

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 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Ken Stovell

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Cecilia Buraglia

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Thursday, November 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, November 26th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

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, there is a suggested financial commitment of \$250 per family to provide a happy Christmas for our needy families. Contributions of any amount 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.

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.

2022 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

As you can imagine, since the start of the pandemic, we have seen many envelope boxes go to waste. Many parishioners have yet to return to Mass and often, their envelopes have stayed home with them. Many parishioners know the convenience and benefits of our parish pre-authorized giving or credit card donation programs.

We have been left with a number of unclaimed boxes. We will be distributing envelope boxes to parishioners with assigned donor numbers in the Millwood lobby as of **December 11th**.

If you currently have a box of envelopes but wish to switch to PAG or credit card giving, please let the parish office know by December 8th so that your box is not automatically renewed. We will not be renewing assigned boxes that have not been used in 2021. These steps will reduce costs and paper waste.

New parishioners or those who do not currently have a box but would like one may request a box of envelopes from the parish office at any time. Thank you for your support.

Help!

We have families in need of warm winter clothes for their children – if you have any girls' winter clothing to donate (sizes 4 years, 3 years and 6 months), or boys' sizes 3 years and 6 months, please contact the parish office.

We are also still in search of a small table (to fit a laptop) and a chair.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Please take a moment to ensure your contact information with the parish office is up-to-date including mailing address, phone number and current email address. This is especially important as we approach tax receipt time.

Dan 7:13-14

Rev 1:5-8

Psalm 93

John 18:33b-37

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Speak Lord, I'm Listening



The Solemnity of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. Interestingly, in the three-year cycle of readings, it is only in this "B Cycle" that the Gospel refers to Jesus as a king. In Year A, we hear of the Son of

Man coming in his glory to judge the world, and in Year C, the Gospel goes to the foot of the cross to hear Jesus speak of being in paradise that very day. The choice of John 18 as the Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King emphasizes this celebration as the culmination of the church year, reminding us that the original celebration of Christ as King is the feast of the Ascension, and that the one who ascended to the right hand of the Father is the crucified and risen Christ. So today's feast is not just a celebration of a title of Christ but one that captures and summarizes the entire church year. It proclaims who Christ is, from where and why he came; and it reminds us of what sort of kingship he wields.

John's portrayal of Jesus' trial before Pilate depicts Jesus and Pilate having a rather extended dialogue over Jesus' identity as a king. The first point to notice here is that what goes on between Pilate and Jesus is indeed a dialogue. As is typical in the Gospel of John, Pilate's discussion with Jesus has multiple layers of meaning and includes Jesus' attempt to lure Pilate to become involved in a deeper level of interaction than he is ready or willing to risk. As in the Synoptic accounts, Pilate's opening question to Jesus is: "Are you the King of the Jews?" That's a question that would never be put to Jesus by one of his own, not because they would accept or reject his role, but because the designation "of the Jews" names the people as nothing more than one of many ethnic groups. The people would have referred to themselves as "Israel," a theological description indicating that they were God's Chosen People. Thus, the question is not only about Jesus' role. It is also about for whom he fulfills that role: Is it the People of God or a nationality?

In typical fashion, Jesus responds to Pilate without answering his question. Pilate asked if Jesus is the King of the Jews and what he did to be handed over by them. Jesus responds by explaining that his kingdom is not of this world: It is not the sort of kingdom that Pilate is prepared to understand. Pilate comprehends a rule in which the sovereign can enforce his will, in fact his every whim. But everything that Jesus is about pertains to another plane, one based on loving relationships. When Jesus says that his kingdom is not of this world, his words hark back to the Prologue of John's Gospel, which proclaims the reason for which he came into the world (John 1:9-11). He is going to explain the entire meaning of his mission in his reply to Pilate, and in that sense, he responds fully to Pilate's question: "What have you done?"

Jesus says that he has come into the world to testify to the truth — the truth of who God is, of what God is like. When Jesus tells Pilate that "everyone who belongs to the truth" hears his voice, he implies that his kingship is that of the Good Shepherd (John 10). That statement recalls the role of king of Israel as a shepherd, a shepherd whose voice the sheep cherish, the voice of a non-coercive leader who looks out first for the least and the lost. The choice of this Gospel for the feast of Christ the King invites us to review the year's liturgies, to recall what we have learned of the Lord and the truth about the kingdom we are invited to enjoy together. It reminds us that God's reign is "not of this world" in the sense that it is neither territorial nor conventionally political. To participate in his reign, we need but hear and heed the voice of our Shepherd-King. Are you listening?

*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.adot.org/parish-toronto-east-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!*

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