

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, November 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Manon

Requested by Nick and Leonore Barnard

Thursday, November 4th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Special Intentions of Emma Garnett

Requested by the Family

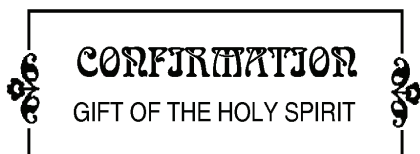
Friday, November 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Angela Maenza

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

TIME TO REGISTER

All those interested are asked to email office@stanselmschur.ch.com by November 14th with the following information:

Candidate Full Name, Address and Phone Number

You will then receive a registration form by reply email. Please complete that form and return to the parish office with a copy of your baptism certificate. The due date will be specified in the email you receive from us.

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 SOCIETY

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**.

Double your impact on ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday is a special day for our parish, as we join together in support of those who are poor and marginalized. And we now have an opportunity to make an even greater difference with our donations. From now through November 15, our gifts to ShareLife will be matched by a generous donor up to a total of \$750,000.

"Thank you to each and every person who showed solidarity with those who suffer by making a sacrificial gift."

— Cardinal Thomas Collins

**Today is the final ShareLife Sunday of 2021.
Please give generously.**

The Come and See - Day Retreat Saturday, November 20, 2021 - St. Augustine's Seminary

*Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. **Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca. For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.***

**Deut 6:2-6
Heb 7:23-28**

**Psalm 13
Mark 12:28-34**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength...You shall love your neighbour as yourself."



In today's liturgy, the Testaments meet. Both affirm that loving God and loving one another are the essential challenges that identify believers and authenticate their faith. However, this love is not about feelings. On the contrary, love is a deliberate decision to serve another

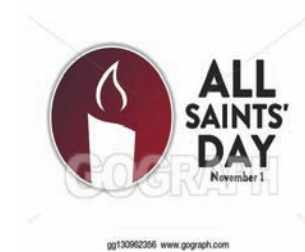
regardless of our emotions. Love is about making decisions based upon the vision of Jesus, despite the allure of those many other visions that may be clamouring for our attention and allegiance.

In today's first reading, the Deuteronomic author proclaims the call that was extended to every Israelite: to love God fully and freely. Who could resist loving the One who is love? But, in order to make that love real and to move it beyond mere words, the ancient Israelites were asked to keep all the commandments that God gave them. Their faithful observance of the law affirmed the integrity of their love. By the same token, their breaches of the law, and their legal maneuvering to reinterpret what proved difficult or undesirable, were regarded as a lack of fidelity to the God who called forth their love. Walter Brueggemann would have us be mindful that the call to love begins with a call to hear or to listen: "Hear, O Israel!" Listening is a peculiar discipline, says Brueggemann (*Reverberations of Faith*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Ky.: 2002). To listen is to open yourself and to surrender autonomy and self-sufficiency to the commanding authority of another. To listen means to accept the will and intention of the other. To sharpen their attentiveness to God and to fine-tune their willingness to listen, the Jewish people, through the centuries, have repeated the words from Deuteronomy at least twice daily. It has been suggested that these words are more than a prayer; they are like a pledge of allegiance to God. Repeating this pledge renews one's commitment and forges solidarity between God and the community of believers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus will agree that the challenge set forth by the Deuteronomic author was indeed the believer's first obligation: Loving God with one's whole self, heart, soul, mind and strength. Jesus, who came to fulfill the law, paired the love of God with the love of neighbour. Although the laws are numbered "first" and "second," they are, in truth, only one. Love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated; rather, they are mutually complementary and interdependent. Later, John's first letter would affirm the relatedness of these two laws. "If anyone

says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the command we have from Jesus: Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:20-21).

This is the choice set before each believer present today. Do we love God and neighbour, or do we show ourselves to be liars? John did not mince words. Neither did Jesus. Nor is there any loophole that will allow us to diminish this challenge. Lover or liar, which will we be?



*For greater unity in the church: that women and men from south and north, east and west; from poverty and riches, authority and powerlessness; from every race, language, and culture, maybe joined in Christ into one Body of faith, service, and witness by the one Spirit... **We pray...***



Feast of All Souls November 2nd

Good and gracious God, you have promised that death is not the end of life. Give faith to the doubtful, courage to the fearful, comfort to the suffering, and inspire all of us

to trust in your care for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For all those who have died, that God may welcome them into the heavenly banquet in the company of all the saints...

We pray...

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 \(archtoronto.org\)](https://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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