

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, June 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa Paglialunga

Requested by the Family

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

Colleen Shea Raymond

Requested by the Cerre Family

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

For the Deceased Members of the Wren Family

Requested by Theresa Ryan

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

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

DON'T FORGET!
This is the last issue of our parish bulletin until
September.

SHARELIFE

Let's show we care on ShareLife Sunday This weekend is the final ShareLife Sunday of the year. But ShareLife is more than a collection. It's how we as a community say "we care." In solidarity with Catholics throughout the Archdiocese, we provide a witness of God's love by actively supporting those in need locally and the greater world.

Our goal this year \$110,000 and we are over halfway there with \$62,165. Thank you for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign.

*This is the third ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously during the special
collection or at sharelife.org.*

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

St. Vincent de Paul in our parish is actively recruiting for new members. Thank you to those who have contacted us to date.

Vincentians would be more than happy to answer any questions that prospective members may have regarding the ministry and their activities. Should you wish to explore the call to assist those in need through service with St. Vincent de Paul, please contact the parish office at any time. We would be pleased to put you in touch with Vincentians in our parish who can provide you with information.

MARYGROVE CAMP COLLECTION

The Marygrove Camp collection will be taken up on **June 11th and 12th**. Girls from less-fortunate families will be attending camp this summer, what a wonderful opportunity for them to enjoy the great outdoors and all camp has to offer. Please remember to support this important work of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Each child's camping experience is fully subsidized through this collection. Envelopes are in your boxed sets or PAG bundles and are also available on the glass tables in the church. Thank you to all parishioners for their generous support of this initiative.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE – NEW MEMBERS

The Rosary Apostolate has been faithfully visiting our school's classrooms once a month to pray the rosary with our students for six years. This is a great inspiration to our students! They are seeking people who have a great love for the Rosary and who are willing to visit our schools to pray the Rosary with the children once a month for a total of only 8 days a year. Training, screening, and materials will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Monica Testa-Zanin at monica.mtz@rogers.com or (416) 432-9439.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE - CASSEROLES

Group "B" casseroles will be collected on **Saturday, June 18th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

During the summer, collection dates will be July 16th (Group A) and August 20th (Group B).
If you are interested in joining the parish casserole program, we always welcome new chefs! We provide the recipe, pan and lid. You prepare and freeze 6 casseroles (one every other month by surname) and deliver to the parking lot on casserole weekend. Please contact the parish office for more information.

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **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 \(archtoronto.org\)](http://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!*

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13

Psalms 104

John 20:19-23

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

"THE GARDEN OF LIFE"



For many Christians, today's feast of Pentecost, the arrival of the Holy Spirit, marks the beginning of the church. Yet such a commemoration has different meanings for different people. Those of us who grew up with the

idea that the church is an institution grew up having no need of a Holy Spirit, except at exam time. Institutions run themselves, even institutions that deal in God's business. Besides, good institutions, unlike the church of the Christian scriptures, seem to operate best with minimum diversity and maximum conformity. Thankfully, the early Christian community never thought of itself as an institution. We know from their writings that Jesus' first followers regarded themselves as parts of his body, a community of believers carrying on his work and ministry, daily participating in his death and resurrection. As Jesus' body the community required a special force and power, not only to make certain its members were continuing to maintain the mentality of the person it represented and imitated, but also to keep its members from splitting apart. Unlike later followers of Jesus, the first Christians didn't conceive of the Holy Spirit as someone who helped them create dogmas; they regarded the Holy Spirit as an amazing, essential power helping them form community, as the force responsible for all the contradictions that good communities embody. Today's three readings only make sense when we hear them proclaimed against such a background. Luke, in our Acts reading, perfectly depicts the ongoing tension between the Spirit's disruptiveness and its power to unite. Though the Spirit arrives in the midst of noise, wind and fire — each an unsettling element — the Spirit is still the force that empowers the disciples to speak to the crowd in such a unifying way that everyone hears them speaking in their

“own tongue about the marvels God has accomplished.” Paul carries on the same theme in our 1 Corinthians passage. Some in the Corinthian church are using their individual gifts of the Spirit for their own personal benefit and not for the community's benefit. “There are varieties of gifts,” the apostle writes, “but the same Spirit ...varieties of services (ministries) but the same Lord ... varieties of activities but it is the same God. ... To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” The Corinthian church is leaning so much toward the diversity that sets Jesus' body apart from earthly institutions that it's destroying the unity that same body demands. Paul reminds his readers that the Spirit enlivens both elements. Only when we permit the Spirit to keep these two forces in proper tension do we actually become Jesus' body. On the other hand, in today's Gospel passage, John tells his community how the Holy Spirit specifically brings about unity. Jesus, after greeting his Easter-night disciples with the commission, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you!” immediately breathes on them, saying, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Given the forgiving context of John's Gospel, Jesus' gift of the Spirit empowers his followers to forgive one another. His mention of holding someone's sins retained or bound, seems to be a recognition and reminder of what happens when we don't fall back on the Spirit. We can accomplish such an unchristian action on our own. We don't need the Spirit's help to bind people in their sins. Only those who forgive are able to form and maintain the body of Christ as a living, growing entity. We're not reading the Christian scriptures very carefully if we think the Holy Spirit came just once upon Jesus' followers, structuring them into a hierarchical institution that would continue unchanged until the end of time. Pope John XXIII once said, “We are not on earth to guard a museum, but to cultivate a flourishing garden of life.” His words are never more meaningful than when we bring them to mind on the feast of Pentecost.

Send forth your Spirit. Lord, and renew the face of the earth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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