this way?

Jesus is radically innovative. Radical means that he is rooted deeply in God, who is the profound wellspring of life and love. These first four beatitudes are actually assurances to people who suffer—the displaced, the abandoned. Jesus is saying that they too are blessed and much loved by God. The next three more resemble the ancient form: Blessed are the merciful, the clean of heart, and the peacemakers. These three sound reasonable, if a bit bland. But actually they are a

spiritual step upwards from the first four. They are encouragements to people who want to take action in the world on behalf of the Kingdom. Their blessedness consists of being at work with Jesus as a companion. Then come the last two, which are stunning: "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness." And, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you. ... " These sound like curses, not blessings. Who could want them? Yet they too are an enhancement of what precedes them. They presume that you might actually want to participate in Jesus' ultimate act of love, a love which cuts through false honour, wealth, and pride. Maybe you will be called to take up the cross with Jesus. Such radical love is blessed because it comes from being so close to God, whose very identity is love.

So we find at least three stages in the following of Jesus: suffering, working for others, and persecution endured as a result. The saints are examples in each of these areas because of their love for God and others. This is the very root of happiness, or "blessedness." The question for us is whether we even begin to be attracted in any way to such categories. We can take a review of our lives and get an idea. If we do not fit into them, we can meditate on this question: how strong is our desire for anything at all? Can we "desire to desire" regarding an openness to Jesus and to his Father? We do not have to want persecution, but *what do we want?* Maybe it is simple: the blessedness he speaks about.

For our community of faith, that our worship may be joined with the heavenly worship and draw us into greater communion with God...We pray...

St. Anselm, pray for us.

Feast of All Souls Day November 2 2020

On the Feast of All Souls Day, we remember and pray for those who have died. We pray for our loved ones who have gone before us that God may welcome them into the heavenly banquet in the company of all the saints and we pray that one day we too will meet God face to face.



For those who have died this past year and were buried from this worshipping community- ... we pray,

For our family members and loved ones who have gone before us ... we pray...

For those we miss every day ...

we pray...

For those grieving the loss of a parent, a spouse, a child, a good friend ... we pray...

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