

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 2nd

William Hayden

Requested by Iseult Hayden & Family

Wednesday, March 3rd

Albert Jordan

Requested by Patrick Jordan

Thursday, March 4th

Joan Sullivan

Requested by the Benczkowski Family

Friday, March 5th

Frances & Joseph Mammoliti

Requested by the Lopatko-Mammoliti 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 with the subject "Add My Email".

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021 – March 5th

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer, Build on a Strong Foundation, has been prepared by Vanuatu, a chain of islands to the east of Australia.

To find out more about World Day of Prayer, please visit [World Day of Prayer International - Home](http://WorldDayofPrayerInternational.com)

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gen 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31-34

Psalm 116
Mark 9:2-10

THE SPEED BUMPS OF LENT



Journeys can be wonderful adventures, but they can also be dangerous. They have a way of taking unexpected turns or offering surprising endings. Many journeys are a normal, even mundane, part of life:

same carpool ride, bus route to work, business flight. But some take us to a new place: a vacation, a different school or career, a detour. We hear about two journeys in our readings from Isaiah and Mark. Abraham and Isaac set out for a high place; and Peter, James and John are led by Jesus to a mountain. Both journeys offer a new revelation about God. Both require faithfulness. Every year, we face the same Lenten journey, walk the same way of the cross, listen to the same readings. We participate in the same rites with catechumens and candidates when we have them in our midst. When we begin the season, we fully plan to make *this* the Lent where we pay attention to the conversion to which the church and the Gospel call us. We don't mean for time to slip away — yet days fly by. We have the best intentions — and still we may arrive at Easter without the transformation we intended to have. Perhaps we need a few speed bumps on our path to shake us from our complacency and awaken us to the inner journey of Lent. We need to be jarred from everyday experiences. Do we face our journey with the same radical faith that Abraham carried up the heights, prepared to offer what we hold most precious to show our deep trust in God's mercy and grace? Yes, God needs to bump our heads on the roof of our cars a bit so we might open our eyes and see that we are not walking alone on *our* path but rather are on *God's* path, which is leading us all to the reign of God. What will make us pay attention? What speed bump will help us hear God's words about Jesus that were spoken to the disciples: "Listen to him"?

Like Peter, we have our own plans. We know where we want to pitch our tents and circle our wagons. We expect God to come right along. Listening to where God might call us to pitch those tents and set up shop is much harder. It requires willingness to change our hearts and break

patterns of comfort and self-righteousness. It demands trusting Jesus on the journey. When it comes to changing our hearts, we each have a journey to make, one that includes soul-searching and personal examination. On Ash Wednesday, we heard Jesus' words giving us three good markers for how to reform our lives during this season: Give alms, pray and fast. We are all people in need of reconciliation and reform. As individuals and families, parish communities and neighbourhoods, as nations and as God's people, we must ask what speed bumps we prefer to avoid. What would we prefer to drive around rather than face being jarred into action? What will shake us from self-reliance and apathy so we might see our sisters and brothers on the path, strewn into the ruts and depressions, lost wandering along the way or trampled under our feet? We get complacent. We use distractions to buffer us. But once again, we have this Lenten season to begin a new journey, to awaken us to what we ignore and neglect.

Our Lenten journey can be dangerous. It can surprise us. We know it led Jesus to Calvary and the cross. But the journey can lead us to reform (as in "form again") our lives and return our hearts to God. Or at least jar them with a speed bump or two.

Let us pray that our own faith and understanding of Jesus may be strengthened during this Lenten season.

*For the Church, that our truest selves, beloved daughters and sons of God, may be revealed more and more through our Lenten observances...**Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer...***

*For guidance on our Lenten journey, that as we participate in sacrifices during this Lenten season, we may recognize everything as a gift from God and be free to surrender our time, knowledge, energy and possessions, or to share them with others who are in need...**Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer...***

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...**

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