

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

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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 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Catherine Hayden

Requested by Iseult Hayden and Family

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Fr. Nazzareno Coccia

Requested by the Filippi Family



### 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

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.**

### ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

**Next Sunday, October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**

### 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.*

## **BLESSING OF PETS**



October 4<sup>th</sup> marks the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and his passion for the gifts of God's creation. St. Francis' love for animals resonates with us in North America, where pets are especially cherished and valued. **Next Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass** on the front steps of the Church (Millwood Rd.), pets will be blessed as a sign that we view our pets as priceless examples of God's gift of creation.

**St. Michael's College School** iVirtual Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 28 at 7:30pm. Please register to attend at [ApplySMCS.com](http://ApplySMCS.com)

**Num 11:25-29 James 5:1-6**

**Ps 19**

**Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**



In the first reading and Gospel today, the Old Testament author and the first evangelist address the idea that one person or group might enjoy a monopoly on the Spirit. Having become accustomed to his leadership and the way he mediated with God on their behalf, the Israelites acknowledged that Moses was endowed by God's Spirit. For the most part, they were inclined to accept his direction. But when the Spirit was made manifest through others, the Israelites questioned those people's right to prophesy. The Spirit was moving and breathing among the Israelites in a manner they did not expect, and so they were of the mind that protocol had been breached. The disciples in today's Gospel were similarly unnerved by the seemingly indiscriminant movement and power of the Spirit and were suspicious of others who were calling on Jesus' name to eradicate evil. They protested because those others had not risen from within the ranks of Jesus' recognized disciples. In an effort to broaden their horizons and open their hearts, Jesus encouraged his disciples to look beyond the parameters they had set for themselves and for him. They had yet to understand that theirs was a community of persons called together by God. Therefore, membership and belonging were God's to decide. If God had called them to follow Jesus, why couldn't God call others? Eventually, but not without great struggle, the followers of Jesus began to appreciate his ecumenical character. Gradually, they began to learn that God was willing to work through all people, even sinners, even gentiles, even the poor, even women, children, the maimed, the blind, the deaf, the mute, the enslaved and the outcast. Because of the

living, breathing quality of the sacred texts, their challenge continues to speak to all Christians today. We may object that we are no longer as provincial in our judgments as the first disciples were regarding when and where the Spirit of God will exercise power. Yet, through the centuries, we find many examples from those in positions of authority within our church insisting that there is no salvation outside the holy Roman catholic and apostolic church. Such a statement points to a lack of understanding about the Spirit's power to share the grace of salvation to all people. Only in the 20th century was this self-proclaimed monopoly acknowledged and surrendered. Prompted by the Spirit, Paul VI and the participants at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s acknowledged that all Christians "are joined with us in the Holy Spirit for to them also the Spirit gives gifts and graces and is operative among them with sanctifying power" (*Lumen Gentium*, #12). Further prompted by the Spirit, the council also acknowledged that the two-thirds of the world's population who are not Christian "are most dear to God," and therefore "we ought to believe that the Holy Spirit, in a manner known only to God, offers to every human being the grace of being blessed by the paschal mystery. ... For it is God, who gives to all life and breath and every other gift, who, as Savior, calls that all be saved" (*Lumen Gentium* #16; *Gaudium et Spes* #22). Listening to these good words and wrapping our minds and hearts around them is a necessary first step in realizing the wisdom of Moses ("Would that the Lord might bestow the Spirit on all") and of Jesus ("Whoever is not against us is for us"). But it is only a first step. Allowing the truth of these words to change our minds and our manner of dealing with others is a lifelong journey beset with daily challenges and risks. As always, the temptation attached to great challenges is to listen but do nothing, to pray and plan but not begin. Although it is not easy to allow the Spirit free rein in our lives, those who do so can begin to see with new eyes and without prejudice, to hear with new ears without choosing only the most convenient truths.

The ministry of the prophet keeps showing up in the readings of Ordinary Time. Perhaps that's a good indication of the importance of the prophetic vocation in our world. Prophets speak for God calling people back to God's ways. Doing so is never easy, because most of us don't like to be reminded when we are not living up to our best selves, the people God made us to be. *For openness to the Spirit, that we may welcome all whom God calls to serve the community of faith in ministry and listen to the promptings of the Spirit to find ways to meet the needs of all our brothers and sisters... We pray...*

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