

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.

FALL OFFICE HOURS

Monday 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive
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416-393-5243

Mass Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Jo Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, September 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Josie McCaffrey

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, September 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Bridie Weston

Requested by Bill and Sheila Geerts

Friday, September 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

Share...Life!

Living the Gospel by supporting residents of long-term care

The Houses of Providence in Scarborough is a ShareLife-funded agency that provides long-term care for seniors.

"It's been hard during COVID-19," says Mary, one of its residents, "but we understand the precautions that staff are taking. Providence staff have been absolutely wonderful and are doing a good job. I thank them every time I see them for their hard work."

Did you know that you can contribute to ShareLife agencies like the Houses of Providence through Pre-Authorized Giving? Please consider making a monthly contribution to ShareLife using PAG.

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

4th Annual Parish Ministry Conference – October 26-30, 2021

In the session, Restoring Parish Vitality in a Post-pandemic World, we will discuss our "modern-day road to Emmaus" of self-isolation and separation from the sacraments and one another. We collectively wonder how long it will take for parish life to recover. Join a **panel of selected pastors and laity** as we tackle this important topic.

Visit www.archtoronto.org/conference to register and learn more about this and other sessions.

SACRAMENT
of
RECONCILIATION



First
Communicants



First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Important Announcement for parents with children currently in Grade 2 who would be planning to celebrate Reconciliation and First Communion in the parish community of St. Anselm's.

Due to Covid 19 and continuing restrictions placed on large gatherings as well as health and safety measures implemented to keep all of us safe, our communication will continue via email, the parish website and the school website for notification of details surrounding preparation for these sacraments. These notices apply to all who consider this parish the one where they come to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist in normal times. Moving forward, preparation will take place remotely and suitable resources have been sourced in order for parents to help their children at home. It will be critical for you to pay close attention to details as they are provided. Updates will be posted in the bulletin and can be found in the bulletin library at stanselmsto.archtoronto.org The parish email is office@stanselmschurch.com.

In-person parish preparation has been suspended for the time being. Children currently in the Grade 2 program are invited to participate in the parish preparation program offered remotely and described in the announcement above.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Young people who were prepared to celebrate Confirmation last year will be celebrating this sacrament in the coming weeks. It is important that the integrity of the sacrament be maintained in a safe manner for both the presider and the candidates.

For those who are **currently in Grade 7**, a program that can be completed remotely will be available as soon as it is ready. **All those interested should watch future bulletins for enrollment information.** A copy of your

baptism certificate will be required so you may wish to find that ahead of time and keep it handy. This program will be available to all who currently attend St. Anselm's parish in normal times.

In-person parish preparation has been suspended for the time being. Candidates currently in Grade 7 or older who wish to enroll this year will use the preparation resources and prepare at home with the help of parents and catechists.

"Group A"



CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD ...will be collected on **Saturday, September 19th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Please email yvonne.gray@bell.net if you need a casserole pan.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARK 8 27-35 "For my sake and the sake of the Gospel"



During the Second World War, when Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of England, he declared that as their leader, all he had to offer his fellow Brits was "blood, toil, tears and sweat."

When the great Italian patriot Garibaldi appealed for recruits, he said, "I offer neither pay, nor quarters, nor provisions; I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death. Let him who loves his country in his heart, and not with his lips only, follow me." Similarly blunt and truthful, Jesus told his disciples that those who would follow him could do so only if they were willing to deny themselves, take up their cross and lose their lives for his sake and the sake of the Gospel. But just as Churchill and Garibaldi did not ask anything of their compatriots that they were not also willing to endure, so did Jesus strike the path for his disciples. His saving mission and his role as the Christ or Messiah would be defined by and expressed through suffering.

Judging from Peter's reaction to him, it is clear that Jesus' contemporaries did not expect their long-awaited messiah to be anything but a regal, powerful and strong leader. Their hopes rested on an end to foreign occupation and a restoration of

Israel's political freedom and prestige. They were thinking, as the Marcan Jesus has pointed out, not as God does but as human beings do. And who could fault them for that? Who would want to suffer? Most of our lives are spent avoiding suffering or doing whatever is necessary to get through a period of struggle and to make it only an unpleasant memory. Nevertheless, despite the onus attached to suffering, Jesus challenged his followers to choose it as a means of redemption. As Bonnie Bowman Thurston has pointed out, verse 34, with its call to take up one's cross, is one of the most misused texts in the New Testament (*Preaching Mark*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis: 2002). It does not mean stoically accepting the difficulties of life, as in "Arthritis is my cross to bear" or "My mother-in-law is my cross." Rather, to take up one's cross is a voluntary choice that calls for desire and resolve, not passive acceptance or mere miserable tolerance.

If this voluntary choosing of the cross sounds masochistic, verse 35 offers clarification. The reason for such a choice is voiced by Jesus: "for my sake and for that of the Gospel." Those who willingly accept the suffering that results from their belonging to Jesus, those who accept the hardships that come from preaching and living the Gospel — these are the ones who are truly Jesus' followers. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a true and faithful disciple of Jesus, understood full well the cost of discipleship. In his book by the same name, he stated quite clearly, "When Jesus calls a man he bids him, 'Come and die.' Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer" (*The Cost of Discipleship*, SCM Press, London: 1959). We, for our part, are to remain mindful that whatever we endure, it is for Jesus' sake and that of the Gospel; only then will our suffering have redemptive significance.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish as operating expenses continued while we were closed. Make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting [ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto \(archtoronto.org\)](#) and choosing "St. Anselm" from the drop-down menu of parishes. Cheques may be mailed or dropped off in the parish office mailbox at any time.

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