

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, October 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Loconte Family
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosetta Dalla Corte
Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Yolanda Mirarchi Zezza
Requested by Daniela Tixi and Family

Friday, October 21st, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed
Requested by a Parishioner



Families who live in the St. Anselm parish community are invited to an information/enrollment evening for the sacrament of Confirmation in the church. This meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm** and is meant for candidates AND parents.

The responsibility of sacramental preparation lies with your home parish. Should you reside outside St. Anselm's parish boundaries or attend Sunday Mass at another church, you are asked to contact the parish office for assistance at 416-485-1792.

Are you able to host a Ukrainian family?

When hearing reports of the war in Ukraine, and the millions of Ukrainians that have been forced to flee their homeland, many have asked what they can do to help. Over 80,000 Ukrainians have already arrived to Canada through a special visa program created by Immigration Canada. An additional 500,000 have applied to the program and are expected to arrive in the coming months. Many are arriving to Toronto and are without family here in Canada to help them. Among those will be some who are vulnerable to human trafficking, particularly seniors, single women, and women with children. There is an immediate need for families to host for a period of between one and six months some of those who have arrived. If you would like to learn more about hosting a Ukrainian family, please go to [Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis \(archtoronto.org\)](http://Archdiocese of Toronto - Ukrainian Crisis (archtoronto.org)) and register for a virtual information session.

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 \(archtoronto.org\)](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!

Municipal Elections 2022 – Cast Your Vote!

A municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 24, 2022**. All Catholics are strongly encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. To help learn more about the candidates for Catholic School Board Trustee, Cardinal Collins has given permission for these candidates to distribute literature to parishioners departing Mass on weekends from October 1/2 through October 22/23. We hope you'll take the time to get to know those seeking elected office for this important role.

To ensure your vote for Catholic School Board Trustee, at the polling booth, verify that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your support status is incorrect ask for an Application to Amend Voters' List. This form may be completed and submitted at the polling station. Thank you for your interest and involvement in this fall's municipal election!

REMEMBER! the date for...

ELECTION 2022 – Catholic Trustee Debate

The Municipal Elections are fast approaching. Voting is on **October 24th** of this year. Electing the right candidates is important to keep Catholic education Catholic. If you are unsure about who your candidates are and their platforms, St. Bonaventure is hosting a Candidates Debate. All are welcome.

Event: Catholic Trustee Candidate Debate

Date: Monday, October 17/22

Time: 7-9pm

Location: St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 1300 Leslie Street, Don Mills, M3C 2K9

Exod 17:8-13
2 Tim 3:14-4:2

Ps 121
Luke 18:1-8

Praying With Perseverance



Featured in today's sacred texts are the unforgettable characters of Moses, Timothy and the unnamed widow of the Gospel, whom God and Jesus have selected to convey the truth and the challenge of the word to us. We listen to them, and each one, in

turn, has an impact on the lives of those who welcome the lessons they teach. From Moses, we learn that no leader, however charismatic, can be self-reliant, because no leader possesses on their own the capability of leading others wisely and well. Authentic leadership, especially regarding the spiritual mentoring that all of God's people need, begins in God. To that end, Moses gave himself over to God in prayer. Through this action, he acknowledged his utter reliance on God for the gifts and the grace he needed to be of good service to his people. But Moses' leadership was also dependent upon the relationships he shared with his contemporaries. For that reason, the ancient authors have featured him praying to God in the people's presence and with their support. They literally held him up, thus affirming the truth that no one can lead unless others are willing to be led. Through their cooperative action of supporting Moses in his prayer, the people also acknowledged that their ultimate leader was and would always be God.

The second letter to Timothy reminds the praying assembly of the living gift of the sacred scriptures. An ongoing source of inspiration, the word of God continues to bring a powerful, salient message to the ever-evolving and ever-shifting circumstances that characterize the human condition. Authentic reverence is always needed when we approach the word of God. We should take care when listening to the word that we do not distort or twist its message to fit our own agenda. Attentive listening also means that we hear what is there and do not ignore any part of the word or listen selectively, taking what is pleasant and leaving behind what is uncomfortable or challenging. Although the word is a gift that requires careful unwrapping, it needs no embellishment. For all these reasons, it is right, fitting and ever so just that we are frequently reminded of the gift that is ours in the word.

A third lesson is set before us today in the example of a feisty little woman who dared to confront injustice and

the abuse of power so that her voice can be heard. With no one to speak for her and no rights to lean upon (as was the case for many widows in the ancient Jewish world), she dug deep into herself, and there she found the God-given perseverance she needed to continue to plead her case. Through the centuries, this unnamed woman has been held out to believers as an impetus to pray without ceasing or losing heart. While this is certainly part of the lesson she continues to teach, it is also clear that the Lucan Jesus presented this woman as one who raised her voice to demand justice and who did not cease until justice was served. Persistence in prayer can fuel the perseverance we need in order to keep pleading the causes of the poor, the victims of injustice, the marginalized. How wise of Jesus to choose one of the least ones of God to teach the hard lessons of perseverance. Because he chose a widow whose social status had nothing to recommend her or gain her an audience, we cannot excuse ourselves as being too unimportant or too ineffectual to act. Because her political situation offered no support or defense, we cannot claim that our resources are too few or too weak to make any impact. Because her legal circumstances offered her no alternative save to speak and act for herself, we cannot hide behind an excuse of powerlessness. Moreover, the fact that she was undeterred, despite seemingly insurmountable odds against her, reminds us that quitting is not an option we should allow ourselves to consider. With Moses, Timothy and the unnamed woman who wore down an unjust judge, we are called and challenged to pray for and to cooperate with the daily grace that enables us to keep on going.

Estate Planning for the Caribbean Community

Are you Caribbean or of Caribbean descent? If so, join us for this **FREE** special event at the historic St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto, on **Saturday, October 29th, 2022**. Come and learn about the importance of a Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic teachings and traditions around burials and cremation. This day offers lots more!

To register or receive further information, send us an email to: development@archtoronto.org or call us at 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 with the following information:

Full Name
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