

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 for Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Anne Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Wednesday, March 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Alice Maxheleau

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, March 9th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Adelyn Oh

Requested by Angela Oh

Friday, March 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

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 is posted on our bulletin boards in the church lobby.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES MARCH 26th!

Children in the parish who are currently in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 1 are invited to join our volunteers for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass. They will be accompanied to the parish hall, complete a fun activity related to the weekend's Gospel message and return to join their family in the church for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please note, this is not Sunday School or sacramental preparation and is not a drop-off. No registration is required.

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

The Archdiocese of Toronto has designated **March 19-April 1** as Lenten Days of Confessions across its parishes. At St. Anselm's, our Day of Confessions will be **Wednesday, March 22nd**:

9:00am-10:00am

1:00pm – 2:00pm

5:00pm – 6:00pm

No appointments are required for these time slots.

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

Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 26.

Our parish goal for

this year's campaign is **\$95,000.**

More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP "A"

Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge "Provide-A-Meal" program will be collected in the church parking lot on **Saturday, March 18th from 4:00-5:00pm.**

Did you know each casserole you provide feeds TEN hungry individuals? Our parish is one of many that participates in the program and, with the help of parishioners across the GTA, the Good Shepherd Refuge is able to meet the needs of the less fortunate with nutritious hot meals each and every day.

Should you need a pan/lid or have questions about joining the casserole program, please contact the parish office or email Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net

ANNUAL MASS OF ST. PATRICK

The annual Mass of St. Patrick at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto will take place on **Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m.**

Cardinal Thomas Collins will be the presider and homilist. All are welcome. Those unable to attend can participate in the celebration via livestream at www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

VOCATIONS

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Gen 12:1-4 2 Tim 1:8b-10

Psalm 33 Matt 17:1-9

OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP



If one of the main reasons Matthew wrote his Gospel was to show Jesus as fulfilling the Jewish Law and Prophets, the manifestation of that premise is the story of the Transfiguration. Every theme found in the Old

Testament converges on this moment on a mountain when Moses and Elijah appear on either side of Jesus, bathed in light and blessed by the divine voice as he prepares to descend the mountain and proceed to Jerusalem. As an encounter with God, the transfiguration is like backlighting a large stained-glass window whose colours and design are revealed for the first time. Two previous events are connected to this moment. At his baptism, Jesus experienced a similar revelation as the sky opened, a dove descended and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Later, for his inaugural sermon, Jesus went up a mount and, like Moses, issued the new commandments of love. Matthew is adding layer upon layer of imagery and theme to show how Jesus fulfilled the entire Law and the Prophets. These ritual and liturgical signs point beyond their original use to the reality found in Jesus, who is God's complete revelation in human form.

The readings we hear today are rich and deep in the calling we receive to enter the mystery of Christ. Every baptized person is imprinted with the same mystery, meant to mature in us as we are more and more incorporated into Christ, formed by the word, nourished by Eucharist and filled with the Spirit to be Christ in the world. If this immense vision seems too much for us, too theological or too abstract, the final scene in today's Gospel is a comfort. The apostles who accompanied Jesus up the mountain are just like us. They do not understand the vision. The light is so brilliant it casts a shadow over them. The voice from the cloud paralyzes them. God's glory is unbearable, incomprehensible to them. Only when an all-too-familiar and human Jesus, their friend, touches them and tells them to rise up and not be afraid, do they recover.

Isn't this our own experience? Because we are human, we can only grasp things humanly. Our encounters with God come to us through our relationships in community, through our thoughts and feelings as they slowly take form over many years. We must experience human intimacy before we can understand God's friendship. Those who have experienced being in love, suffused with light and joy at the approach of the beloved, know in some measure the transfiguration of Jesus. Those who have struggled to accomplish a difficult goal or remained faithful under trial know something of Jesus' determination to go to Jerusalem to complete what he had begun at his baptism. The word transfiguration describes a process of change that conforms us to some underlying figure or design. Jesus is already mounting the cross when he is transfigured, embracing the suffering necessary to recover for humanity the true image of God lost because of sin. In the wrenching agony of crucifixion, Jesus is actually reordering human nature to reveal the underlying glory of God. By his obedience, Jesus consigns sin to death on the cross, then restores grace within his risen body. It is this final state, in which our fallen nature is redeemed by grace, that is God's gift to us in Jesus. This is our awesome Lenten journey. Jesus touches each of us today and invites us to accompany him to Jerusalem. We all, as God's people, are called. Though we can't prepare for a call, we should certainly anticipate it. If we don't, we'll most probably never recognize it or respond when it comes.

Lent is a season of almsgiving. Jesus taught us that what we do for the poor we do for him. We pray for those who are hungry...for those without shelter...for those who are dying for lack of medical care...for those without the opportunity to learn...for those who live with violence...and for generous hearts and creative minds that we might do our part to alleviate poverty...**Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayer.**

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) Thank you for your support.

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