

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, November 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

Kenneth Stovell

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Barry Brown

Requested by Vicki and Richard Garnett

Thursday, November 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, November 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm



EcoAnselm will be offering the first of two Speaker Events related to Healing and Reconciliation with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters. Part I, "CALL TO FAITH" will take place **THIS Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm** in the church. Please join us in this special opportunity to hear a first-hand account from our parishioner and delegation organizer, on her recent journey with the Indigenous Peoples to the Vatican and their encounter with Pope Francis. She will share many insights and the good work that continues on the pathway to hope. The MacNaughton doors to the church will be open by 6:45pm.

21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023 – October 4 to January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact ecumenism@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of the Parish through your regular parish offerings.

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend **entirely** on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly to the parish account.

To switch from envelope or loose cash support to pre-authorized giving once a month in the amount of your choosing, please contact the parish office.

ST. VINCENT **de PAUL** **SOCIETY** CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Angel Tree is now up in the Millwood Lobby. Those who wish to give a gift to a less fortunate child in our community are asked to take an angel, [*blue for a boy, white for a girl*] and purchase a gift with a suggested value \$40-\$45.

Please return the angel secured to the unwrapped gift to the Angel Tree no later than **December 11th**.

*If possible, please include a gift bag. *Stuffed toys and candies cannot be given to children. More details available on the poster beside the Angel Tree.*

The Family-to-Family program is also underway. Last year we were able to assist 41 families with extra food cards for Christmas. Our families in need average 6 persons per household. A cheque made payable to St. Vincent de Paul – St. Anselm's in the amount of \$50 per family member (i.e: for a family of six, \$300, for a family of four, \$200)

Your donation in any amount to support this program is always welcome and can be placed in the collection basket or returned to the church office.

**Tax receipts will be issued for family donations by St. Vincent de Paul so please remember to include your full name and address if not displayed on your cheque.*

Please contact the church office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.



November is the month of the Holy Souls. Our Book of Remembrance is available to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones.

Feast of Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

“Today, you will be with me in Paradise”

Psalm 122

Luke 23:35-43



There is no other part of the gospels as visually suggestive and dramatically presented as the events of Jesus' passion. Certainly, the authorities who staged it had no idea that the scene would be remembered

for thousands of years. Yet Luke, like his fellow evangelists, narrated the story for the very purpose of passing it on to posterity. One of Luke's special touches is that here, as throughout his entire Gospel, he emphasizes the lowly and the outsider. Already in the Passion Narrative we have seen Simon the African conscripted into carrying the cross and the wailing women who lined Jesus' path to Golgotha. Then, following Mark and Matthew, Luke reports the sneering and jeering of leaders and soldiers. At the moment of Jesus' death, Luke's rendition comes closer to John's than to Matthew and Mark's. Depicting Jesus' willful participation in the drama, Luke records his last words as the trust-filled prayer, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Luke's unique contribution to the passion story comes through the two men crucified with Jesus. Luke weaves this, the third incident of taunting the crucified Jesus, into a final dramatization of the offer of salvation. As the last public response to Jesus during his lifetime, this incident sets up the stark option of acceptance or rejection of the type of kingdom Jesus made present through his life. Jesus is depicted in the weakest, most scandalous depths of his incarnation, dying as an innocent, impotent victim of evil. It is impossible to portray a more profound solidarity with the human condition. The two criminals of the story symbolize the human plight; they represent every sinner in the world. There's hardly a figure in history more appallingly helpless than a criminal on a cross. That someone in those circumstances could still play the part of an insolent bully staggers the imagination and yet, one of those co-crucified with Jesus used his dying breath to mock the blameless one who shared his fate. He was determined to die as he lived. This convict maintained unshaken his belief in violence,

persistently and deliberately remaining a stranger to the humility of vulnerability. The other criminal, in the defeat of his dying day, indicted himself and admitted his guilt, his mistakenness about life. Unlikely to have had any theological formation to guide him, he was still able to perceive the goodness of the man being crushed beside him. Something about Jesus, perhaps his willingness to forgive the ignorance of his persecutors, was revelatory enough to make all the difference.

This criminal, alone among all the people attending the event, looked at Jesus with faith. His focus was not on himself, but on the one who was there for him. The one we call the "good thief" understood God as the one who comes to save. The world had no more need for judgment: The guilty and the innocent had both been condemned. Absurdity and injustice seemed to reign. The only thing that could give meaning to that moment was God's love and solidarity with the needy. In capturing that, the thief understood all he would ever need to know of Jesus. He asked to be remembered when Jesus would finally become victorious, and Jesus replied, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." The church has given us a harsh and beautiful icon to contemplate on this Feast of Christ our King. When we plumb its meaning, it reveals that nothing overpowers the love of God. It shows the God who is with every suffering creature offering compassionate, everlasting love, the only salvation that makes a real difference. This feast invites us to meditate on Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. In the first beatitude we hear, "Blessed are you poor, yours is the Kingdom of God." Only when we appreciate that, will we be ready to celebrate this feast. This is the feast of the indomitable power of love. **Praise to you, Lord, King of Eternal Glory.**

*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 \(archtoronto.org\)](https://www.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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