

# 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  
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## Mass Intentions for Week

Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Jim Teskey

Requested by Richard and Vicki Garnett

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Molly Brennan

Requested by Lucy Brennan

Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Escallon

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Foo See Foy

Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

### 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](mailto: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/WvjUTvGmlil>

### STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

To find out more or to view Cardinal Collins' homily on Stewardship Sunday, please visit <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

### JOIN US....

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

### \* FIRST CONFESSIONS \* *First Communion*

First Reconciliation/First Communion preparation (for children beginning *Grade 2 or older*) will take place at home with the help of resource materials. Registration for both sacraments will take place during an evening session for parents in the church on **Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

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. This certificate copy must be returned along with the completed enrollment form by October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office if you have any questions ahead of the enrollment evening.

### 108<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>

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.



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 sacrament of Confirmation

### NEEDS OF THE CANADIAN CHURCH COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 24-25

Next weekend, we will collect contributions for the *Needs of the Church in Canada*. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Envelopes are in your boxed sets, PAG bundles and on the glass tables in the church. Thank you for your support of this important work.

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD iPhone?**

A severely disabled, homebound community member is in desperate need of an iPhone to use to communicate with and grant access to caregivers entering her building. If you have an old iPhone in a drawer that you would be willing to give up, please let the parish office know and we will contact the St. Vincent de Paul.

**Amos 8:4-7      Psalm 113**  
**1 Timothy 2:1-7    Luke 16:1-13**

**“Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor”**



Most of us have probably experienced the Charles Dickens tale *Oliver Twist* in one medium or another. Because of its enduring

quality, Dickens’ story has been set to music and memorialized in film. Do you recall the touching scene where Oliver, who was being housed with countless other unfortunate boys at an orphanage/workhouse, dared to ask for more food? His, “Please, sir, I want some more” evoked our sympathy for his plight. When his request was met by explosive anger, our sympathy grew even deeper for someone so poor, being abused by someone so uncaring. Surely we are also frustrated by the fact that Oliver’s experience continues to be lived out today, and that there is not one place in this vast world of ours that someone is not asking, “Please, I want some more.” Oliver’s request is echoed in the growling stomachs of the hungry and in the cries of the poor whose needs go unrecognized, unanswered or under-served. Too often, the rich — and even the not-so-rich — are too attentive to their possessions to hear, to care and to act. Therefore, it is good for us to be here once again in the company of the sacred texts, whose living words will ask of us, “Will you be stewards of your own wealth or stewards of one another?” Will wealth be the source of blessing for both givers and receivers or will wealth and our use of this world’s possessions deafen us to the needs of others? If our wealth is our greatest treasure here and now, it may also be our deepest regret for all of eternity. These words may appear harsh, but they are not unique. Amos deemed it necessary to speak out boldly, even in an offensive manner, in order to awaken care for the poor in the consciences of his contemporaries. “Steward your poor ones among you,” he urged. “More precious than the shekel and silver are the needy of the land.” These are the ones that deserve to benefit from the investment of one’s time, talents and treasure. Amos’ powerful and passionate words have resonated through the centuries in hearts like his who have been mindful of the

challenge of social stewardship. Consider Dorothy Day, who became a staunch steward of the poor on the streets of New York. For all her good efforts, she was emulated by some and denigrated by others. The label “communist” was pinned on her at a time when the label “communist” could ruin a person’s future and hinder their good actions. Yet she continued to steward the unwanted and unwashed with love and care that made them feel human. Remember, too, Oscar Romero and the Jesuits of El Salvador, as well as the martyrs who continue to die because they dare to steward the people rightly and cry out for justice while corrupt governments plot their deaths. Even in death, their voices still urge a sense of stewardship on the satisfied and the secure. Through their writings, these good men and women beg us to continue their efforts at being stewards of others, especially the least ones, the voiceless and the victims of injustice. In today’s Gospel, the dishonest manager’s actions exemplify something of the character of good stewardship. Caught in a crime and about to lose his job, the steward of his rich employer’s property became quite creative in assuring his own survival. His willingness to take whatever steps and risks were necessary challenges contemporary believers to be willing to depart from the tried and true and risk something new. When the traditional methods of stewarding God’s poor ones are no longer viable, why not be willing to attempt another way? “We’ve always done it this way” is an excuse that has held back many a good plan and frustrated many a willing steward. “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it!” is another way of justifying failure to make the changes necessary to accommodate to changing times and ever evolving needs. Today, Amos has reminded us that it is “broke” and that the community needs to rethink the manner in which it exercises its stewardship of the poor. Government programs are in place and do, in fact, meet some of the needs of the human family. But there is no substitute for one-on-one reaching out to another as we offer the stewardship of our care. In the end, we will not be judged by the effectiveness of our welfare system but by the care we shared, the love we offered and the cup of cold water we gave in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*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 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!*

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