

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
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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, May 25th

For the Deceased Members of the Maxheleau Family
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, May 26th

Mary Kennedy
Requested by Breda and Dermot O'Carroll

Thursday, May 27th

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, May 28th

Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm

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. 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 or by calling 416-485-1792.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Group "B" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected **June 19th**. Please email 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>

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our parishioners, the SSVP has been able to continue its mission "pandemic style" but now we need your help. After supporting thirty families during Christmas and committing (in lieu of the Angel Tree) to provide a local school with computer equipment for its students, the Vincentians have continued to respond to requests from families, mainly for food and clothing. The number of calls requesting help appears to be increasing and ongoing support is needed. Most of our clientele is new to Canada. They live in conditions that make it particularly difficult during COVID and require some assistance to make it through this trying time. In fact, the Society has been involved with some who have lost a family member by providing consolation, and financial and practical assistance.

The Society also conducted a Bundle Up Sunday in April and the response from St. Anselm's was overwhelming. A large U-Haul type vehicle was filled to bursting with clothes and toys. Not only did people contribute these items but they also actively participated in stuffing the truck! Hopefully this event left everyone feeling great that not only were we helping others, but we were also enjoying working together again.

Thus, please know that your donations to SSVP are being well utilized during this time. Though the contacts with our clients are by necessity less hands-on, our attempts to meet their needs are continuing. We are truly appreciative of all your financial contributions. To continue your support, please place your donation in an envelope marked SSVP, include your name and address for CRA receipt purposes, and mail to the office or place in the parish mailbox.

***Sincere thanks from the volunteers of the St.
Vincent de Paul Society
at St. Anselm's Parish.***

FEAST OF PENTECOST

*Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104**1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13**or Gal 5:16-25**John 20:19-23**or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15***“Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.”****Wind and Fire**

Could there be any better way to portray the emergence of a community of believers than in terms of wind and fire? These elemental forces of the universe are immeasurable,

unpredictable and often uncontrollable. Wind and fire remind us that ours is a church that is characterized by mobility and not stasis, by charism rather than constraint, and by ecstasy rather than entrenchment. Wind and fire blow and breathe and burn with life and with an energy that cannot be quenched. Wind and fire attest to the difference the Jesus movement has made, is making and should be able to make in the world. The imagery of wind and fire is not unique to Pentecost. Fire and wind have figured importantly in many encounters between God and humankind in both Testaments. Fire signified the presence of God sealing the everlasting covenant with Abraham. Fire summoned Moses to the presence of God and purified him for his mission. Leading Moses and the escapees from Egypt through the desert, a pillar of fire assured them that their path was struck and protected by God. Fire burning on Sinai announced the presence of God and accompanied the gift of the law, regarded by the Israelites as a fire that lit their path. Fire also purified the prophets who were chosen to speak God's word and devoured the sacrifices offered in worship. A perpetual fire near the altar bore witness to God's choice to draw near and linger lovingly among the people. From the beginning, as told in the book of Genesis, wind has also signified the power and presence of God. Sweeping over the primordial waters, wind brought forth life, order and a wondrous, mutually beneficial harmony in the universe. From creation onward, wind would be variously featured through the scriptures as the breath of God, the inspiration of God and a sign of God's Spirit, who blows wherever and whenever and in whomever God chooses. For Moses and those leaving Egypt, an east wind sent by God enabled their safe passage across the Sea of Reeds. Job's encounter with God was depicted as a physical presence within a whirlwind. The visions of Ezekiel were similarly characterized. When his prophetic ministry was ended and his

ministry had been assumed by another, Elijah was caught up to heaven and to God in a whirling wind. Almost every time wind is referenced in the Lectionary, its effects are vehicles of God's grace. Wind is no terror but the movement of God's mercy. Against this rich and colorful background, the Lucan evangelist and author of Acts has told his version of the gift of the Spirit. God's presence is announced in a strong driving wind, and tongues as of fire appear and come to rest — not in a burning bush or on Sinai or even on the altar of sacrifice in the temple, but on every believer present. In that moment of wind and fire, all were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in a way understood by all. In that moment of wind and fire, something new and different had begun to happen. As if shaken by the wind, traditional prejudices and narrow-mindedness began to give away to a spirit of inclusiveness, openness and welcome. As if blown by the wind, the seeds of the good news began to spread far beyond Jerusalem, Judah and Samaria. With the wind at their back, the bearers of those seeds knew themselves to be inspired by someone greater than themselves. With fire in their bellies, those early believers established a viable and energetic movement that caused the world to take notice. Does the world continue to take notice of us, who have inherited this legacy of wind and fire? Does the wind at our backs still prompt us forward into the fray? Is there fire in our bellies to excite others to believe? If the event narrated by Luke has dissolved into distant memory and has no bearing upon our present experience, then today is the day to make a new beginning. God's wind still blows; God's fire still burns and enlightens. Jesus' Spirit continues to breathe upon us. We, for our part, must be willing to be blown to places of God's choosing.

For the Church, that God may pour out the Spirit in a new and abundant way to renew all believers and strengthen us to further the mission of Jesus... We pray...

For inspiration and insight, that the Spirit may guide all who are working to end the pandemic and develop effective plans for administering the vaccine to all nations... We pray...

Sacraments that were to take place in the Easter season have not been forgotten. First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation will take place for all children who have been preparing this year once we are allowed to re-open and resume celebrations in accordance with the Archdiocese and based on the new model of the provincial framework.

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