

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 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Guiry

Requested by Dermot and Breda O'Carroll

Wednesday, November 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Iolanda Zezza

Requested by Daniela Tixi and Family

Thursday, November 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Guido Convertini

Requested by Sabrina and Greg Paolini and Family

Friday, November 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Fernando Filippi

Requested by Requested by the 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 Voicemail and email are checked on a regular basis.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: TIME TO REGISTER

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

- *Candidate Full Name, Address and Phone Number*
- *Current grade and school name*

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

As the calendar year continues to progress, it is time for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to look at Christmas initiatives to assist our neighbours in need. The Covid pandemic has changed our operational mode over the past twenty months. In light of the current mode of interaction, the Society has decided on the families that are served to be the primary focus. The Angel Tree program will not operate this year as the logistics would be too difficult to address.

The Society will attempt to provide for 40 families with an average size of 5 members per family. If you are able to support this community initiative, it would require a financial commitment of \$250 per family to provide a happy Christmas for our needy families. Contributions can be returned in an envelope marked SSVP Family-to-Family and returned to the parish office or placed in the collection basket at the end of Mass. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Vincent de Paul – St. Anselm". Please provide your name, address and parish envelope number if you have one this year.



Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge will be collected on **Saturday, November 20th**. Please contact Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net if you require a pan and lid.

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.*

SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

There will be a collection for The Shepherds' Trust next weekend (November 13/14). Envelopes are included in your donation box/PAG bundle. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to ensure retired priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests maintain a modest, but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirmed, the trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

1 Kings 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28
Psalms 146 Mark 12:38-44

"Praise the Lord, O my soul!"



Psalm 146, the responsorial psalm for today's Mass, is one of 12 "Hallelujah Psalms." These psalms are so named because they begin and end by praising God. The middle of Psalm 146, the part we read today, affirms God's faithful love for his

people. God gives food to the hungry, opens the eyes of the blind and upholds the orphan and the widow. The message is clear: There is hope for the downtrodden. In today's readings we encounter the downtrodden. Our readings from both the Hebrew and Christian Testaments focus on the faith journey of widows. In the first reading, Elijah intercepts a widow as she is preparing a last meal for herself and her son. With Elijah's help, this widow stops despairing and begins to hope. In the Gospel, a poor widow demonstrates her faith by putting all she has to live on into the treasury. How did she arrive at this place of faithful surrender? How do we make this same journey through despair towards hope? These women have much to teach us.

When Elijah cries out to the widow, he is truly a voice in the wilderness. She is lost, forsaken and alone. Unable to provide for either herself or her son, she is ready to die. In response to Elijah's request for food, she does not hide her despair. She frankly tells Elijah, "As the Lord your God lives I have nothing" (1 Kings 17:12). Acknowledging despair is the first step on the journey toward hope. J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Lord of the Rings*, said it best: "Oft hope is born when all is forlorn."

Hope is cultivated when acknowledgement of despair is followed by courageous, fearless action taken in faith. In both cases, the women let go of their only means of

sustenance. The first woman gave her food; the second woman gave her money. By any logic, this doesn't make sense. Yet, in the midst of this faithful foolishness, fear is pushed away and hope is given a place to take root. "The jar of meal was not emptied; neither did the jug of oil fail". Jesus praises the widow, who tithes from her want, as more faithful than those who gave more

How do these stories relate to our own lives? A fearless self-examination exposes our own areas of hopelessness. We are all downtrodden in one shape or form. Our journey toward hope begins with acknowledgement of our despair, but also a willingness to act on faith. If the action required seems foolish, we must have the courage to continue. Like the two widows, often we need to risk what little we have so we can open ourselves to what God wants to provide. This is the real meaning of faith, to release your own control of things. When the chips are down, let go and let God. Even in your last extremity. And so, after all, God had sent Elijah to help the widow, not rob her. But she had to trust first. In the Gospel, the second widow illustrates the same faith, putting her own last two pennies into the collection box. Jesus sees it happen and sees the depth her faith. Psalm 146 is a prayer we can carry into our week, praying it again and again. What do you hunger for? How are you imprisoned? Where are your blind spots? Once you know the answers to these questions, pray with the widows. Ask them how they had the courage to take action in the midst of their darkness. Prayer takes many forms. There are prayers of adoration and prayers of thanksgiving, contrition and petition. Underlying all prayer is an attitude of trust and gratitude for God's never-failing love. Prayer begins and ends with hope. A hopeful prayer washes away all fear and despair. Hope prompts us to open our hands in expectation. In opening our hands, we first let go of everything we are clinging to for ourselves, and the pride and self-sufficiency that can keep us from receiving what God is eager to give us.

Jesus, give us the grace not to count the cost. Help us let go of our coins.

Take all that we own and all that we are.

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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