

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, February 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

Jennifer Pliska

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, February 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Colleen Stanton

Requested by Paul and Patricia Kennedy

Thursday, February 24th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, February 25th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Rachel and Andy Oh

Requested by Brian and Angela Oh and Family

Ash Wednesday

MARCH 2nd

There will be two opportunities to attend Mass on **Wednesday, March 2nd**. The first will be at 8:15am, and the second at 7:00pm. In accordance with guidelines from the Archdiocese, ashes will be sprinkled above the head this year to maintain the physical distancing still in place inside churches.

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 is once again easing certain restrictions in the coming weeks. We will still be able to welcome parishioners while maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet between households. Masks must still be worn indoors. Congregational singing is not yet permitted.

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

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 pre-authorized 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!*

1 SAM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

Psalms 103

1 COR 15:45-49

LUKE 6:27-38

"To those who hear I say, love your enemies."



What do you think Jesus asking when he tells us to pray for those who mistreat us? It seems that sometimes it is possible that when I pray for people with whom I disagree mightily, my best efforts lead me to pray that they will become better people. Ultimately, I often pray that they will learn to

see things the way I do. Just where does that leave me? It is just possible that I may find myself standing solidly in the shoes of the Pharisee whom Jesus described as praying his own praises while a tax collector stood nearby asking for mercy. Maybe the way around this trap is to learn the prayer of that tax collector. When I look at that parable together with what Jesus is teaching in today's reading, I come up with the following prayer of the tax collector: When someone mistreats you, pray, "O Lord, be merciful to me a sinner". If I do that, at the very least, I will be praying to become a better person.

If we think about it, everything Jesus said about dealing with adversaries comes down to nonviolent responses to aggression. Fleshing out the classic theory espoused centuries later by Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesus suggests responses in which the person offended refuses to be a victim and simultaneously treats the aggressor with dignity. Jesus does a fair amount of repetition in this segment of his sermon. He seems to be trying to get his point across to beginners, or maybe sophomore disciples. As a good teacher, he outlines specific steps to take. If you get slapped or someone steals the shirt off your back, he says, "Don't hit back, don't hold back." When you see the same beggar five days in a row, he says, "Go ahead and give her something — you don't have to buy designer coffee today." When you see a student at school flashing your favorite pen, just look at him and say "Great pen, I loved it when I got to use it! Enjoy it while you can." (That will keep the kid wondering...)

So far, Jesus has been talking about what to do with people who are bullies or simply irritating. Then he goes for the gold, "Love your enemies and do good to them." That sounds like we are supposed to go out of our way to treat mean people with kindness. To explain this, Jesus says, "Stop judging ... stop condemning ... forgive." We might understand this as a geography lesson. Jesus is telling us to stop standing on the heights, looking down at others. In order to deal with others in Jesus' terms, we have to move into their turf and see from their perspective. We have to become insiders to one another. We can't begin to "get it" about someone until we love them. The minute we call someone "enemy" or judge him or her, we are admitting our own unwillingness to love, our unwillingness to see beyond our own point of view. The great twist in this teaching is that Jesus is not simply telling us how to build a better, peaceful world. This is more than a personal growth plan. In this teaching, Jesus is revealing the only path to salvation. Loving the enemy, doing good to those who harm us is the only way to share his mission and life. As he says, sinners do lots of good things and are quite pleased with themselves for it. But they are oblivious to Jesus' formula for blessedness.

This is a difficult lesson for the sophomore disciples that most of us are. Jesus is giving us a theory and some very concrete suggested practices to put it into action. But he wouldn't propose it if it were impossible. Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies. If we pray to see them as he does, that will give God enough to work with. Then, with God's grace, and perhaps much to our surprise, we will find ourselves thinking and doing things we would have thought impossible to accomplish. For over two millennia, the Lord has addressed his disciples in the words of today's Gospel, "To you who hear I say, love your enemies." We must have the audacity to believe it is possible. Only this love can redeem us and our world.

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