

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Joan Sullivan

Requested by Anne Saje and Family

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Wanda and Kaz Duda

Requested by the Lopatko-Mammoliti Family

**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

For the Special Intentions of Andy and Rachel Oh

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

**Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Fr. Frank Hannan

Requested by the Sherlock Family

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

Has lockdown cleaning unearthed neighbourhood memorabilia? **Leaside Heritage Preservation Society** would love to hear from you! Please contact Jennifer Hanley at 416-484-7303 or email [leasideheritage@gmail.com](mailto:leasideheritage@gmail.com). They are not asking you to part with anything but are hoping to identify and ultimately preserve the rich history of Leaside.

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

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

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.

### **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 Archdiocese.

### **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". The Rosary Apostolate invites you to view videos and participate in the Rosary virtually on their YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheRosaryApostolateInc>

# Lent

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Gen 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15**

**Psalm 25 Mark 1:12-15**

**Your paths. Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.**

## "Thy Kingdom Come"



In his *Introduction to the New Testament*, Werner Kümmel declares that "the aim of the Gospels is not recollection about Jesus, nor glorification of his miracles ... the main concern is to

evoke faith and to strengthen it ... to show the early Christian church the ground of its faith" (Abingdon Press, Nashville: 1975). Mark succeeded in accomplishing this aim with far fewer words than the other evangelists. As one who originated the literary genre of the gospel, Mark produced a faith document that featured Jesus from the beginning of his ministry to his death and resurrection. In this very brief passage, Mark tells of the desert retreat of Jesus and his struggle against evil. When compared to the Matthean or Lucan versions, Mark's brevity is all the more remarkable. Some have suggested that Matthew and Luke had access to sources unavailable to Mark. Others, probably more correctly, suggest that Mark was merely introducing the battle with evil that Jesus would wage all through his ministry. No doubt Jesus' struggle spoke poignantly to the experience of the believers in Rome where the Gospel is thought to have originated. Waging their own battle with the persecution imposed by Nero, the Marcan community was encouraged by the evangelist to draw their strength from Jesus, who similarly suffered but emerged victorious in the end. Notice that Jesus' encounter with Satan took place in the desert and continued for 40 days. A fearsome place where wild beasts were a constant danger, just as in Rome, where Christians were thrown to the beasts for the sake of their faith, the desert was also the place where Israel and God sealed their relationship and where they had come to rely on God for their survival. Similarly reliant on God and strengthened by the Spirit and the ministrations of the angel messengers, Jesus not only survived the desert experience, he emerged victorious and eagerly intent upon beginning his mission. He would preach the gospel of God! The final verse of this particular reading offers an excellent summary of Jesus' preaching. It contains two truths - "the time is fulfilled" and "the kingdom of God has come

near", and two imperatives - "repent," "believe in the gospel". These are what we believe and what we are to do as followers of the Christ. To put it another way, the manner in which we live is to be reflective of and in harmony with our faith. Like all of Jesus' subsequent teachings, his inaugural message posed a challenge to his listeners. The reign of God that had become present in him demanded reformation of our lives and authentic, lived faith. Careful readers will notice the order Mark chose for this challenge — reign, reform, believe — thereby underscoring sinners' repentance and belief as an urgent matter, considering the imminence of God's reign. Because the reign of God still strains forward to fulfillment, the words of the Marcan Jesus continue to speak with an urgency that may not be ignored or diminished. God is near! How could we not take responsibility for ourselves and our world and repent? How could we not believe? In a few terse words, the Marcan evangelist has attested to Jesus' own encounter with evil and the fact that he did not struggle alone. With the Spirit to guide and inspire him and with angel messengers to support and strengthen him, Jesus emerged from this sortie with Satan to announce the reign of God, which is to be welcomed in repentance and faith. Today, we are recruited anew in the struggle against evil. To that end, we acknowledge our responsibility for it and our willingness to work toward its transformation.

### The Lenten Journey...can you

Give up complaining. . . .	<b>focus on gratitude.</b>
Give up pessimism. . . .	<b>become an optimist.</b>
Give up harsh judgments .	<b>think kindly thoughts.</b>
Give up worry. . . . .	<b>trust Divine Providence.</b>
Give up discouragement. .	<b>be full of hope.</b>
Give up bitterness. . . .	<b>turn to forgiveness.</b>
Give up hatred. . . . .	<b>return good for evil.</b>
Give up negativism . . .	<b>be positive.</b>
Give up anger. . . . .	<b>be more patient.</b>
Give up pettiness. . . .	<b>become mature.</b>
Give up gloom. . . . .	<b>enjoy the beauty around</b>
<b>you</b>	
Give up jealousy. . . . .	<b>pray for trust.</b>
Give up gossiping. . . . .	<b>control your tongue.</b>
Give up sin. . . . .	<b>turn to virtue.</b>
Give up giving up. . . .	<b>hang in there!</b>



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