

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

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, December 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Hanna

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, December 8th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the St. Anselm's Catholic Women's League

Thursday, December 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Fish

Requested by Marilyn Fish

Friday, December 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family



NOTICE

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass attendance will be **by reservation** this year as we remain limited for space indoors.

Please call 416-485-1792 or email office@stanselmschurch.com by **December 14th** to reserve, letting us know how many people and for which date/time. Depending on reservations, a block of tickets for each Mass will then be made available on Eventbrite the week before Christmas. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate those without a reservation (walk-ins) for Mass on these two dates.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th (Christmas Eve):
4:00pm or 7:00pm

December 25th (Christmas Day):
9:00am or 11:00am

Please note: there will be NO 8:15am morning Mass on December 24th and NO 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25th.

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.

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 6months), 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.

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.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. Thank you for your support!

Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation

Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent. This year's reflections were developed in view of the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17 to 20, 2021. Each reflection is based one of the five essential stages of reconciliation: examen, confession, repentance, reparation (making amends), and reconciliation. Likewise, it is hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada.

Bar 5:1-9

Ps 126

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

"Prepare the way of the Lord"



Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Although this Lucan Gospel is proclaimed in six verses, some of us are likely to pass quickly over the initial verses and focus on the final three where the Baptizer evokes the words of the prophet

Isaiah and claims them as his job description. John's is the voice of Advent and his mission is unmistakable; he is the herald of the Savior and the precursor of the kingdom of God. But Luke has prefaced his introduction of John and his mission with information concerning the political and religious leaders of the time. The respective reigns of these leaders and the venues over which they presided were to provide Jesus with the foothold upon which he would find the leverage to move the world as it had never been moved before.

Luke's foothold has been described in terms of a specific historic time and place: the 15th year of Tiberius, that is, 28-29 C.E. Annas, who served as high priest officially from 6-15 C.E., was succeeded by his son-in-law Caiaphas, who served until 36 C.E. However, as reflected in the Gospels, most regarded Annas as the high priest until he died. In offering this detailed account, Luke was affirming the fact that Jesus and his mission made definite inroads into human history. He was not a fictional character dreamed into being in the wishful imaginations of the oppressed. Jesus was a real, flesh-and-blood figure whose presence in time and space cannot be diminished or dismissed. In his portrayal of Jesus, Luke was

anticipating the conviction that he would later place on the lips of Paul when he appeared before King Agrippa to defend his preaching of the Good News. When accused of being mad and of propagating falsehood, Paul declared that "this was not done in a corner" (Acts 26:26). The presence and power of Jesus had been openly manifested to all in real time, in real space; therefore, Jesus and the entire Christ-event could not be written off. On the contrary, the impact of Jesus was authentic, palpable, and demanded a response.

Luke's portrayal of Jesus also anticipated the mission of the church and the various political and religious arenas where the Good News would exert its influence. By referencing both Jerusalem and Rome, Luke affirmed that the disciples who would continue Jesus' mission would encounter not only the poor and the sick but also high priests, governors and emperors. They and their message would impinge upon and speak to the secular as well as the sacred realms of their day. Luke wished his readers to be certain from the outset that Jesus' mission and that of the disciples after him would be all-inclusive and universal not only in a geographic sense but also socially, politically and economically. With this affirmation of the purpose of Jesus and the disciples who continued his mission, Luke also extends a challenge to the contemporary church. In order to be true to their roots, believers in Jesus are to preach and propagate the good news until "all flesh will see the salvation of God." Through John, all of us together are challenged to make straight the paths that should lead us to God. We are urged every day — and particularly as we prepare to welcome the Lord more fully into our lives — not to be mere onlookers but to be active participants in smoothing and preparing the way that will lead us to God.

Prepare the way of the Lord. We pray... Our God will come to save us.

December 8th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This particular feast is misunderstood by a number of people, including many Catholics. It celebrates the teaching that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was preserved from the effects of original sin at the moment of her conception, when the soul animated the body, and that she was further protected from sin during her lifetime so that she could be a fitting host for the incarnate Christ. On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX issued a public declaration entitled *Ineffabilis Deus* and made its teaching about Mary's sinlessness an official doctrine of the Catholic Church. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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