

# 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 for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

John and Rosa Paglialunga  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Sean Brennan  
Requested by Lucy Brennan

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

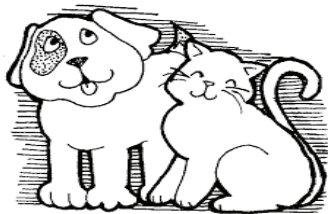
**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

William and Catherine Hayden  
Requested by Iseult Hayden and Family

## **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP B**

Group B casseroles will be collected in the church parking lot from 4-5pm on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **BLESSING OF PETS – OCTOBER 2, 11:45am**



October 4<sup>th</sup> marks the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and his passion for the gifts of God's creation. St. Francis' love for animals resonates with us in North America, where pets are especially

cherished and valued. **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. Mass** on the front steps of the Church, pets will be blessed as a sign that we view our pets as priceless examples of God's gift of creation.

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

## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE! St. Vincent de Paul "Bundle Up"**

The truck will be in our lot on **October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>** to accept gently used clothing, footwear and household textiles such as towels and bedding.

## **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund Collection – October 1/2, 2022**

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection being held the weekend of October 1/2 to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The fund was the result of a \$30 million financial commitment made by the Canadian Bishops in September 2021.

Funds will support culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and families and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth with a focus on Indigenous spirituality and culture.

This is an opportunity to follow the invitation of the Holy Father made earlier this year for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation). Thank you for your generosity.

## **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.

*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](http://ADoT) Parish - Toronto East Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto ([archtoronto.org](http://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!*



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

**GOOD SHEPHERD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

The Good Shepherd needs your help this Thanksgiving! Please help restock their pantry to provide meals for homeless and at risk individuals as we head into the colder fall and winter months.

Items most needed include:

- Tomato sauce and canned tomatoes
- Soup and stew in cans
- Mayonnaise and mustard
- Peanut butters, jams and breakfast cereals
- Canned corn and beans such as chickpeas
- Granola bars

Should you wish to contribute to the food drive, **please place your non-perishable items in the bin located in the the Millwood lobby.** Thank you for your generosity.

**FREE WEBINAR! ESTATE PLANNING FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 9:00 am

Join this webinar and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around cremation. The Archdiocese of Toronto estate planning team & Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral

To register, email: [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

Please include **'webinar October 1st'** in the **subject line** and provide your **name in the body of a message**. Also, we would be grateful if, for the sake of our statistics, you could let us know whether you are planning to watch this webinar alone or together with a family member.

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

**Psalm 146**

**1 Tim 6:11-16**

**Luke 16:19-31**

**Reflection on First Reading from Amos**



St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, who died as a martyr for Christ and the poor in 1980, was not afraid to preach the truth. His voice rang out in defense of those who were being victimized every day by an unjust government. In a homily just one year and one month before his death, he

insisted that “to try to preach without referring to the history one preaches in, is not to preach the Gospel. Many would like a preaching so spiritualized that it leaves sinners unbothered and does not term idolaters

those who kneel before money and power - a preaching that says nothing about the sinful environment in which the Gospel is reflected upon is not the Gospel” (*The Violence of Love, The Plough Publishing House, Farmington, Pa.: 1998*).

Amos was of a similar mind; he could not speak for God without referencing those human attitudes and behaviors that were clearly in contradiction to God and to God’s good news. For that reason, Amos castigated his wealthy northern neighbors and warned them that their selfishness and complacency would end badly. He had not chosen to be God’s whistle-blower. Amos had been content with his life in his hometown of Tekoa in Judah, as the shepherd of a particularly rugged breed of sheep as well as a dresser of sycamore trees. His pastoral and agricultural work required all of his efforts and attention. Nevertheless, when called by God to speak the truth to the injustices that were being perpetuated against the poor in the northern kingdom of Israel, he went and did as God commanded.

Wealth had afforded his eighth-century B.C.E. listeners many luxuries. Their fine beds inlaid with ivory panels, their banquets of veal and lamb, their leisurely cocktail parties and fine music stood out in sharp contrast to the straw pallets of the poor, with their meager diet and daily struggle to eke out an existence. Amos regarded these iniquities as sinful and said as much. Moreover, he warned that the political fortunes of Israel were in jeopardy because of their disregard for God’s poor ones. Whether Amos, whose prophetic ministry was exercised sometime during the 40-year reign of Uzziah of Judah (781-743 B.C.E.), lived to see his warning realized, we cannot know. However, as history attests, the northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians circa 722 B.C.E., and indeed, as he had said, the rich were the first to be sent into exile. Nevermore would the northern kingdom enjoy its freedoms; in addition, the luxuries that the prophet had described as wanton became a distant memory.

While exile and the loss of our wealth do not hang over our heads like the sword of Damocles, we are nevertheless to take Amos’ words to heart, not out of fear for our own losses but for the love of God and our neighbour. Amos’ words challenge us to use our wealth as citizens of one of the richest countries in the world in order to ease the paths of others. Whether it is the euro, the dollar, the pound, the yen, the dinar, the yuan or the rand, the only wealth worth having is the wealth we are willing to share.

**God, who demands justice for the oppressed, we pray for the compassion, courage and generosity to see and respond to those who need our help. Do not allow us to be callous or complacent, for we long to be your righteous people. We ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

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