

# 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  
Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5  
416-393-5243

## Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Intentions of the Chapman Family  
Requested by Eileen & Bill Fitzpatrick

**Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Josie McCaffrey  
Requested by Ken & Lorraine Ware

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nora Escallon  
Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

**Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Foo See Foy  
Requested by Michelle Chue & Family

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](http://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org) The parish email is [office@stanselmschurch.com](mailto: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.**

### The Catholic Women's League of Canada Invitation



All former members and women of St. Anselm's Parish over the age of 16 are invited to an information session (date to be confirmed) to learn more about restarting a Catholic Women's League Council at the parish. For more information

you can contact us below.

Parish office 416-485-1792

CWL Toronto Website: [cwltoronto.ca/contact](http://cwltoronto.ca/contact)

### **"Group B"**

**CASSEROLES FOR GOOD SHEPHERD**

...will be collected on **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Please email [yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net) if you

need a casserole pan.



**Wisdom 2:12. 17-20**

**Ps 54**

**The Road to Discipleship**



**Letter of St. James**

**Mark 9:30-37**

In the '60s, among the many sayings that cropped up on posters, T-shirts and graffiti-covered walls was the question: "What if they had a war and nobody came?" This question fueled imaginations and encouraged hope for peace in a time when wars, both cold and hot, were sucking the life out of the planet. The query also hints at a baser aspect of the human experience — the fascination with violence and destruction. When a fight breaks out in a schoolyard, a bar, a sports arena or a jail yard, more often than not, a crowd gathers to watch. Some even join in, and the answer to the above question seems all too obvious. Someone will always be ready to go to war or at least sanction a war because the principles of Jesus' teachings about peace, restraint and nonviolence have yet to become a norm.

In today's second reading, the author of James points to the baser instincts of jealousy and ambition, envy and covetousness and challenges his readers to overcome these by cultivating peace. Peace is a process of growth that requires careful maintenance. It means right relationships between persons and among all peoples. In questioning his readers about their seeming disregard for peacemaking, James sounds like the historian Philo, who wrote: "For all the tragedies of war have all flowed from one source — desire either for money or power or pleasure. Over all these things the human race goes mad." Evidently, something of this "madness" was causing conflict within the community of believers. James reminded them that although they were in the world, they were not to be of the world. On the contrary, the followers of Jesus are to seek the will of God and put it into practice with peace and gentleness, with mercy and good fruits. The prayer of the believer is ultimately "Your will be done." St. Oscar Romero, the late archbishop of San Salvador, insisted that God's will on the subject of war and violence is clear. "God's law must prevail that says, 'Thou shalt not kill!' the archbishop said. "No soldier is obliged to obey an order against the law [will] of God. No one has to fulfill an immoral law. It is time to take back your consciences and to obey your conscience rather than the orders of sin." For these words and for his fierce allegiance to God's will, Romero was shot and killed while celebrating Mass. His legacy, like that of James, continues to challenge the authenticity of our faith and the seriousness of our commitment to the Gospel. Three times in the Marcan Gospel, Jesus announced that he would be handed over to suffering and death,

and three times his disciples did not fully comprehend the truth he was sharing with them. Following Jesus, who saved us through suffering, would mean that people would experience and express their discipleship in suffering. Following Jesus would also challenge his followers' notions regarding authority. No doubt they sensed greatness in Jesus as they witnessed his ability to conduct himself and to teach with authority. For that reason, they were hopeful that when the kingdom Jesus announced was finally established they would have a share in his authority. They had yet to learn that his would not be an imposed authority, but a leadership that would raise others to a dignity they had not previously enjoyed. Jesus would accomplish this through service. He called his followers to cultivate a similar style of leadership that would achieve its greatness by exalting others.

To further illustrate the radical nature of his teaching on greatness, Jesus held out as an example one of the least members of his contemporary culture. In the helpless, powerless child, the disciples were to find the simplicity that would enable them to see beyond their selfish ambitions and understand the manner of life to which Jesus was calling them. Jesus identified with the child, the representative of the poor and marginalized and nameless ones. To welcome such a person in Jesus' name means to offer them unconditional acceptance and protection. In the process of welcoming these least ones, Jesus said, you welcome me and the One who sent me. If we dare to accept Jesus' challenge to welcome the least ones, we are put on a sure collision course with contemporary culture. *For the universal church and her leaders; for hearts of humility that respond to the needs of the poor and the outcast; for continued strength to minister to our broken world ... we pray...*

**BUNDLE UP WEEKEND – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The truck will be in the church parking lot on **October 16-17**. St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will gratefully accept your donations of gently used clothing (adults and children), bedding, towels, linens and footwear (adults and children).

Please do not drop off CD's, DVD's books, kitchenware or electronics.

*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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