

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 9th

For the Special Intentions of Adelyn Oh
Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

Wednesday, March 10th

Richard Nesline
Requested by M.G. McCollam

Thursday, March 11th

Cecilia Buraglia
Requested by the Escallon Family

Friday, March 12th

Mary Rose
Requested by the Ince and Brown Families

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

At the time this bulletin was sent for uploading, our churches and parish offices in Toronto remain closed due to lockdown restrictions from the provincial government. An e-blast will be sent out with up-to-date information when restrictions are changed. Voicemail and email are being monitored on a regular basis.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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 have received requests for an electric heater and an infant car seat (in good shape and not expired). Please call the parish office if you can help!

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".

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.



Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected on **Saturday, March 20th from 4-5pm** in the church parking lot. If you would like a pan or recipe, please email yvonne.gray@bell.net. Thank you for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry!

TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 2020

This year, the Archdiocese is handling the printing and mailing of parish tax receipts. Receipts were printed and mailed off-site and should have arrived at homes by now. These receipts include donations totaling \$50 or more 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 was mailed separately this year. Any donations made by credit card online, to Family of Faith or ShareLife online have been issued separately by the Archdiocese. Should you have any questions regarding receipt of your parish tax receipt, please contact the parish office at 416-485-1792.

St. Anselm's Parish - YouTube Channel

We invite parishioners to visit and subscribe to our parish **YouTube Channel**.

[St. Anselm's Parish Leaside - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/c/TheRosaryApostolateInc)

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

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



As you may know there is a proposal by the provincial government to expand the Greenbelt. However, at the same time, it is planning to build a highway which will cut across the Greenbelt. You have an opportunity to submit a comment on these proposals until April 19 by emailing greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca or by contacting the Environmental Registry of Ontario. You may also visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3136>

LENT

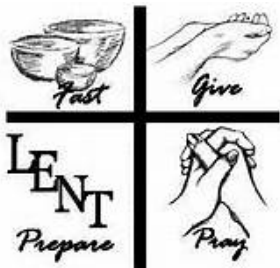
Exod 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Psalms 19

John 2:13-25

Lord, you have the words of eternal life.



Doors and Windows

Because scripture is God's living word mediated to the reader through a variety of authors in countless different ways, there are always many doors and windows through

which to enter into the weekly gift it offers. For example, we could easily enter the door opened to us in the first reading and reflect on the law as the means by which the Israelites expressed their faithfulness to the God with whom they had a covenant of love. We could consider if our lives are being lived in harmony with or contrary to the laws that are offered to us as guides in both of the Testaments. We could even reflect upon our attitude toward the laws of our city, province and country and how these laws challenge our consciences.

Paul opens a door to God's word in today's second reading and invites us to compare the ways and the will and the wisdom of God to that of human beings. Like the Jews and the Greeks who thought God's ways to be foolish, weak or illogical, we may sometimes find God's ways too difficult. In those times, we are invited to trust and believe in the God whose knowledge and wisdom are infinite.

Jesus' words to the sellers and moneychangers in the temple, as interpreted by John in today's Gospel, open yet another door. Jesus challenges us not to be swallowed up by the consumerism that characterizes our culture, but instead to invest our attention and energies in spiritual stock that does not fail.

But there are still other doors that will lead us into the sacred texts for today and through that opening draw

us nearer to the mystery of our saving God. Sometimes it is helpful to choose a door that has not been frequented very often so that we can gain a fresh perspective on the word of God. Like Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken" (1920), we might open the door and take the road less travelled by — and that may make all the difference.

To find that door, we look to the Johannine evangelist and to the last verse of today's Gospel where he acknowledges that Jesus did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. In that brief statement, the evangelist reminds his readers of one of the most profound mysteries of our faith. Jesus is God. Therefore, the reason that Jesus has the power to know the human heart is not because it has been given to him but because of who he *is*. Jesus has come from God; he remains one with God; therefore, he has the power of God to know our inmost thoughts.

But Jesus is also fully human, and because of that, God, in Jesus, has become one of us. Through the incarnation, God, in Jesus, has agreed to speak the language of our humanity. Jesus' understanding of us arises from his being flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. He knows what it means to love, to want, to suffer, to lose, to fear, to hate and to want to run away from it all. He knows how it feels to be disappointed and abandoned by friends. Jesus understands in the very heart of his being how hard it is to be misunderstood; he has known denial, betrayal and rejection. He knows well the pain of bending his will and surrendering his life to a suffering that none of us would have chosen for ourselves.

Because Jesus has chosen to be so profoundly immersed in all things human, there is no aspect of the human condition with which he cannot empathize. For that reason, he is ever approachable, and we, with all our guilt and self-deprecation, need not fear to draw near. There, in Jesus' presence, we will not find reproach or anger; there will be no belittling or biting critical remarks. On the contrary, he who has chosen to be our yoke-mate in life desires only to share the joys and ease the burdens of our lives. He who knows us, warts and all, loves us, warts and all. That love invites us to become our best selves so as to incarnate in our world the love and the goodness of the God in whom we believe. Are you ready to choose? Doors and windows are ready to open.

*For openness to all the ways that God is revealed to us, that we may never put limits on God and remain open to the surprising ways that God is with us and desires to work within us... **Lord, in your mercy...***

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