

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## *Let us be thankful ...*

*Let us be thankful for  
the blessings we receive.*

*Let us be thoughtful of others.*

*Let us remember dear and close friends.*

*Let us have faith in tomorrow.*

*Let us live life as a Golden Rule.*

*Let us find sunlight through the clouds.*

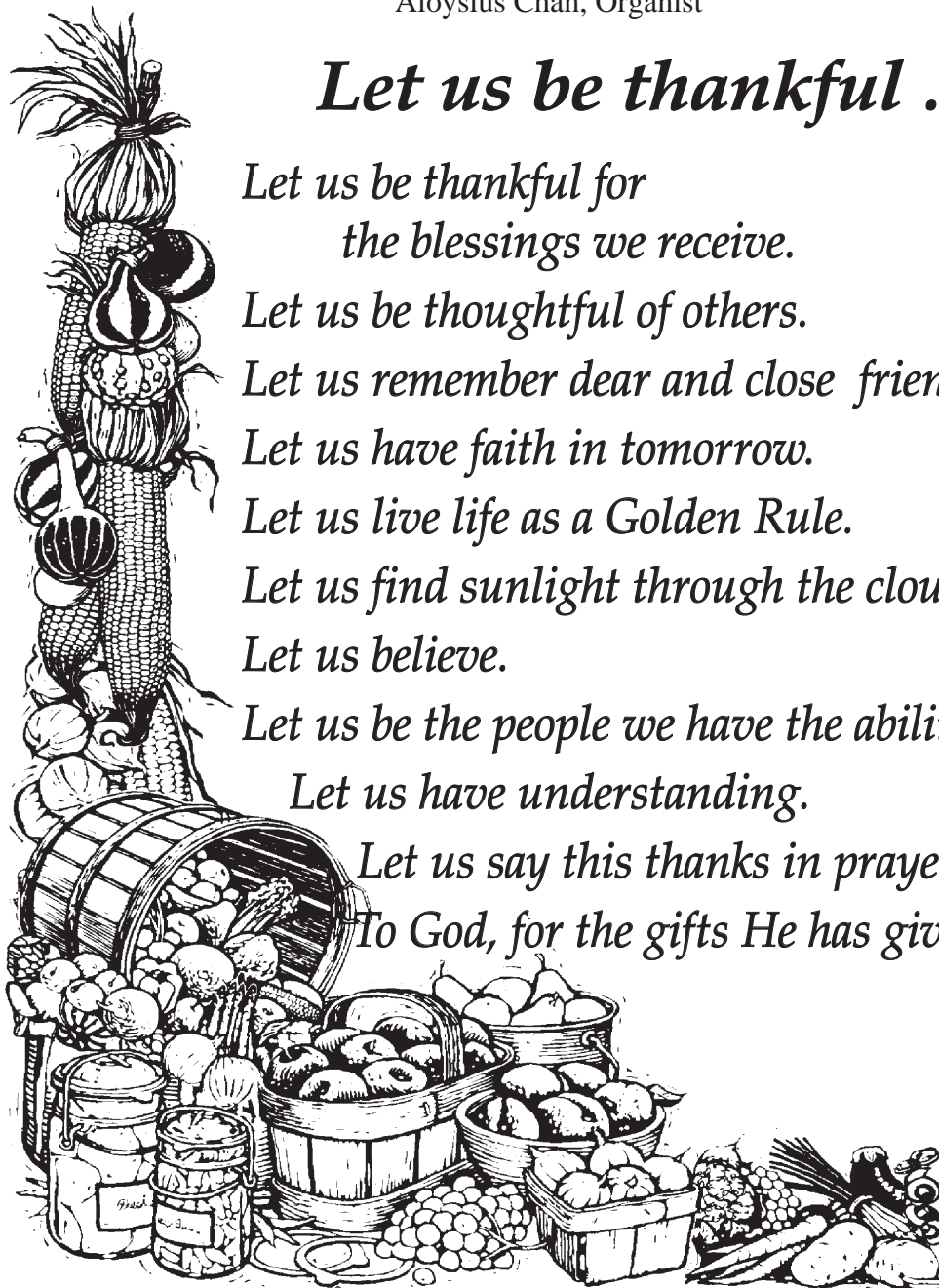
*Let us believe.*

*Let us be the people we have the ability to be.*

*Let us have understanding.*

*Let us say this thanks in prayer*

*To God, for the gifts He has given.*



# Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Yolanda Zezza

Requested by Daniela Tixi and Family

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Ellen Foley

Requested by Marie Dosso and Family

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Enrique Esquivel

Requested by Jennifer, Naguib and Beth Gouda

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

Carmelo and Rosalia Notaro

Requested by the Filippi Family

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

The parish office remains closed for walk-in service; however, appointments are always available. Please call us at 416-485-1792 or email us at [office@stanselmschurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmschurch.com) Voicemail and email are checked on a regular basis.

**Good Shepherd casseroles for Group "B" will be collected NEXT SATURDAY, October 16<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 5pm in the church parking lot.**

# Help!

We have a request from a family in need of a small table (to rest a laptop on)

and chair for a child learning from home. If you can help, please call the parish office.



## 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.**

In-person parish preparation has been suspended for the time being. Children currently in Grade 2 are invited to participate in the parish preparation program offered remotely. To enrol your child, please request a registration form by emailing [office@stanselmschurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmschurch.com) by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 in Grade 7 (or older) who 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.**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP NEXT WEEKEND

The truck will be in the church parking lot **NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 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).

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## 2022 ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Announced Masses are celebrated at St. Anselm's Tuesday-Friday at 8:15 am. Please contact the parish office if you would like to request Mass intentions on specific days. The offering for a Mass intention remains \$20 (by cash or cheque).

### Upcoming second collections:

World Mission Sunday – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Final ShareLife Sunday – October 31<sup>st</sup>

*Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13*  
*Psalm 90 Mark 10:17-30*

**ON THE ROAD TO DISCIPLESHIP**



Have you ever thrust your hand into a candy jar and grabbed all you could only to find out that then you couldn't remove your hand? Your sweet tooth would urge you to keep your grasp closed around the goodies to get as much as possible. Nevertheless, in the

end, you would have to search for a better solution. Aside from breaking the jar, the only sensible way to get your hand out would be to take less of the candy.

Today's Gospel issues a challenge to let go. As he was setting out for Jerusalem, the Marcan Jesus was approached by a man who desired to inherit eternal life. He had kept God's law and may have thought that he was well-prepared for the kingdom Jesus came to preach. But Jesus pressed the man toward a holiness he had not anticipated. Let go of your possessions, challenged Jesus; give them to the poor and come follow me, unencumbered and free. Mark leaves his readers hanging at this point. He does not give us an example to follow. He simply states that the man went away sad, for he had many possessions. The sad man's departure leaves us with questions. What would I do? What am I willing to let go of in this great candy jar of life in order to respond fully to Jesus' call to discipleship? Am I able to unclench the fists that hold tightly to the things that give my life a sense of security and well-being? Can I let go of my nest egg, my rainy-day fund? Can I even let go of relationships that ground me and make me who I am? Jesus promises that the letting go he asks of his disciples is not without its positive rewards and it also has its negative repercussions. Nevertheless, the choice is ours alone to make. Do we accept this very hard word of Jesus or not? Do we prefer God's word and God's wisdom to all else? Do we hold word and wisdom above power and prestige? - Above riches and financial security? - Over health and beauty?

The Marcan evangelist adds a touching detail to his narrative. He tells his readers that when the rich man presented himself, "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." With this same love, Jesus looks on every one of his disciples. His love empowers each of us to hear the hard, challenging words that mold and shape and direct our faith. His love assures us that when we let go of all that may come between ourselves and Jesus, we are allowing God and grace and goodness to enter into our lives — there to abide, there to act, there to accomplish God's loving plan for us and for all. In today's Gospel, the Marcan Jesus suggests that an inordinate attachment to possessions might make it difficult for someone to be grasped by God. For that reason, Jesus

challenged the man who came to him to loosen his grip on what he owned so that he could follow him.

Before any critical thoughts rise up in our hearts for this man, let us take notice of his attitude. Mark tells his readers that he ran to Jesus and knelt before him, showing both the eagerness and the reverence worthy of a disciple. He was a just and upright person who had grown up in faithful observance of the law. Acknowledging his goodness with love, Jesus called him beyond the customary requisites for holiness and invited the man to forgo his earthly base of security so as to entrust himself and his future completely to Jesus. That act of trust would also reach out in embrace of the poor with whom the man was invited to share his wealth. Notice that Jesus did not invite the man to put his wealth into a trust that he might later access after spending some time in Jesus' company. On the contrary, the willingness to risk all is an inherent aspect of commitment to Christ. The man was challenged to make a life-altering choice that would benefit both him and others.

When the disciples reacted to Jesus' challenge with surprise and dismay they were reminded by the Marcan Jesus that discipleship, like salvation, is a graced endeavour. On a purely human level, such efforts seem impossible, but with God, it is indeed possible to give the gift of oneself, one's possessions and one's future. The commitment of the disciple will also be positively rewarded. In the final verses of this Gospel, Jesus talks about these rewards in terms of family, friends and fellowship. Ever the realist, however, the Marcan Jesus also affirmed that the road to eternal life would be paved with persecution. This affirmation, like the Gospel's earlier challenge to go, sell, give to the poor and then come and follow Jesus, could cause those who rely solely on their own resources to go away sad. But for those who continue to let go of all else, to invest all they have and all they are in Jesus, all things become possible.



**A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**God of all blessing,  
 Source of all life,  
 Giver of all life:**

**We thank you for the gift of life:**

**for the breath that sustains life,  
 for the food of this earth**

**that nurtures life, for the love of  
 family and friends,**

**without which there is no life.**

*Taken from a poem by Vienna Cobb Anderson*

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