

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

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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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Art Larmand

Requested by Barbara Laplante

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Gloria Buckley

Requested by Vicki & Richard Garnett

**Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Diane Giroux

Requested by Sabrina & Greg Paolini & Family

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

*Fr. Moore will continue to celebrate Mass intentions privately each day.*

### **IN-PERSON MASS** **TEMPORARILY CANCELLED**

Due to the current lockdown measures, we are now permitted a maximum of 10 people in the church at any time, including the presider. Therefore, Cardinal Collins has temporarily cancelled the public celebration of Mass in the Archdiocese of Toronto in order to comply with these restrictions. The dispensation from Sunday Eucharist remains in place. Once we receive information regarding re-opening, we will share it via e-blast and through the bulletin uploaded to our website at [stanselmsto.archtoronto.org](http://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org)

We encourage everyone to stay safe and stay home wherever possible until we are able to gather once again.

### **OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

The church will be open Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00am – 10:00am for private prayer. As we are permitted only 9 visitors at a time, we ask that you please register your attendance ahead of time by emailing [office@stanselmchurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmchurch.com) or by calling 416-485-1792.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES**

Group “B” casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please email [yvnoone.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvnoone.gray@bell.net) if you need a pan or recipe. Thank you for your continued support!

### **St. Anselm’s Parish - YouTube Channel**

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

[St. Anselm's Parish Leaside - YouTube](#)

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

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

Video links for Grades 1 to 3: First Glorious Mystery – One Decade

<https://youtu.be/KFNOURFTtRg>

Grades 4-12: The Glorious Mysteries

<https://youtu.be/J0XfOo3zAdE>

**Acts 1:1-11**

**Ps 47**

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

**Mark 16:15-20**

### **Reflection on the Feast of the Ascension...**

#### ***Something to think about...***



With the Ascension of Jesus, the Christ-event has come full circle. Jesus, who is God, who became flesh and lived within the parameters of human existence, has “gone home” to God and to glory. Not for his own sake did he undertake the journey into the depths of human need, frailty and sin — but for ours. Because of Jesus’ willingness to become like us in all things except sin, human beings have been granted a glimpse “beyond the veil,” a glimpse of glory not unlike that which John the seer has shared with us over the past several weeks. But Jesus’ willing presence in flesh and blood, in time and space, has also revealed a love the authenticity and intensity of which human beings could never have fathomed on their own. Indeed, someone had to surrender, to become one of us, in order to speak to us in our own language of the incomprehensible, illogical and irrepressible love of God for humankind. In Jesus, we learned that God loves us as Brother, as Father, as Mother, as Sister and even as a Bridegroom who loves his bride. In Jesus, God’s love became real, with hands to touch, ears to listen, a heart to ache and a body to suffer — in love, for love, because of love. As Karl Rahner (*The Great Church Year*, Crossroad Publications Co., New York, NY: 1994) has explained, in Jesus there was at last someone in our midst who was not superfluous, someone who did not *become* a burden, but who *bore* the burden. Because Jesus was so unassumingly good, we were either suspicious of him or we almost took him for granted. Jesus gave a

name to the incomprehensible cause behind all that exists. He called it his Father and did so neither with naiveté nor with presumption. Indeed, Jesus almost led the world into the temptation of taking God for granted when he allowed us also to whisper into the divine darkness, “Abba-Daddy-Papa.” Jesus was God’s love, God’s mercy, God’s wisdom in our midst. And now, he is gone away again and we are celebrating his going from us. Why? - Because our Jesus has not returned to God and to glory unaccompanied. My faith and my consolation, insisted Rahner (*op. cit.*), are centred on this — that he has taken with him everything that is ours. Rahner admitted that he could not explain this mystery theologically. Furthermore, he defied those who would attempt to explain it away. He was simply content to believe that Jesus, in ascending to God, has taken us with him. Because he wanted to come close to us he has gone away and taken us with him. Because he was lifted up on the cross, in his resurrection and in his ascension, he and everything in him have become near. The reason for this is that the Spirit is already in us now! When we lose sight of this nearness, the ascension seems to be separation, but we must will to believe in God’s nearness, in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the ascension, affirmed Rahner, is the universal event of salvation history that must recur in each believer through grace. It is also a paradox. When we become poor, then we become rich. When the lights of the world are darkened, then we are bathed in light. When we are seemingly distant or estranged from the nearness of Jesus’ presence, then we are more united with him. When we sense only an emptiness of heart, when all the joy of celebrating seems to be only a liturgical fuss, then we are, in truth, better prepared for the feast of the Ascension than we might imagine. Elsewhere in his writings, Rahner (*The Content of Faith*, Crossroad Pub. Co., New York, NY: 1992) has expanded upon this paradox of what is here yet not fully here. When Jesus’ Spirit is in us, then we are the Lord’s and he is ours. And yet, there is still the pain of waiting for eternal life, the pain of hope not completely fulfilled, the pain of a pilgrimage not ended. Unfortunately, we are sometimes too content with this life. We settle for temporary and partial fulfillment. We do not look above or to the future like those who gazed up to the skies in Galilee so long ago. We keep our eyes fixed on the present. We are not those who wait, those who look, those who are unsatisfied. We are not those who hunger and thirst for that justice which will be fully known only in the future, that future which will bring us the return of the Lord if we keep watch for him and work to prepare for his final advent.

In our watching, waiting and working, the reality of Jesus’ ascension reminds us that a part of who we are — Jesus, who became one of us — has gone ahead of us, plotting the path, preparing the way. Since something of us already dwells in glory with Jesus, then the “first fruits” of who we are must summon the rest of our selves to a greater, deeper, holiness, here and now — not only at liturgy but in the course of our daily existence. To put it more bluntly, we are to live in accord with the gift that we are heaven-sent, rather than hell-bent. For, as Rahner (*op. cit.*, *Content of Faith*) has insisted, “when the Spirit performs the miracle of faithfulness and courage in our poor lives from day to day, there is the Spirit of Christ. And where the Spirit of Christ is present, the true festival of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated.”

### **HUMANITARIAN RELIEF – COVID-19 IN INDIA**

India is reeling from a devastating COVID-19 outbreak. In recent days, the country has been reporting more than 400,000 of new cases and 4,000 deaths every 24 hours. International observers expect that the actual numbers are significantly higher. The medical system, funeral services and other social supports are unable to meet the country’s needs at this time.

In response to numerous inquiries from parishioners and clergy, we are providing information for those who may wish to contribute to relief efforts to assist the people of India.

The Archdiocese of Toronto will send donations through Development and Peace to Caritas Internationalis, an international confederation of Catholic humanitarian organizations that is already in India helping those who are suffering during this COVID-19 outbreak.

Since the pandemic began, India’s Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as those with inadequate housing, migrant labourers, persons with special needs and widows.

To learn more about Caritas’ work in India, please watch this video: <http://bit.ly/CaritasIndiaRelief>

#### **Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:**

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)
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- Through the parish, making cheques payable to:

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