

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 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Jane Henry

Requested by Christine Henry

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

Jim Walker

Requested by the Van Houten Family

Thursday, March 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Carol Ann Waller

Requested by Christine Henry

Friday, March 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Ryan

Requested by Theresa Ryan

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.

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.

SHARELIFE

Live the Gospel by helping our vulnerable brothers and sisters **ShareLife Sunday is March 26** and we once again ask you to give generously to support Catholic agencies, who in turn care for the most vulnerable in our communities. As a parish, this is our opportunity to live the Gospel!

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 NEXT **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

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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.

vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca



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.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP FRANCIS LEO

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Parishioners are invited to attend a regional Mass of Welcome taking place in the central region on **Tuesday, April 11th at BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH (3220 Bayview Ave.) at 7:00pm.** A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Psalms 95

John 4:5-42

"LIVING WATER"



For those whose water source is never more than a few steps away, it may be challenging to imagine how important this necessary commodity was to our ancestors in the faith. When we can quench our thirst by the turn of a faucet, we might take the gift of water for

granted. Therefore, it is good that the sacred texts regularly remind us of this essential blessing and evoke in us a renewed appreciation for the life it brings. As Gail Ramshaw has explained, all throughout both Testaments, water is featured in four ways: to recall birth, to evoke death, to typify renewal and to suggest washing (*Treasures Old and New*, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis: 2002). Human life begins in a watery womb, just as the life of the cosmos also had a watery origin, over which God's Spirit hovered and called forth all that is. Similarly, the people of Israel were "born" in water as, by divine initiative, they made their way through the Sea of Reeds to become God's own. In that capacity, they were cared for by God, who, throughout their trek in the wilderness, provided them with sources of water. In today's first reading, that water source was a rock that Moses struck. An obvious source of life, water is also evocative of death. Too much of it can endanger or extinguish the light of life altogether. As a sign and agent of renewal, water and water sources have become sacred places where communities gather to share and to care for one another. In ancient times, the common well-fed hearts and minds and spirits while satisfying physical thirsts for humans and their flocks. Water coolers in the workplace have proven to serve

the contemporary human need for communication and social interaction, so missed during the years we spent isolated from each other. Bars and taprooms are called "watering holes" because they have become special places where friends meet and strengthen the bonds between them over a liquid libation. Similarly, vacationers often travel to water sources — such as lakes, rivers, hot springs and the open sea — for bodily renewal and communal support. Even our public parks often have water fountains, both practical and decorative, to refresh and renew us. Through the centuries, cities have grown up around water sources, and some medieval Christian churches and shrines were built near or on top of pagan water sites. By their establishing a sacred presence on the site, the water took on a spiritual authenticity it had not previously had. Besides recalling life, evoking death and typifying renewal, water is a cleansing agent. Dirt can cause infection, and bad odors can attract enemies while repelling friends. People of many faiths ritually wash themselves as an outward sign of a desired interior purity. All four of these functions of water are reflected in today's sacred texts, particularly the Gospel, where the Johannine Jesus invites the woman at the well to die to her former way of life and find a new beginning in him and in his words. She had come to the well to drink of its liquid life, but she encountered life. She could have filled her water jug at the well and gone on her way, but she dared to enter into a conversation with Jesus that made her thirst for what he had to offer. He whetted her appetite for truth and for more truth, and, through their exchange, she became clean again. She found in him and in his words the wellspring of living water; to her credit, she drank deep and allowed the words and the wisdom of Jesus to transform her. Each Lent, when the community is fortunate to be welcoming candidates who are thirsty for God and for Jesus' living water, the woman at the well offers her experience as a teachable moment. She invites us to remember our thirst for God and our need for renewal and cleansing. She, who tasted what Jesus had to offer and was forever changed by him, challenges each of us to be similarly willing to drink deep from the wellspring of the word and let it lead us where it may. *For the Church, that we may be a source of living water for all who thirst for meaning and purpose in their lives...Lord, in your mercy...*

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. 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 \(archtoronto.org\)](http://ADoT.Parish-TorontoEastDonationForm-ArchdioceseofToronto.archtoronto.org). Thank you for your support.

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