

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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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

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243

## Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Brian O'Doherty

Requested by Breda and Dermot O'Carroll

**Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Konrad Mulak

Requested by the Family

**Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nora Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

**Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

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](mailto:office@stanselmschurch.com). Voicemail and email are checked on a regular basis.

## 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 **NEXT Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 and 5:00pm in the church parking lot.**

Please contact Yvonne at [yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net) if you require a pan and lid.

### SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

There is a collection for The Shepherds' Trust this weekend. 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.

### ***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](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca). For more information, please contact the Office of Vocations via email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).*

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish as we continue to operate under capacity limits at this time. Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.

You can request a box of donation envelopes, enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting [ADoT Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.adotparish.com/donation-form) 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. Thank you for your support!

**Daniel 12:1-3**

**Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

**"Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge."**

**Psalms 16**

**Mark 13:24-32**

### HOPE!



In this second-to-last Sunday of the church year, our liturgy focuses on the end times. In the first reading, Daniel tells his suffering people that they will be delivered by Michael, the archangel, that same one we

learned to turn to for help in battle. The reading from Daniel also contains scripture's earliest clear reference to the promise of eternal life. Today's Gospel presents Jesus on the brink of the events of the passion, warning his disciples about the terrors to come. Jesus admits that no creature knows the day or the hour - not even the angels, but only the Father. In the meantime, Jesus uses the strongest symbolic language he can to shake the disciples from their preconceived notions about him and the coming of God's reign. We can appreciate today's Gospel more deeply by considering the context in which Mark placed it. This section of his Gospel begins with the story of the devoted, openhanded widow, the woman Jesus admired for her example of giving her all. Instead of picking up on his message, the disciples, who exercised selective attention deficit whenever the conversation turned toward sacrifice or suffering, focused not on the widow but on the temple whose collection basket she had enriched. Jesus then announced that the temple would soon be obliterated. From there he went on to talk about the great travail to come.

We've probably heard the warning too many times to take it to heart. We know that every era has had its prophets who cry out that *this time* the signs are unmistakable: "This really is it! The end is just around the bend!" We may hear them, but we don't cancel all our subscriptions. If we listen with fresh ears, we can discern the truth conveyed through Jesus' symbols. In this selection, he speaks of a frightful unravelling of creation. While his description of falling stars and a darkened sun and moon may make us think of eclipses and meteor showers, people whose biblical imagination is unhindered by scientific

dogma hear about the nullification of the fourth day of creation. God made the lights to mark the times; when those lights cease shining, there will be nothing by which to orient ourselves. Jesus is warning the disciples that the time is coming when they will have no clue about where to go or what to do. Everything they have ever held onto will fall apart; there will be nothing left to guide them.

We read this as an apocalyptic description of the end of the world. It was also a vivid prediction of just what would happen to the disciples when Jesus was arrested, tried and put to death. Then again, it describes what happens to any of us when what we cherish or what grounds our identity falls apart. Whether by death, disease or disaster, we humans are highly susceptible to feeling utterly devastated. Such moments of catastrophe are just what Jesus is talking about. Jesus knew clearly that he was in mortal danger. He was brutally realistic and so determinedly faithful that he knew as much about what was coming as was possible without having experienced it. His disciples had dodged that sort of knowledge as consistently as Jesus had confronted it. The tragic irony was that the more they avoided facing suffering and death, the less they could believe in the resurrection and the transformation of hope that it holds out.

At this season of the year, blessedly timed a few weeks before the holiday season captures our own limited attention span, the liturgy summons us to recognize that the end will come. Most of us get lots of practice sessions before we face our own death. Those include tragic loss and illness as well as more ordinary failures, dashed hopes and broken dreams. Our reading from Hebrews suggests that those experiences have the power to deepen our life in Christ, that they can be part of our ongoing consecration into union with him. The key is to face the fact that everything will pass away. Then we can beg for the grace to be ever more open to the transformation God offers when the failure of everything else has finally opened us enough to receive it.

***For the grace of discernment: that we may understand the signs of the times and recognize God's presence, action and invitation each day...We pray...***



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