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 Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Tuesday, September 13th, 8:15 a.m. Jo Kostovcik Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, September 14th, 8:15 a.m. John Innes Requested by Joan Innes

Thursday, September 15th, 8:15 a.m. Florence Maddocks Requested by Paul and Patricia Kennedy

Friday, September 16th, 8:15 a.m. Peace and Care of Creation Requested by EcoAnselm

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE - CASSEROLES

Group "A" casseroles will be collected on **Saturday**, **September 17**th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. 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 or yvonne.gray@bell.net for more information.

Fall Pilates with Balanced Life Pilates

Mondays 9:10am and 10:25 am Sept. 12 – Dec. 5 Thursdays 9:00am Sept. 8 – Dec. 8 Fall Term is 11 classes Classes are held in the main hall of St Anselm Church (lower level)

For more information please e-mail: balancedlifepilates@rogers.com

SEASON OF CREATION - SEPT. 1- OCT. 4

Season of Creation 2022: The annual event of Season of Creation begins on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

Each year an ecumenical steering committee selects a theme, and this year inspiration is taken from Psalm 19:1-4 that proclaims, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." A short video to introduce this season may be watched via this link, https://youtu.be/WyjUTvGmlil

* FIRST CONFESSIONS * First Communion



Families who live in the St. Anselm parish community are asked to watch this space in future bulletins or follow announcements at the end of Mass for information on registration for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion (for children beginning *Grade 2 or older*) and Confirmation (for youth beginning *Grade 7 or older*).

Registration will take place in the coming weeks during an evening session in the church. You may wish to locate your child's baptism certificate ahead of time. If the baptism took place in a church other than St. Anselm, please contact that church and request a copy should you require a replacement.

More information to follow....

SHARELIFE

Thank you for your support of our ShareLife parish campaign so far. We are working toward our parish goal of \$110,000.

To date, St. Anselm parishioners have contributed **\$76,922** for ShareLife agencies and the important work they do.

Should you wish to support ShareLife, you may do so online through sharelife.org or in the collection basket with a cheque made payable to "ShareLife – St. Anselm's"

108th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

This occasion will be marked with the celebration of Mass, which will take place on Sunday, September 25 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Syriac Catholic Church, located at 999 Lakeshore Road East in Mississauga.

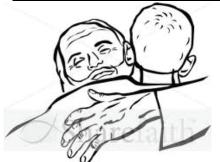
Cardinal Collins will preside and Bishop Paulos Nassif will be the homilist. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

JOIN US....

to pray the Rosary every Tuesday – Friday at 7:50a.m. before the start of morning Mass.

Exod 32:9-11, 13-14 1 Tim 1:12-17 Psalm 51 Luke 15:1-32

The Boundless Mercy of God



Eventually, and not without great suffering, there comes a time in every lost person's experience when he/she hits the bottom of a seemingly

bottomless pit. With nowhere to go but up, that person either changes or dies spiritually, if not physically. In today's Gospel, the Lucan Jesus refers to this experience in describing the wayward son who "came to his senses." Literally translated, this phrase in v17 reads: "he entered into himself." There, in that terrible place, the lost son made a wonderful discovery. He was loved by his father, and even though he had forfeited any legal claim on his father, a small seed of confidence began to grow within him. Later, this experience of "coming to one's senses" became an expression in Aramaic and in Hebrew for the turning of the repentant one toward God for forgiveness and healing.

Told as the last in a litany of "lost" parables, the story of the lost son represents the dramatic climax of a three-act "play" intended to illustrate God's freely given love for sinners. As they listened, the tax collectors and sinners who were present began to realize their value in God's eyes. Devalued by the Pharisees and scribes who thought that sinners were well outside the pale of God's salvific intentions, these lost ones began to appreciate the nature of God. Like the shepherd who leaves 99 sheep to search for the stray, so God searches for sinners. Like the woman who will not rest until all her coins are accounted for, so God cares for every human being, especially the lost. And finally and ever more importantly, like a father who eagerly waits to welcome a wayward son, so God searches the horizon of humanity until every lost child is welcomed home.

While Jesus' words offered hope to sinners, the self-righteous (the Pharisees and scribes represented in the parable by the elder brother) became indignant. Rather than rejoice at the blessings extended to those they thought to be of no account, they cultivated a resentment that made them blind to God's ways and deaf to the

rejoicing of the angels in heaven. Again and Jesus' self-righteous contemporaries refused to accept the reversal of values and fortunes that are characteristic of the reign of God. As we look back at their reaction to Jesus and find fault with their attitudes and behaviour, Jesus' parable challenges us to allow its truth to speak also to our own hearts and lives. Most of us would readily identify with one son or the other at any given moment in our lives. However, Henri Nouwen suggests that believers identify with and emulate the compassionate father of Jesus' parable (The Return of the Prodigal Son, Image Books, New York: 1994). We are to be the one who forgives, not just the one who is forgiven. We are to be the one who welcomes, not just the one blessed by the welcome of another. Only then will we truly understand, in the very depths of who we are, what it means to live in the image of the One who created us. As Jesus said, "Be holy, be compassionate, be merciful, be perfect as is your heavenly Father." There is hope for all of us. No matter whether we are willful or ignorant sinners, God's mercy is boundless. God will watch for us and embrace us the moment we turn to him. There are also times in our lives when you and I must be the visible face of our loving and merciful God. We become the longing of God for the return of those who are lost. As disciples of Jesus, we bring the mercy and love of God to life. Where are we in the "lost and found" of life today? The lost will be found because God will keep looking for them, sometimes through us. When they are found, there is going to be a great and lavish party to celebrate. Be ready to join in! Then, all of heaven will rejoice.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations. You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program, request a box of donation envelopes, or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting Archdiocese of Toronto - Donate to Parish - Offertory (archtoronto.org) Please make sure "St. Anselm" is selected from the drop-down menu. Cheques may be mailed or dropped off in the parish office mailbox at any time. Thank you for your support!

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