

# 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

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

## 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 Intentions for Week



**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Chang Joon Yu

Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Intentions of John & Elizabeth Rutherford

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

## **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP A**

Group A casseroles will be collected in the church parking lot from 4-5pm on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH BISHOP NGUYEN**

**Sunday, February 12 – 2:30 p.m.**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

65 Bond St., Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Registration opens on December 9, 2022.

Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register and to access resources.

***Have you moved? Please remember to change your address by calling or emailing the parish office. This will ensure your information is up-to-date and that your 2022 tax receipt goes to your current address.***



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The Vincentians in our parish would like to thank everyone for the generous response to the Angel Tree and Family-to-Family initiatives.

Once again, our parishioners helped bring Christmas toys and joy to children and families in need. Volunteers delivered toys to children in St. John XXIII just before Christmas and provided food gift cards to families in neighbouring Thorncliffe park during the same week. Thank you for your generosity!



**EcoAnselm**

## **“New Year - New Attitude”**

**In committing to resolutions for 2023, “let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God’s plan inscribed in nature; protectors of one another and of the environment.” (Pope Francis, ‘Laudato Si’)**

**Pope Francis has issued an “urgent appeal” for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. “We need a conversation that includes everyone since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.” (LS14)**

**Invite dialogue within your family social, school or work circles and discern together ways in which we could become better champions of the environment.**

**Conduct personal, family & business ‘waste audits’; implement practical, do-able, strategies for reducing waste and for \*eliminating single-use plastics.**

**May “we ourselves become the instrument used by God to bring out the potential which he himself inscribed in things”**

**(Pope Francis, LS 124)**

Hey, wanna explore your inner rock star? **Voices Rock Canada** is growing and has limited space for 6 kids to join us from February-May for \$350! We sing rock and pop in a fun, educational and inspiring environment. Rehearsals are at: Leaside United Church (822 Millwood Road) every Monday, starting February 6, culminating in a full out Rock Concert at the Jane Mallett Theatre on Front Street mid-May. Great for kids grade 4-12. [www.VoicesRockCanada.com/book-online](http://www.VoicesRockCanada.com/book-online)

**Isa 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**  
**Psalm 72 Matt 2:1-12**

### A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS



The feast of the Epiphany focuses our faith on Jesus as both the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel and as the source of universal salvation, revealed to all the nations. The images of bright light, both in the star over Bethlehem and in later references to the

appearance in Galilee of a light to “the people that lived in darkness and the shadow of death,” are powerful ways of saying that God reveals salvation in Jesus. Human destiny is changed by his entry into human history.

If you have experienced being in a room when someone walked in who “lit up the place,” you know the possibility of a “small e” epiphany. It may be a beautiful man or woman, a couple in love, a charming child or a long-lost friend, but you feel that something has occurred to change the whole atmosphere, if not for everyone then at least for you.

We can grasp “Big E” epiphanies because of the smaller experiences, and with eyes of faith, we can enter a moment that is theological in nature - a matter of spiritual power, which can either build to overflowing or occur suddenly. We feel it but we may not be able to grasp or articulate its meaning. God is revealed. All lesser concerns fall away. We are in the presence of Glory. Something absolute has broken into our world of relative circumstances, and it lifts us up, imprints itself on us, changes us deeply.

This is what Matthew conveys to his audience in the story of the magi. Jesus is a “light to the nations,” and, while Herod reacts violently, others find Jesus’ coming to be good news, a life-changing fulfillment of God’s promise to send a saviour — the literal meaning of

Jesus’ name. We are the audience for this Gospel today, and a living Word invites us to see with the eyes of faith that Jesus is in the world for us, to guide us out of darkness into clarity about who we are and what God is offering us. Our identity was revealed in baptism. A lighted candle was entrusted to us through our parents that signified God’s life within us and our mission to be “light to the world.” However small our personal vocation, a single Christ-bearer can have a significant impact on the lives of others. The darker the night, the brighter that one candle can be. The power of Christ’s Epiphany enables us to go precisely to those places where darkness rules, where people live in the shadow of death. Our baptismal call is wasted if we nurture and protect the light God gave us only for our own spiritual comfort. In fact, the light grows dim if we do not use it and grows brighter if we do.

Where can we take the light? Who lives in the shadow of fear and at the margins of hope? Can we name them? The poor, those trapped in crime-ridden neighborhoods, newly arrived immigrants, documented and undocumented, the homeless and mentally ill people on our streets, those in jails and prisons without advocates. How do we help them? What do we do to alleviate their plight? Finally, perhaps the most intimate and difficult opportunities to be light in the darkness are in our families, our inner circle of need and responsibility.

**If others were to judge, just how bright does our light burn? Where will we carry Christ today? We are called to continue in our discovery of how bright our light can burn and where we will carry this light today, tomorrow and for all of 2023. Happy New Year!**

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