

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

Mass  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Sullivan

Requested by the Sherlock Family

Wednesday, March 24th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Leader Family

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, March 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Dennis Gouskos

Requested by Naguib, Jennifer and Beth Gouda

Friday, March 26th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

IN-PERSON MASSES RESUME

We are now able to welcome parishioners for in-person Mass attendance for both weekday and weekends. Health officials have capped our attendance at 15% of capacity. We have moved to eventbrite.ca for weekly registration of Mass attendance. We will email a link to registered parishioners each week.

Please register EACH WEEK for a weekend Mass (not necessary to register for weekday Mass attendance) and you will be asked to check in upon arrival. For this reason, please leave time to arrive before Mass begins. Once Mass is underway, the doors will be shut to ensure we don't exceed our capacity. This means you may not be able to enter even if registered if you arrive late. Please call the parish office with any questions regarding EventBrite registration or to request manual registration if you are not using a computer. We will be pleased to assist you.

SUNNYBROOK SPEAKER SERIES:
MENTAL HEALTH IN A COVID-19 WORLD

Join leading Sunnybrook experts for a virtual evening talk on Mental Health on Monday, March 22nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

This lecture will only be accessible online at sunnybrook.ca/speakerseries

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge – Group “B” casseroles will be collected on **April 17th**. More information to follow.

**ST. VINCENT
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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!

Please note: we cannot accept books, mattresses, furniture, dishes, construction materials or video tapes. For more information, please visit www.ssvptoronto.ca

Help!

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!

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>

Video links for Grades 1 to 3: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden – First Sorrowful Mystery – One Decade

<https://youtu.be/ZeTNdHp-efs>

Grades 4-12: The Sorrowful Mysteries

<https://youtu.be/x0TOBHBekqo>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

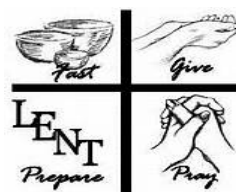
Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Psalms 51

John 12:20-33

The Cost of Discipleship



This coming week, we will mark the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador. His life offers a key to understanding the readings of this last “ordinary” Sunday of Lent. According to those who knew him, Romero was always a faithful priest and bishop, totally dedicated to being a pastor and servant of God. His area of growth in holiness, like ours, was to amplify his perspective, to understand with the heart of God. Before

speaking more of him, we turn to today's scripture. First, Jeremiah assures his people that their infidelity has not led God to abandon them, but to re-form them. Instead of giving them rules to follow, God wants to infuse their hearts with the fire of divine love. This is not a really new covenant, but rather an offer of the grace to understand God's will anew — from the inside out. When the covenant is scripted on their hearts, they will share the very passion of God. While that may sound like a wonderful deal, we should be aware that it is also extremely costly.

That's the point of our reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. There we hear that Jesus, the Son of God, had to struggle to live his vocation. And the struggle wasn't just a passing moment. The author minces no words: Jesus prayed with shouts and tears, as a beggar before God. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus learned obedience through suffering. Does that mean that the Son of God didn't know how to obey? No, it means that the Son of God was fully human; his obedience, like that of every other person, had to be incarnated, lived out in his own personal history.

This reading leads directly into our Gospel scene where Jesus teaches his disciples about growth in obedience, about how listening with his heart led him to fulfill God's will. Jesus explains that his moment of glory is about to arrive and does not hesitate to say that he knows what it will cost. He then teaches his disciples what it means to "hate" the life this world offers. What Jesus is hating, what he will face down and defeat, is everything motivated by death: both the desire to kill and the urge to escape mortality and suffering. The Son of Man knows that the reality of death seems to circumscribe life and can lead us to believe that we must grasp everything we can while we have the chance. Fear of death and human limitations lead us to cling to anything we can get our hands on and to seek the immortality of power, fame or fortune. Such grasping is what Jesus calls loving the life of this world, and that is what he calls us to reject. Jesus revealed the futility of grasping to evade mortality. Hating his life in this world caused him the double anguish of facing his own pain and of beholding the tragic, willful blindness of those who rejected him, the tenacious obstinacy of people whose unconscious or hidden fears led them to do violence against him. The suffering of his physical

pain would pass, but the grief caused by the perversion of human nature that caused it was enduring.

Today we can look to Saint Oscar Romero for a more contemporary expression of the love of God and neighbour that guided Jesus. Romero's core desire was to love and serve God through his priestly vocation. That never changed. What changed was his perspective. Becoming Archbishop of San Salvador thrust him into a new reality and a new consciousness. Like Jesus, Romero confronted tragic violence, brought to a white heat by the murder of the poor and their priests. That suffering irretrievably altered his perspective. He learned that evangelical obedience demands listening and acting: listening to the cries of the victims in the light of the Gospel, then acting in the name of God. Thus he came to the ultimate test of his faith: Did he believe in love of God's poor and persecuted enough to risk everything? We know the answer. His love of people who were poor, his faithfulness to the Gospel, led him to confront the people who had become captive to their own wealth and power. Risking his life day after day, he spoke out and walked with his people. Romero gave living witness to what it means to hate the life of the world. His life became a walking, talking profession of faith. Nothing could have been more fitting than his martyrdom during the Eucharistic celebration that proclaims the death and resurrection of Christ.

This leaves us with one question. Are we willing to risk the cost of having God's law written on our hearts?

*For the grace of surrender to God, that we may let go of control, lose our lives to God, and allow God to raise new life within us...**Lord, in your mercy...***

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 23rd will be Day of Confessions at St. Anselm's Church. Please use the Millwood entrance and exit from MacNaughton Rd.

Confession times will be **9:00am-10:00am** and **4:00pm – 5:00pm**. Please wear a mask and do not come to Confession if you are feeling symptomatic.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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