

# 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, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

John and Rosa Paglialunga  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Pauline Bourmont-Coutansais  
Requested by Carolyn Whyte

**Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Rosa Loconte  
Requested by the Family

**Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Peace and Care of Creation  
Requested by EcoAnselm

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**January 18-25**

The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the  
Greater Toronto Area will be held at

**Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox  
Church**

920 Progress Avenue, Scarborough  
on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend in person or watch the  
livestream on Facebook:

**[facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch](https://facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch)**

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins  
and a wide representation of Christian leaders  
to pray for the restoration of full visible unity  
willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is Rev. Archpriest Fr. Zareh  
Zargarian (Vicar of the Armenian Diocese of  
Canada and Parish Priest of Holy Trinity  
Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church,  
Toronto.)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of  
Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity &  
Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater  
Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

### **CASSEROLES GROUP "A"**

Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be  
collected **NEXT Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** from 4-5pm  
in the church parking lot.

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  
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\(archtoronto.org\)](https://ADoTParish-TorontoEastDonationForm-ArchdioceseofToronto.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!

### **WE'RE HERE TO HELP**

The parish office remains closed to the public at this  
time. Voicemail and email are being checked on a  
regular basis, as is the mailbox just outside the office  
door. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

As you have heard, the province has moved back to a  
modified "Step 2" in the roadmap to re-opening. This  
does not change our current capacity restrictions and  
we will still be able to welcome parishioners on a first-  
come basis until we reach our capacity. Masks and  
distancing will still be in place. Congregational singing  
is not permitted and in-person group meetings will not  
take place until further notice

If you are feeling unwell, please do not come to Mass.

### **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

*Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality:  
a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that  
will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will  
in the world today. The comments of the faithful will  
ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in  
the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on  
Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:  
[www.archtoronto.org/synodality](https://www.archtoronto.org/synodality)*

### **OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to  
Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the  
Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is  
calling you to do the same in our time as a priest,  
deacon or religious. If He is contact Fr. Matt McCarthy,  
Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-  
968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](https://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Baptism of the Lord

### Journey of Faith: Step 1.

#### Turning on the Light<sup>1</sup>

#### Reflection on Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.



Blind, deaf and unable to speak due to an illness she suffered before she was 2 years old, Helen Keller was a prisoner in her own body. Frustrated and angry at her plight, she became so difficult that her

family was at a loss as to how to help her. Keller's life changed dramatically when, in 1892, she met her teacher, Annie Sullivan. Partially blind herself, Sullivan spelled words into Keller's hand with her finger, but the child could not make the association between the word and the object it represented. One day, it dawned on Sullivan to let the water from a pump run over Keller's hand while she spelled "water" into her other hand. From that moment, a light went on in Keller's world, and she went on to inspire others, especially those with special needs, to achieve their greatest potential. Spiritually, sacramentally, the waters of our baptism offer us similar blessings, graces and opportunities. In the moment we are baptized into Christ Jesus, a light goes on and illumines our way for the rest of our life.

Jesus' baptism by John served to introduce Jesus as the light of a world so much in need of him. In the telling of this event, it is clear that Luke, like the other Synoptics, saw Jesus as the one of whom Isaiah had spoken some six centuries earlier — the Servant who would suffer for the salvation of sinners. He was God's beloved Son, God's Chosen One. This identity was ratified by the presence of the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven. John's role was also ratified as very significant, but also as subordinate to Jesus. Scholars attribute the emphasis on John's temporary and lesser role to the fact that some early believers clung to the belief that forceful, fiery, tell-it-like-it-is John was indeed the Messiah. Because this belief persisted, the Lucan evangelist repeatedly clarified the roles of John and Jesus for

his contemporaries as well as all future believers. Throughout his narrative, Luke has John denying that he is the messiah. When hopes and attention are focused on him, the Baptizer defers to Jesus as one greater than he and as one who will baptize not with mere water but with the Holy Spirit and fire. In the Hebrew Scriptures, these three elements, water, Spirit and fire, appear together as agents of purification. Presented here at Jesus' baptism by John, these elemental forces signify the beginning of a new era of holiness and grace, inaugurated and realized by God's Son and Servant, our Saviour, Jesus.

In order to fulfill his saving mission, Jesus would rely fully and freely on the strength he drew from his relationship with God. For that reason, the Lucan evangelist has made careful mention of how frequently Jesus prayed to God. Here at his baptism, Jesus was praying when the Spirit came upon him. He would also commune with God in prayer before or during important moments in his ministry — at the inauguration of his public service; before choosing the Twelve; before announcing his passion; at his transfiguration; before teaching his own how to pray; at the Last Supper; during his agony; and on the cross. Ever the good teacher, Jesus offered the example that his disciples were to follow while they continued the ministry he had begun. In his second volume, Acts, Luke was careful to place the same emphasis on prayer. Through frequent and fervent prayer, Jesus' disciples continue to integrate the faith they profess with their lips with the faith they live out in the world.

Each one of us shares the baptism of water and the Spirit. Each one of us is fueled by grace, and we are sent to be Christ in the world today. When we live and act as Christ in every corner of our lives, to the very best of our ability, we too will be ready one day to hear the voice of God: *You are my child...with you I am well pleased.*

*For the church, that we may recognize our calling to be sons and daughters of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit and sent to share God's Good News with others...We pray...*



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