# St. Anselm's Parish

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#### **PARISH STAFF**

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor Deacon Daniel McPhee Barrig Hayward, Administrative Assistant Goody Cabral, Music Director & Cantor Aloysius Chan, Organist

#### **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



Tuesday, February 16th

Joan Sullivan

Requested by Vicki and Richard Garnett

#### Wednesday, February 17th

Joan Sullivan

Requested by Maureen Mullrooney and Family

#### Thursday, February 18th

For the Deceased Members of the MacDonald Family Requested by Michael and Catriona Pieri

#### Friday, February 19th

For Peace and Care of Creation Requested by EcoAnselm

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 remain closed due to lockdown restrictions from the provincial government. The situation will hopefully change soon and an e-blast will be sent out with up-to-date information at that time. Voicemail and email are being monitored on a regular basis.

#### **BUNDLE UP WEEKEND – APRIL 10/11**

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!

We are communicating updates through the bulletin (currently online only) and by email (via e-blasts). If you haven't received emails from us but would like to, send us a message with your name at <a href="mailto:office@stanselmschurch.com">office@stanselmschurch.com</a> with the subject "Add My Email".

#### GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

**Group B**'s date for collection is **NEXT SATURDAY**, **February 20**<sup>th</sup>. Drop-offs will be accepted in the church parking lot between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. on that date. Please email Yvonne at <a href="mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net">yvonne.gray@bell.net</a> if you need a pan and lid.

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

The church will be open for private prayer this <u>Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 9:00</u> to 10:00am.

At this time <u>only 10 people are permitted in the</u> <u>church at one time</u>. 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.

#### **TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

This year, the Archdiocese is handling the printing and mailing of parish tax receipts. Receipts will be printed and mailed off-site and are scheduled to arrive to homes by the first week of March. These receipts will include donations made by cheque (or identified cash) to the parish, as well as PAG contributions. If you donated to St. Vincent de Paul through our parish, that receipt will be mailed separately this year. Any donations made by credit card online, to Family of Faith or ShareLife online will be issued separately by the Archdioese.

#### St. Anselm's Parish - YouTube Channel

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

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Psalm 32 Mark 1:40-45 "You are my refuge Lord; with deliverance you surround me." "BE MADE CLEAN"



Mark's is the most vivid of the Gospels. He is direct and uses few words. He uses many concrete details. For instance, last week Jesus did not just "cure" Peter's mother-in-law, he "took her by the hand, and lifted her up." When

Jesus stills the storm at sea, he is not just "in the boat," he is "at the stern" of it, according to Mark; and he is not just asleep, but sleeping "on a cushion." Mark's approach helps us to get the texture of the story, to listen with our imaginations and let the life of Jesus enter in. This happens especially if you take some time to understand and pray the readings spiritually. Here are a few things to notice about this coming Sunday's Gospel. A man walks up to Jesus covered with scales and scabs. The man is thereby committing a terrible social blunder and he may be breaking the law too. According to the prescriptions found in the reading from Leviticus, he should "live alone with their dwelling outside the camp" as long as the sores are on him. He should ring a bell and cry "Unclean, unclean!" In spite of all this, Jesus is not repulsed or shocked. He is "moved with pity." Just three words, but they tell us so much, as is Mark's way. Then comes a wonderful statement from the leper. "If you choose, you can make me clean": a confession of faith in just a few words. How did he know it? His spiritual life had already begun. Jesus answers, "I do choose." Direct, honest, so revealing of our God! The whole life of Jesus consists of this desire to help people who are in trouble, even if they have only a small faith by which to receive the cure. In an extraordinary move, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the man. Remember, the ancients thought that this sickness was communicable, and obviously, at the very least, it was disgusting. Yet Jesus touches him with care and says, "Be made clean." Look at it. Our spiritual life consists of being "made clean." We must let Jesus touch us and touch our souls. Here in the very first chapter of Mark we already see how Jesus began to extend his spiritual mercy toward the leper and toward all of us. Look for more of the same as we make our way through Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year.

#### **NEW LIFE – RENEWED HOPE**

Leprosy was a terrible disease in biblical times. Highly contagious, it was fatal, since there was no cure for it. The law could do nothing other than exclude lepers from participation in the life of the community. Yet, there was more to it than that. The responsorial psalm 32 is a reminder that, in biblical times, people often regarded sin as the cause of disease. Lepers were therefore sinners, and the community excluded them from its worship. In a theocracy such as Israel, exclusion from the temple was a fate worse than death. Jesus enters the scene as the healer of lepers. Those for whom the law offers no hope find in Jesus their saviour, their key to re-entry into the human community. We have our own 'lepers' today. They are the wretched people of the world's slums, the ones dying of AIDS, the ones sitting on death row in multiple countries across the world. The law of society has nothing of hope to offer them. Their only hope is in the *great prophet (who) has appeared* among us, and in those followers of Jesus like Paul, seeking not my own advantage, but that of the many.



Ash Wednesday will be different for us this year as we continue to respect the stay at home Guidelines, the wearing of masks when we must go out, keeping our distance from each other and preparing to send our children back into their classrooms. Ash Wednesday leads us into the season of Lent and reminds us to embrace the need to die to sin and selfishness so that we may come to fuller life in the Risen One at Easter. We remember that we are creatures of the earth We remember that we are mortal beings. We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion. We remember that we are members of the body of Christ. Renewing our sense of who we really are before God is the core of the Lenten experience. It is so easy to forget, and fall into habits of sin, ways of thinking and living that are contrary to God's will. From the very beginning of Lent, God's word calls us to conversion. And so we pray...

Lent is a season of almsgiving. Jesus taught us that what we do for the poor we do for him. We pray for those who are hungry...for those without shelter...for those who are dying for lack of medical care...for those without the opportunity to learn...for those who live with violence...and for generous hearts and creative minds that we might do our part to alleviate poverty...Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayer.

Lent is a season of prayer. Jesus taught us to pray simply and directly for what we need. And so we pray for those who cannot pray...for those who pray without consolation...for those who do not know God and live without a sense of the good, the tru and the beautiful...for those who constantly pray and support us by their prayers...for faithful hearts and quiet minds so that we might listen for the voice of God within us...Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayer.

Lent is a season of fasting. Jesus fasted in the desert and taught us to choose God over excess. And so we pray for those overwhelmed by too much...for those who eat too much, own too much, hurry too much... for the grace to live simply so that others may simply live...Lord, in your mercy...**Hear our prayer.**  CATHOLIC & CEMETERIES

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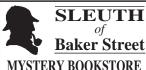
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