

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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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

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

416-393-5243

## Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Intentions of Andy and Rachel Oh  
Requested by Angela Oh

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Jeannette Valeriote  
Requested by the Family

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Mary Brennan  
Requested by Lucy Brennan

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Anton Melchers  
Requested by the Family

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

The St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up weekend is coming up on **March 25-26**. 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.

### **REGISTRATION OPEN NOW**

#### **BOOK CLUB FOR LENT AT ST. ANSELM'S**

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

There are still a few spaces open so please contact the parish office by email or phone to register now! Once registration is confirmed, we ask that you acquire a copy of the book, either from the local library or a book retailer ahead of the first meeting.

### **TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF**

We continue to accept donations to aid the relief efforts in Turkey and Syria. Please call 416-934-3411 to donate by credit card or provide a cheque payable to **"St. Anselm – Turkey/Syria Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief"** in the collection basket at Mass or by mail to the parish office.

### **Support our Lenten ShareLife Appeal**

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your kind support of ShareLife.

Last year, ShareLife supporters like you enabled 1,900 young parents and their children to access programming, along with diapers, food and clothing.

Your support of ShareLife provides hope and support as they create better lives for their families. Please give generously once again this year.

### **IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you to our friends at South Bayview Valu-mart (1500 Bayview Ave.) for their generous donation of sausages for our parish Pancake Supper held on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Their kindness and support is always appreciated.

Thank you to our youth who volunteered, and to our parishioners who organized and cooked a delicious pancake feast for all in attendance. Thanks as well to all who supported the event through your attendance.

### **VIDEO SERIES: JOURNEY THROUGH LENT**

The CCCB video series *Journey through Lent* will be available once again on the CCCB website. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth.

Videos for **Ash Wednesday** and for the **First Sunday of Lent** have been posted on the CCCB website

In English:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/>

In French:

<https://www.cecc.ca/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-le-temps-du-careme-2023/>

Every Monday throughout Lent, a video will continue to be posted on the CCCB website in English and in French for the following Sunday's eucharistic celebration.

**Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

**Rom 5:12-19**

**Psalms 51**

**Matt 4:1-11**

**Have Mercy, O Lord, for we have sinned.**



There are significant moments in our lives when we are forced to take stock of ourselves — to do a spiritual inventory. This requires that we face whatever “demons” have made their home within us

and decide how to evict them. Of course, these demons are not little horned creatures that wreak havoc in our lives or frightening monsters that overpower us on our journey to truth and justice and goodness. No, these demons are homemade, as it were; they are bad habits and wrong choices. They are the sum of all the times we have surrendered our will to what is not good. They are the sins we have committed, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. Facing these demons and dealing with them is the first step on the long road of transformation. That road is marked by many experiences of conversion during which believers are invited to bring their struggles and their efforts at growth before God, and there, in the divine presence, to work things through, assisted and supported by grace. Each year, the season of Lent affords us this opportunity to face our demons. Each year, the model set before us, to inspire and move us forward, is Jesus Christ.

Immediately after his baptism, during which Jesus was identified as Son of God, Jesus withdrew to the Judean wilderness. There he submitted himself to an inner spiritual struggle based on who he was and what he was being called to do. Notice that the tempter prefaces his suggestions with “if you are the Son of God ...” At his very core, Jesus was being challenged as to how he would use the power he wielded as God’s Son. Would it be for himself and his own self-aggrandizement and satisfaction, or would he live for God? As Jesus’ story is told again in today’s readings, his example calls out to everyone who is trying to live a good life in an atmosphere that is openly hostile to goodness. Jesus’ choice was simply expressed, but not easy. With every sortie, the tempter’s words suggested greater and greater possibilities, all of which were far more appealing than a life so faithful to God that it would lead to the

pain of rejection, physical torture and death. Despite the cost, Jesus faced down his tempter and chose to remain true to himself and to God. Jesus’ choice stands in sharp contrast to the choice made by the first humans, who are featured in the narrative of creation and the explanation for how evil became part of the human experience, found in the first reading. Although they were endowed with the same freedoms as Jesus, those who first walked with God did not use their freedom wisely or well. As a result of their poor choices, they found themselves alienated from God, from one another and at odds with the world that was to be their home.

Paul, in his correspondence with the Roman Christians, referenced the primeval experience and the experience of Jesus to create a powerful comparison. With Adam came sin and death, but with Jesus came forgiveness, justification and life. Paul’s intent was to illustrate that God’s power to heal and save is greater than any sin. With that power in our hearts, we prepare to face down those demons that we have allowed to stand in the way of our fuller union with God. We are ready to venture into our mental basements to assess whatever cracks there may be in our foundations and to reinforce our bonds to Jesus. We are called to look at our relationships with others so that we may become better men and women, better mentors, spouses, parents, children and friends. We are called to recognize our sins but not remain in them. When temptations come, we are not to rely solely on ourselves, but we are to remember that the righteous act of Jesus has made acquittal and life available to us all. May the work of Lent be fruitful and bring us to a joy-filled celebration of Easter. Happy Lent!

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