

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

Please call for appointment.

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

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am – noon
(Voicemail and email checked regularly)

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, November 17th 8:15 a.m.

John Badali

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, November 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Freda Mhusk

Requested by Eva Trace

Friday, November 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Freda Mhusk

Requested by Theresa Ryan

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 this weekend after Masses outside the MacNaughton Lobby.

Should you wish to contribute a casserole for November, the drop off dates are NEXT WEEKEND, **November 21st and 22nd**. Your casserole will be accepted outside the MacNaughton church doors prior to all Masses.

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.

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.

Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact information for you by letting us know if you have moved or changed phone numbers.

We will be communicating updates through the bulletin and by email – if you haven't received emails from us but would like to, send us a message at office@stanselmschurch.com with the subject "Add My Email".

FAMILY AT THE HEART OF FORMATION: VIRTUAL EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Cardinal Collins is pleased to invite families from across the archdiocese to our third annual (virtual) gathering of families on **Saturday, November 28 from 10 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.**

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us for online sessions and offline activities.

There is no cost to attend, but capacity is limited. One ticket per household. To register, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/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.

2021 SUNDAY MISSALS

A limited number of Sunday Missals will be available for sale before Mass next weekend and November 28/29. The price per Missal is \$5.00

To limit contact, we ask that you please bring a \$5 bill (or 10 dollar bill should you wish to purchase two) to place it in the available box and that you pick up your own Missal from the table.

SHEPHERDS' TRUST

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a fundraising campaign for **The Shepherds' Trust** this year. Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to focus on supporting their parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Ps 128

1 Thess 5:1-6

Matt 25:14-30

“Blessed is Everyone Who Fears the Lord...”



What would you do if you won a million dollars? Perhaps Jesus knew that telling a story about money would capture the attention of the people. It's unfortunate that the word 'talent,' used by Matthew

for the coins entrusted to each servant in today's parable, has the connotation of "an innate ability or something at which one excels" in English. Matthew's Gospel is not merely about something as tame as sharing our gifts or talents with one another, although that is always part of our call to serve our community. This is a disturbing and challenging story about what followers of Jesus are to do with the Gospel as they wait for the Lord and watch in faith. For Matthew, talent refers to a huge amount of money, commonly thought to be the equivalent of 15 years of labour for a typical worker. We might say the master gave each servant a million dollars!

In today's story, two of the servants set out immediately to work with this treasure. They invest and work to double the money to prove the master right in trusting them with this large sum. And what did the the third servant do? He paints the master in a very different light, describing him as a demanding person, harvesting where he did not plant and gathering where he did not reap. Out of fear, the third servant buried the talent in the ground and returned what he was given without any effort or profit. He buried his million bucks and gave it back to his master intact.

And what do we know about the master from this parable? He goes on a journey and entrusts his servants with vast amounts of money – an unimaginable treasure for servants to be given. He exhibits amazing trust that the servants will take

care of this money for the long time he is away. When he learns how the first two have doubled their treasures, he praises them lavishly: "Well done good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master>" (Matt 25:21-23). This is really an extraordinary master- trusting, welcoming, generous and benevolent. He gives his servants freedom to risk and to act.

Matthew's community was being invited to open their eyes and see God calling them to invest the treasure the Lord had left them. The treasure is all the things Jesus taught them, all the ways he invited them to be a community that loves God "with all your heart...soul...and mind..." and love "your neighbour as yourself" as we heard several weeks ago. They could choose to increase the treasure, as the first two servants did, or choose the safer, easier, less risky course, as the third servant did. It is tempting to hide a treasure in the ground. At least it is safe and it's effortless. Fear can impede us from reaching out. It can get us stuck. Next week, on the Feast of Christ the King, Matthew tells his community and us what is necessary to invest and grow this treasure: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, in prison and you visited me." These were no easy tasks for Matthew's community and are no easier for us today. Forget fear; do God's will. Live each moment alert and aware of what you have been given. What treasure did Jesus give you? How did Jesus act? Go and do the same.

For all who have died, especially family members and friends who have died during the past year, that God may lead them into eternal light and peace...

For those who are searching diligently for treatments and vaccines for the coronavirus...

For freedom from deceit, that we may hear the voice of the one true shepherd who calls

us to life and not be confused by the many voices whose promises are false and whose fruit is destruction...

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