# St. Anselm's Parish

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### **PARISH STAFF**

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor Deacon Daniel McPhee Barrig Hayward, Administrative Assistant Goody Cabral, Music Director & Cantor Aloysius Chan, Organist

#### **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 Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243



**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**Bill Aust
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m. Jo Kostovcik Requested by Mel Kostovcik

### Thursday, February 16th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the O'Callaghan Family Requested by René Pelletier

### Friday, February 17th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Pelletier Family Requested by René Pelletier

### **GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE CASSEROLES**

Thank you to all who participate in our parish ministry to provide nutritious casseroles for the hungry at the Good Shepherd Refuge. Despite the ongoing difficulties of the last year, 63 families participated, delivering 345 casseroles to the parish. As each casserole feeds 10 people, St. Anselm's Church fed 3,450 people in need in 2022! Your commitment is a true reflection of the Gospel.

If you are interested in joining the casserole program for the new year, we provide the pan, lid and recipe. You deliver a frozen casserole to us on the third weekend of every other month. It's as simple as that! Please email <a href="mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net">yvonne.gray@bell.net</a> or <a href="mailto:office@stanselmschurch.com">office@stanselmschurch.com</a> for details.

To the youth in our parish who are looking for meaningful opportunities to complete their volunteer hours AND learn valuable life skills at the same time – please discuss this option with your parents to see if it's right for you.

Group B casseroles will be collected NEXT Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 5:00pm in the church parking lot.

### Welcome

St. Anselm's Church welcomes all who are visiting. If you are a frequent visitor and would like to become a member, we encourage you to complete a green parish registration card (found on the glass tables at the entrances to the church) and place it in the collection basket at the end of Mass. We look forward to welcoming you!

### **SAVE THE DATE! BUNDLE UP COMING SOON!**

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up weekend is coming up on <u>March 25-26</u>. The truck will be in the lot all weekend to accept your gently used clothing, textiles and footwear donations. Specific information on what can be accepted will follow. Please consider an early spring cleanout and save your donations for the truck that weekend. All items donated go to help those in immediate need.

### **WANTED: Choir Members**

The members of St. Anselm's Church choir would like to extend an invitation to the singers and instrumentalists in our congregation. We are actively seeking new members leading up to Easter.

We would also be happy to have you as permanent members if that is something you think you can embrace. We look forward to meeting new members. Please speak to our director, Goody Cabral after Mass this weekend or email <a href="mailto:goodycabral@gmail.com">goodycabral@gmail.com</a>

## REGISTRATION OPEN NOW BOOK CLUB FOR LENT AT ST. ANSELM'S

Join our pastor, Fr. Moore, Tuesday mornings from 10-11am in the church (February 28 – March 28) for discussions around **Brideshead Revisited**, a novel by Evelyn Waugh.

Spaced is limited so please contact the parish office by email or phone to register now!

### INCLUDING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

If you have included your parish or favourite archdiocesan charity in your Will or estate plan, please let us know. Through the Legacy Society of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we would like to say a special thank you.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at development@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400 ext. 519.

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Join leading experts for a virtual evening talk about Women's Heart Health on **Tuesday**, **February 21**<sup>st</sup> **from 6:30 – 8:30pm**. This lecture will only be accessible online at sunnybrook.ca/speakerseries

Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10
Psalm 119 Matt 5:17-37
"Truly I Tell You..."



Are you a list-maker? Do you enumerate all the things you have to do and then tick them off one by one until your list is accomplished? There is a certain satisfaction in this practice. On the other hand, an incomplete list can be a haunting reminder of our frailty

of will.

When the laws that govern our lives are formulated in list form, we may also experience a great sense of satisfaction as each law is observed. Even when the laws are multiplied and defined in painstaking detail, faithful observance can be very satisfying. Such was the attitude of many of Jesus' contemporaries whose dedication to keeping every shred of the law can only be described as admirable. However, their sense of satisfaction was severely challenged when Jesus insisted that the law was not enough. Jesus did not abolish the law, He used it as a launching pad to propel his followers beyond the mere letter of the law, however demanding, to the spirit of the law, which can never be satisfied or fulfilled.

Imagine if you were there that long-ago day when the Matthean Jesus challenged his would-be disciples to a holiness that presumed the law and reached far beyond it. Imagine being told that perfect legal observance is not enough, but it is a good start. No doubt many were disappointed; others were disillusioned. Some may even have been angry. But there were others who were able to look with Jesus beyond the law to the loving God who inspired it. These were willing to give themselves over to grace and to a way of life where self-satisfaction would become a distant memory. Those who accepted Jesus' challenge would begin to frame their lives with

new questions: What more can I do? What more can I become? How far will love's labours lead me?

Some answers to these questions are provided in this Gospel as well as the Scriptures of the next Sunday. With a series of six of what scholars have called "antitheses" (four this week, two next), the Matthean Jesus extended: (1) the law against murder to include hatred, scorn and litigiousness; (2) the law against adultery to include both genders as well as lustful desires and scandal; (3) the law concerning divorce to include fewer exceptions; (4) the law against false oaths to include thorough integrity, such that "Yes" always means "Yes" and "No" is always "No." With each antithesis, it becomes increasingly clear that people are valued more than legal observance, and that our relationship with God hinges heavily upon the relationship we have with other people. Nowhere is this more evident than in verses 23 and 24, where the Matthean Jesus has suggested that authentic worship demands mutual respect among the worshipers. Offering gifts to God smacks of insincerity if believers withhold from one another the forgiveness that protects the bonds between them. Jesus was not the first to call for such authenticity of life and worship. His challenge echoes that of the prophets. But Jesus was the first to make such conduct a requisite for membership in the kingdom he had brought near. Until the reign of God is established and acknowledged in every human heart, Jesus continues to challenge believers to move beyond the listed obligations of the law to that realm of grace where love knows no limit. Jesus called his listeners to leap beyond minimum observance into that realm of love where there is no measure, no limit, no end. "You have heard it said," challenged Jesus, "but I say to you ..." That challenge points directly at human freedom and to all the possibilities for good that are inherent in this gift. That challenge recalls and affirms the invitation of Jesus: "If you would be my disciple ..." That challenge assures us that even when we, like good servants, have done everything prescribed in the law, we have only scratched the surface of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Our love of him leads us to choose, not the letter of the law, but the spirit of the law, which is love. If we do this daily and deliberately, then we can call ourselves disciples.

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