

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

By appointment.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 26th, 8:15 a.m.

Betty Stokes

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 28th, 8:15 a.m.

In Sook Kwon

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

Friday, October 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

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@stanselmschurh.com Voicemail and email are checked on a regular basis.



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.

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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to all for your donations during the "Bundle Up" weekend. Your generosity will go a long way in helping community members in need.

Please stay tuned in the coming weeks for St. Vincent de Paul's upcoming Christmas initiatives.



Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected on **Saturday, November 20th.**

Share...Life!

ShareLife update: Your gift will be matched!

The ongoing pandemic has made life even harder for those who are poor and marginalized. A couple that has supported ShareLife for many years felt so moved by this unprecedented crisis that they wanted to do more to help – and are inviting you to join them.

For every dollar you give to ShareLife, they will do the same. From now through November 15, your gift will be matched up to a total of \$750,000.

The needs are greater than ever. And now your gift will go even further towards making our communities more caring and compassionate.

Next Sunday, October 31 is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RETREAT

HEALING RETREAT - JOURNEY THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF LIVING & DEALING WITH CANCER
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
QUEEN OF APOSTLES -1617 BLYHTE ROAD
MISSISSAUGA 905-278-5229 office@goa.ca
Cost: \$40.00 per person

Jer 31:7-9

Heb 5:1-6

Psalm 126

Mark 10:46-52

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

LET ME SEE!



There is even more to see and appreciate in this story about Bartimaeus if one stands back to take in the whole picture. The cure of Bartimaeus echoes the narrative of another similar healing told earlier in the Marcan Gospel (8:22-26). That first healing of a blind man at Bethsaida marked the

beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem; the second healing took place on the last leg of the journey, just as Jesus was leaving Jericho, some 15 miles from the capital city. On their way, Jesus had been trying to show his followers how to be disciples. However, as Mark has pointed out repeatedly, they were for the most part "blind" and confused as to Jesus' purpose and plan. Ironically, they had eyes but did not see, while the two blind men "saw" Jesus and prevailed upon him in faith. In response to their belief, Jesus gave each man the gift of physical sight. Unlike the healing process at Bethsaida, which is told in great detail, the cure of Bartimaeus is told simply and hinges upon his believing: "Your faith has made you well." Like that of the woman with the hemorrhage, the physical healing of Bartimaeus signified the even greater healing of salvation. Although Bartimaeus believed and addressed Jesus by the messianic title Son of David, Bartimaeus did not fully understand how Jesus would actually lay claim to that title. Despite the inadequacy of his theology, the son of Timaeus had faith. His experience continues to teach us that, although we may never fully comprehend the mystery of Jesus, we can believe! Faith begins with a personal response to Jesus, a response of love that sees in Jesus the one person who can know and meet our every need. The response of the human heart is enough. Bartimaeus' newfound sight and budding faith prompted him to follow Jesus, as Mark tells us, 'on the way.' Although Jesus had told him, "Be on your way," Bartimaeus had made the way of Jesus his own. Jesus' way was more than his itinerary to Jerusalem, although Jerusalem would prove to be central in Jesus' saving ministry. Jesus' way centred in his relationship to God - all else was seen from that perspective. Jesus' way would lead him to suffer, to die and to pass from death to eternal

life and glory. Little did he know what following Jesus on the way would entail — but Bartimaeus followed! Little do any of us know what will come from our following the way of Jesus. But follow we must, for he is the light by which we see and believe and hope. Many of us are blessed with the ability to see both physically and spiritually. Physically, we can take in and appreciate the ordinary as well as exotic beauties of the created universe. Our spiritual sight leads us to look beyond those beauties to believe in the One who has brought everything and everyone into being. Seeing and believing — one action leads to the other, and together both lead to God. So it was for Bartimaeus. In response to his "I want to see," Jesus relieved him of his blindness. Once he was able to see, Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way. Seeing and believing marked his path to discipleship. We rejoice with Bartimaeus and are grateful to share in his experience. Who among us does not want to see God? — to see and be seen by Jesus? Who has not wanted to cry out to God, "I want to see! I want to actually behold with my eyes the wondrous face of God!" We do not see God with our physical eyes. We do not see Jesus, present in the Eucharist, nor did we see him rise from the dead. We do not touch God with our hands or hear God's voice with our ears. So, in a certain sense, we are all blind Bartimaeuses who cry out, "I want to see!" In response to this insistent, prayerful request, God directs our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds to the sacred word. There, those who want to see and touch and hear God will find a running commentary offered by inspired witnesses. Their fidelity to the message entrusted to them encourages our own faith. Their attentiveness to God's word sharpens our own acuity; their passion for the challenge of the word reaches out and grasps us. If we allow them, the word and its messengers will enable us to see God. God of consolation and hope, open our eyes to your presence. Fill us with courage when we feel blinded. Strengthen our faith so we are never silent in the face of fear. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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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