

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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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

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## Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

Dorothy Brunelle

Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Joan Sullivan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

**Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

Josephine Rohe

Requested by Patricia McKinnon

**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Richard Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

***Weekday Mass intentions will be celebrated by our pastor Fr. Moore each day as scheduled during the closure.***

Our churches and parish offices across the Archdiocese are currently closed to comply with lockdown restrictions from the provincial government. Voicemail and email are being monitored on a regular basis.

### **2021 BOXED ENVELOPES**

If you had a set of boxed envelopes in 2020, your donor number will remain the same for 2021. Boxed sets will be available for pick up from the office mailbox (please call or email ahead to arrange) or when the church reopens to the public.

Should you wish to submit cheques before you are able to up your 2021 envelopes, please be assured that you will receive full credit for your contributions as long as you place them in an envelope with your name and full mailing address (if not displayed on your cheque).

***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 with your name at [office@stanselmschurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmschurch.com) with the subject "Add My Email".***

### **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

Thank you to all our casserole chefs! The Good Shepherd Refuge was grateful to receive meal contributions from our parish. Despite pandemic restrictions, we were able to safely collect and submit frozen casseroles to feed the hungry. During the cold winter months where the need for a warm meal increases, this was especially good news. We will continue to collect casseroles and will communicate Group B's drop off date in the coming bulletins. Please email Yvonne at [yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net) in advance if you require a pan and lid.

### **SUNNYBROOK SPEAKER SERIES ONLINE**

You are invited to a virtual evening talk on **back health** on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 6:30-8:30pm. Leading Sunnybrook experts will discuss back pain, Sunnybrook's team approach to care and surgical approaches for common lower back conditions.

This lecture will be accessible online only. Please visit [sunnybrook.ca/speakerseries](http://sunnybrook.ca/speakerseries)

### **CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER PLEASE RESERVE BY PHONE OR EMAIL**

The church will be open for private prayer on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00.**

At this time **only 10 people are permitted in the church at one time.** That means nine parishioners and our custodian Jun makes it an even ten.

**You must reserve either by phone or email and Barrig will confirm with you.** We cannot allow walk-ins as we may end up exceeding limits. Jun will check you in and show you where you may sit. You are to wear a mask and follow all the protocols that were in place when the church first reopened. Thank you for cooperating and keeping others safe.

### **St. Anselm's Parish – New YouTube Channel**

We invite parishioners to visit and subscribe to our new parish **YouTube Channel**. You can search us on YouTube with key words "St Anselm Church Leaside".

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19  
Psalm 40

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

**“Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.”**



When you were a child, did you have a friend whose home was the place where everyone wanted to gather? Perhaps it was even *your* home. This place held a special attraction not only because the mom made delicious cookies or the dad would play catch with you and your friends. This place was special because of the love that embraced everyone who went there. I imagine that Jesus was perceived by his contemporaries as that friend whose home everyone wanted to see. His words and his works made everyone want to know where he had come from so that they could follow him there and share in the experience that made him who he was. While this may have been part of the reason the first disciples were drawn to Jesus, the fourth evangelist's narrative of their call is profoundly theological. What may appear at first reading to be simple, straightforward verbs — “follow”, “stay” and “see” — are rich with deeper significance. For example, to follow another, in Johannine parlance, does not mean simply to walk behind them. For the fourth evangelist, the act of following means that a person has become willingly, totally committed to making the way of Jesus their own. Following means discipleship! Moreover, Jesus' question to those first followers, “What are you looking for?” was no nonchalant query. Jesus' question is a challenge, a call to discipleship, addressed first to those who walked with him in Bethany and then repeated for all who hear this Gospel proclaimed today. Jesus' question affirms that the vocation to discipleship is always God's prerogative to initiate. Later in the Gospel, Jesus reaffirms this prerogative: “You have not chosen me; no, I have chosen you”. When the disciples responded to Jesus' question with a question of their own, “Where are you staying?” they were not asking for

his street address. Rather, in typical Johannine style, the term stay means “abide,” “remain” and “dwell” as well as “stay.” Later in the Gospel, the deeper implications of the disciples' question are explained, as the evangelist speaks of the indwelling of the Father in the Son and the Son in the Father, as well as the Spirit remaining with and dwelling within the disciples after Jesus' resurrection. In the question concerning where Jesus stayed or remained or abided or dwelled, the evangelist indicates that discipleship involves the believer in the very life that Jesus shares with God. By inviting those who followed him to “Come and see” the Johannine Jesus was offering more than hospitality; he was inviting their commitment to him. “Coming” to Jesus and “seeing” Jesus are terms that appear frequently throughout the fourth Gospel to indicate that a person has *come* to believe and see with the insight of faith. The invitation “Come and see” is also reminiscent of Israel's literature, which features Wisdom inviting listeners to “Come and see” all the blessings and graces God has prepared for those who hunger for wisdom, knowledge and truth. Jesus, as Wisdom incarnate, has the power to offer God's gifts to all who will come after him and stay, and see and believe. Today's Gospel is all about recognition. John the Baptist points to Jesus and directs his own disciples to him. Andrew recruits Simon Peter, and together they seek out Jesus. Jesus, in turn, recognizes them. He responds to their questions and invites them to come and see where he lives. He gives Simon a new name. Do we have the courage to enter this same mutual recognition with God? Once we recognize God and God in turn calls us, nothing will ever be the same. Imitating others may get us started, but relying on them for our identity and vocation is not enough. Our personal search to discover God's writing on our own hearts takes courage, but it is the only path of adult faith. Our vocation is written on our very hearts, if only we have the eyes to see. Have the courage to listen and see and respond. Take the lessons from today's readings. Learn to read your own heart. Dare to say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Step into the world of adult faith.

***For all who are discerning their life's calling, that the Spirit of God may guide them to recognize God's loving invitations to utilize their gifts and talents in the service of God's reign...We pray...***

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