St. Anselm's Parish

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PARISH STAFF

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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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Tuesday, February 15th, 8:15 a.m.Bill Aust
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, February 16th, 8:15 a.m.John Badali
Requested by the Family

Thursday, February 17th, 8:15 a.m.Michael Madigan
Requested by the Family

Friday, February 18th, 8:15 a.m. Peace and Care of Creation Requested by EcoAnselm

2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts have been mailed out. Receipts from the parish will reflect envelope and pre-authorized donations, plus special collections and ShareLife donations received at the parish. If you made donations online using a credit card, you will be issued a separate receipt from the Archdiocese. St. Vincent de Paul receipts will also arrive separately so please be sure to check your mail in the coming weeks.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

The parish office remains closed to the public as we are limiting in-person appointments 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 by phone or by email.

As you have heard, the province eased certain restrictions as of January 31st. This did 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 inperson group meetings will not take place until further notice

If you are feeling unwell, we ask that you please stay home and take good care.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL

St. Michael's Choir School is currently holding auditions for September 2022 admissions. If you are interested in having your son audition, please visit their website https://smcs.on.ca/auditions for more information.

Help!

A homebound woman in our community who has severe mobility difficulties needs a cell phone in good condition to give caregivers access to her apartment. Her current donated iPhone 7 is dying. Also, she would be grateful for a MacBook laptop to help her work on earning her Grade 12 diploma. If you are in the process of upgrading your IT, please keep her in mind. If you can help, please call the parish office at 416-485-1792.

Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the parish through your regular parish offerings. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, the parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account.

There are various benefits of participating in preauthorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for you:

The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.

Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.

Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

Regular, dependable contributions to the parish. Reduction of cash on hand.

Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@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) 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!

Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12-16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

SEEKING BLESSEDNESS

It would be a mistake to regard the blessings and woes of this Gospel as pious platitudes. On the contrary, each proclamation is a powerful zinger. These statements take the accepted standards and

politics of both Jesus' time and ours and turn them upside down. But this upheaval, which has become an integral aspect of the lives of believers, did not begin with the Lucan Jesus' sermon on the plain. Much earlier, the evangelist portrayed Jesus' mother Mary as the herald of a coming reign where the mighty and rich would fall and the poor and lowly would be lifted up. Jesus continued to press this stance, assuring the least ones of this world that they had the ear of God. Indeed, intercession on their behalf had become flesh in the person of Jesus. When the poor and the hungry, the weeping and the hated were pronounced "blessed" by Jesus, those who did not believe, and even some of those who did, may have found his words laughable. What good is poverty? What good hunger or sorrow or rejection? These are struggles that most sensible people would rather avoid. Much more appealing are riches, full bellies and joyous laughs. However, careful listeners will notice Jesus clearly stated that those who enjoy all these things "have received your consolation." Riches here and now are their own reward, but when here and now evolves into eternity, riches, which we can't take with us, will be no more. However, it will not be so for the poor, the hungry, the sorrowing and the hated. These experiences of want and suffering create a void in which we can learn reliance on God. Those who experience this void, and look to God to fill up what is lacking, are the heirs of the kingdom — where there is no more hunger, weeping, pain or struggle. This is the great reversal of which Mary sang, which Jesus came to bring among us. So when we hear these beatitudes, what will we do? Will we embrace a worldly politic, or will we accept the ways of the kingdom? Settle for present but fleeting pleasure and profit, or look to Jesus and embrace a set of values that will put us at odds with the world? Will we take seriously the challenge of the Great Sermon, or will Jesus' words continue to describe a way of life that has yet to be taken seriously? From the time the Lucan Jesus first spoke the blessings and woes that we have come to call the Great Sermon, many have tried to spiritualize

and thereby sterilize the powerful impact of these words and their challenges. Some regard the beatitudes as a happier and much improved version of the Ten Commandments. They say that here believers are encouraged and even rewarded with blessedness for doing what is right, rather than forbidden by a series of Others insist that the promised thou shalt nots. blessings of the Great Sermon should be postponed into the future, - "Struggle now and be rewarded later." But this attitude toward Jesus' teaching also fails to recognize its urgency. They offer, here and now, an alternative to materialism, capitalism and the drive for power. Poverty offers a warmer welcome to God than riches; hunger can find God faster than overindulgence; weeping opens the way to the experience of divine comfort; and earning the hatred and rejection of others enables one to understand the mind, heart and motivation of Jesus himself. Through his words and works, Jesus challenged a world driven by greed and violence. The beatitudes purposely disorient the proud and the complacent and invite all who will listen to see the world differently and to welcome the new world order that has become present in Jesus. A person has to be open and empty in order to let God and others come in. If we want to love and be loved we need to have space at the centre of who we are. Possessions can become an "instead of." Instead of love I choose something more stable: cars or boats or corporations or just plain power. Instead of eating just what we need, we eat what we want! The principle running through all the beatitudes is this: you are blessed if you don't cram yourself full. Full of food, drink, pride, drugs, fame, sex, visits to the beach, stunning hair-do's, flattest abs, shiny teeth, fast cars, every kind of wealth, and, of course, reputation, reputation, Instead, blessed are you if you stay empty, if you become a spacious home for God, for other human beings, for the long-suffering earth. That's it. There is only one reality, only one Being who can give us the bread of life, who can satisfy our deep capacity for love. Don't you want to welcome that being into your soul? Blessed are you if you let go into his arms.

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