

# 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, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Deceased Members of the Kostovcik Family  
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Deceased Members of the Stack Family  
Requested by Theresa Ryan

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Myrna Haverty  
Requested by Shelly and Mary Dunne

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

For Peace and Care of Creation  
Requested by EcoAnselm

### PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide  
their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-  
risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

***We continue to collect contributions to assist with the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. You may donate through the parish with a cheque made payable to "St. Anselm – Ukraine Humanitarian Relief or securely online at any time by visiting [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) Thank you!***

### SHARELIFE

ShareLife agencies serve everyone. Today's Gospel shares the parable of the woman accused of adultery, a message of Our Lord's great love, forgiveness and respect for all people. Likewise, ShareLife agencies are there to support the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our communities. ShareLife-funded social service agencies have an 'open intake policy' and provide help based on need—not on religion, lifestyle, gender or ethnicity.

### RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

The separation we have experienced over the last two years has taken a toll on us all. We were grateful to be able to offer our weekly Mass on YouTube, as it served as a much-needed connection between parish and parishioners during strained and isolating times.

***With churches now fully open, we look forward to welcoming you back to Mass attendance in person, so that we may return to celebrating the sacraments in community together, as they are meant to be received.***

Masks may be worn in the church. Continued hand hygiene is encouraged upon entry.

The final YouTube Mass (for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) is available on our channel now. You may view it by searching "St. Anselm Church Leaside" on YouTube.

## Holy Week

**Thursday, April 14 – 7:00pm**

**Friday, April 15 – 3:00pm**

**Saturday, April 16 – 7:00pm**

**Sunday, April 17 – 9:00am & 11:00am**

**Please note, there will be no morning Mass on April 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no 5:00pm Mass on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are not required for Holy Week. All are welcome.**

### SPRING "BUNDLE UP" WEEKEND COMING SOON

Our spring dates for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's "Bundle Up" are **April 23/24**. The truck will be in the church parking lot on that weekend. Here are some accepted/not accepted items:

#### Accept

All Clothing (Any Condition)  
All Footwear (Any Condition)  
Bedding (Any Condition)  
Drapery/Towels  
Toys (New only)

#### Don't Accept

Baby items  
(Cribs, Car seats, strollers or any other baby furniture )  
Construction Material (Any Condition)  
Dishes (Any Kind)  
Furniture (Any Kind)  
Books /Video/Audio Cassettes  
Thank you for your consideration of those in need in our community.

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:8-14

Psalms 126  
John 8:1-11

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

### I Believe Lord



It is a scene from a nightmare. Yet it turns out well. Pretend that you are the woman in Sunday's Gospel. You have been "caught in adultery," a shocking sin. The officials shove you into a mob of people. They see your hot

shame and how it burns. They recite the ancient law of Moses: "In the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women." Stoned to death! The sin is bad enough, humiliation is bad enough! There was a man everyone called the "Teacher." He had been captivating the crowd just before you were dragged in. Now you have become the centre of attention. The nightmare gets worse. But there is more. By means of your humiliation the accusers want to trap not only you but the Teacher as well; they want to disgrace him. They are using you for this purpose. Now you see that your devastation is a mere tool. They question the Teacher. Doesn't he agree you should be stoned to death? They have him in the snare, this "teacher," this dreamer who always preaches about forgiveness and love. If he defends you for the sake of his so-called love, he will break the law of Moses! If he does not, he must follow the law, pick up a stone and throw it.

Teacher leans down and scratches absent-mindedly in the dirt. People hold their breath, the accusers worry. Why is he silent and what will he say? Now they have some nerves of their own. Let us figure out his answer. It could be that the Teacher is thinking something like this: He might be praying, "My Abba has loved each of them through all ages, no matter whether they were sinners or not. 'Be my people,' Abba always begged them." For "Father" he is using an Arabic word that expresses both familiarity and respect, "Abba." "Love one another. I love you, and I forgive your sins." But hatred is their motto, not love. They want death to happen. They shout again, "What is your answer? Shall we follow the law and stone

this sinful woman?" Remember, you are that woman, and you stand in humiliation, cheeks hot and tears falling. Your heart says, in terror, "the accusers are right!" But the teacher lifts his head. He utters a sentence that sums up the Gospel and all of Lent.

***Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*** The crowd creeps away, submerged in their own consciences. Now you stand alone before this quiet Teacher, and your terror is quieted. There is something about him that carries you, brings you out to solid ground. "Woman, where are they," he asks. "Has no one condemned you?" You say, "No one, sir." "Neither do I condemn you," answers Jesus. "Go your own way and from now on do not sin again." Jesus succeeded in dispersing those who wanted retribution according to the legal system of their day, and invited the woman into a new place of loving forgiveness and rehabilitation. Without condemning her sin or berating the sinner, Jesus challenged her to leave sin behind and to live her life anew within the parameters of God's goodness and righteousness. This scene could refashion the whole earth. If we could each accept our own sinfulness as well as the forgiveness that surrounds it, we would have peace. We would drink compassion from God, who has been there all along, tracing in the sand. We would stammer at last, "I believe, Lord. Help my unbelief." Amen.

***Group "B" Casseroles will be due April 16<sup>th</sup> which is Easter weekend. Please stay tuned for drop off information in future bulletins.***

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