

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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, February 2nd

Deceased Members of the Murphy Family
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, February 3rd

Joan Sullivan
Requested by Anne Saje and Family

Thursday, February 4th

Jin Won Yu and Byung Sook Cho
Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

Friday, February 5th

Gloria Buckley
Requested by Maureen Leete

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.

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND – APRIL 10/11

As we remain under stay-at-home warnings for the coming weeks, you may find yourselves cleaning out drawers and closets but having nowhere to take the treasures you no longer want to keep. The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Bundle Up Weekend is scheduled for **April 10 & 11**. The truck will be in our parking lot to collect gently used clothing and linens. Please keep this worthy collection in mind!

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 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. Group B's date for collection is scheduled on **February 20th**. Details are forthcoming and will depend on what stage of re-opening we are in at that time. Please refer to coming bulletins for more information or email Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net

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 – 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".

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 95

1Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28

Alleluia. Alleluia! The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned. Alleluia! BREAKING NEWS!



"We interrupt our regular programming for this breaking news." Some version of this familiar phrase has become the routine segue for informing the public of world events. When the "breaking news" announcement indicates that a world leader will be speaking shortly, the ambience may be all

the more charged. Often this atmosphere of expectation is rooted in the fact that notable persons about to speak enjoy some form of authority, and so we can trust their words to be true. In the process of growing into mature human beings, most of us will have developed a sense of authentic authority. Today's readings contain "breaking news." Writing in the late seventh century B.C.E., the Deuteronomist called upon the authority of the people's late, great leader Moses to promise the people of Judah that God would send them a prophet. The coming prophet, one like Moses, should be carefully heeded, for his words would be from God. Given the tenuous political climate of his day, the Deuteronomist's promise was probably a source of hope for his people. Someone would be sent by God to lead them in the ways of truth, justice and peace. In today's Gospel, Mark takes special care to portray Jesus as one who spoke and acted with authority. But Jesus' authority was not derived from something else. Unlike the scribes, who called upon scripture or upon famed rabbis or knowledgeable scholars, Jesus possessed authority that was his own, by virtue of who he was.

Mark, the originator of the literary form we call gospel, chose to portray Jesus' initial act of power as one of teaching with authority and exorcising an unclean spirit. Jesus came to call people to repent so they could welcome the kingdom of God. This initial act underscored his identity and purpose. Filled with the Spirit of God at his baptism, Jesus, as Son of God, would continue to wage war on evil or unclean spirits throughout his ministry. The fact that the Marcan Jesus began his ministry in Capernaum carries some significance. Located between Ptolemais and Damascus, at the north end of the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum was an important town. An outpost of Rome, it was a center of customs and had a tax office. Because of its importance, Capernaum was the centre of Jesus' Galilee ministry, and many have suggested

that Jesus stayed in Peter's house when he was in town. There is intended irony in the fact that, although the people who heard Jesus teach that day in Capernaum were amazed at his authority, it was the unclean spirit who identified him as "the Holy One of God." This title also reflects the faith of Mark and his community, who had accepted Jesus as the long-awaited Savior and the "prophet like Moses" who had come to inaugurate the reign of God on earth.

After such a display of power and authority, we might wonder why *everyone* who witnessed Jesus that day did not believe in him. Why only some? In the course of his Gospel, Mark recorded some of the varied reactions to Jesus. Some regarded Jesus' acts of power as magic or sorcery because they had seen similar deeds before. Others, like the scribes and Pharisees, dismissed Jesus' power as demonic. Still others thought Jesus to be "out of his mind". Even Jesus' disciples were confused at times, and Mark allowed his readers to see their struggle to believe. All of these varied responses attest to the fact that Jesus' acts of power (or miracles or signs, as John called them) did not coerce those who witnessed them. On the contrary, each act of power, when combined with the authority of his teaching, constituted a challenge to believe. Jesus' words and works were mutually clarifying prophetic phenomena that announced God's reign, pointed to its presence and then invited a response in the form of committed faith. As Mark tells us, those who witnessed Jesus' words and works that long-ago day in Capernaum's synagogue were prompted to ask, "What does this mean?" Today, as the praying assembly listens to what Jesus did and said, that same question may arise in us. What does this mean to us who are Jesus disciples in the world? If we are true to him and to our calling, then Jesus can continue to teach with authority and overcome evil through the church, as it works and serves in his name. Our efforts can become a challenge, inviting others to recognize, accept and believe in Jesus. The believing community's response to Christ can become, in itself, an authoritative teaching and an act of power that makes present the reign of God. What the people experienced that day in Capernaum is also available to each of us. Each time the Gospel is proclaimed, it is "breaking news" deserving of our attention and respect. But that news also comes with a challenge. Will we listen and then go away unchanged, or will we listen, learn and be transformed by its power, grace and authority?

Holy God, you sent your beloved Son to speak and act prophetically in your name. You gave him power over the dark forces of evil for the sake of the whole world. We are called to hear his voice and to continue his work. Help us, we pray; and empower us in his name. Amen.

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