

# 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, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Bernardo Escallon

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For Deceased Members of the Kostovcik Family

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

**Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Ruth Anne O'Connell

Requested by Greg and Sabrina Paolini

## FEAST OF ST. ANSELM

APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>

This coming Friday, April 21 is the feast day of Anselm, our patronal saint. Italian by birth, he is famously known as the "Father of Scholasticism", as he worked tirelessly to make God and faith appreciated using reason. If you studied medieval philosophy, you are very likely to have been exposed to Anselm.

In 1093, at the age of sixty he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury. He was recognized as showing deep concern for the poorest of the poor and it is said that he was the first in the Church to oppose the slave trade. At the National Council of Westminster, Anselm pushed the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings. Anselm was known to be a gentle man, but also highly principled, who never backed down when justice was at stake. He died in 1109 and is honoured as a Doctor of the Church.

Patron saints not only intercede for us, but they are also models of holiness, worthy of imitation. Anselm speaks to us of the love of wisdom, its practical application in our lives and justice. Wouldn't the world be a better place if there was more of both?

If you can, come out to Mass on Friday morning and praise God for the gift of this truly remarkable man.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11:00am

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. Registration is not required.



Sat. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is EARTH DAY 2023

April 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> is EARTH WEEK.

Marvel at the gifts of Creation  
and remember to give thanks.

"Earth Day demands urgent Action".  
Cardinal Michael Czerny explains why  
the Church and Pope Francis care so greatly  
about the Earth and why ACTION to protect  
the environment is URGENT.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-04/cardinal-czerny-earth-day-environment-pope-francis.html>

The theme for Earth Day 2023 is:  
INVEST IN OUR PLANET. "We need to  
act (boldly), innovate (broadly)  
and implement (equitably). Everyone  
accounted for and everyone accountable  
in partnership for the planet."

<https://www.earthday.org/>

"CHANGE TAKES ALL OF US."

"EACH ACTION BRINGS HOPE."

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/earth-week>

Use the opportunity of Earth Week to  
connect, grow, listen, inspire hope  
and affect change.

<https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/>

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 16-22

The Archdiocese of Toronto Volunteer Appreciation week: Volunteering Weaves Us Together will be celebrated from April 16-22 in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week

This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts that weave our community together, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us.

1 Cor 12: 4-6: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone".

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers are the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of Volunteer Screening Coordinators and Committee Members, Choir members, Ministry leaders, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, altar servers and so many other volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about opportunities to serve in your parish, please contact the office at 416-485-1792.

**Acts 2:42-47**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Psalm 118**

**John 20:19-31**

### **CELEBRATING OUR ROOTS**



Beginnings are often remembered as more auspicious and idealistic than they might have seemed to those who experienced them firsthand. Beginnings of relationships are idealized as married couples recall the joys of their honeymoon and first years together while choosing to “forget” their initial economic struggles,

small apartment, burned dinners, etc. Some organizations also look to their beginnings as “the good old days” and long with nostalgia for a continuation of the same. The earliest years of the growing Jesus movement have been described, particularly by the Lucan evangelist in Acts, in idyllic terms. Because of this, contemporary believers may have an unrealistic notion of their beginnings. Yet biblical scholars warn us to be cautious about assuming that Christianity erupted onto the scene as a unique, identifiable religion right after the death of Jesus. It did not begin at a single moment or as a single phenomenon. On the contrary, the Jesus movement began in the hearts of those who believed in Jesus; these were a motley crew representing both genders and several ethnic groups, with varying degrees of education, experience, wealth and sophistication. They were drawn by one Spirit, and, despite their considerable differences, they were inspired to grow gradually into a somewhat cohesive entity. Initially regarded as a sect of Judaism, believers in Jesus continued to pray in the Jerusalem Temple and to participate in synagogue services for

decades after Jesus’ death and resurrection. Only later — and it is from this later perspective that their story is told in the New Testament — were the believers in Jesus called Christians; only later did they begin to understand themselves as church. Only later were their first efforts at discipleship held out as an enduring ideal to be emulated by all future disciples. Therefore, when we return each year to remember our roots in Christ, in his resurrection and in those earliest believers, let us do so realistically. They are our heroes, and we are privileged to stand on their shoulders, but those shoulders buckled under many struggles and burdens in the process of becoming strong and sure. Those early believers faced challenges that could have derailed the Jesus movement at the outset. But, to their credit, they remembered Jesus’ gift of peace and the presence of the Spirit (second reading, Gospel) and dared to rely on a power greater than their own. Perhaps this is the reason Luke chose to portray the earliest believers in Jesus in such a positive and compelling manner. Their greatness did not lie in themselves but in Jesus, who had first called them to himself and remained with them always. We are who we are as Christians and as church, not because of ourselves or our leaders or even our best efforts at goodness, but because of Jesus Christ. His call to each of us creates and forms us as his disciples. Our response to him is a graced response that enables and empowers our witness and our service. His continuing presence and our willingness to cling to him are what binds us together — the weak and the strong, the poor and the rich, the proud and the truthful — in a union that would be unachievable except for grace. With this grace, we continue in the traditions of our ancestors, hoping that one day, future disciples of Jesus may be similarly inspired by us.

***For all the baptized, particularly the newly baptized, that we who have not seen Him may be strong in faith and give convincing witness to Jesus with our words and deeds...***

***For Peace, that Christ’s gift of peace may settle in the hearts of all the human family and guide us away from violence and revenge...***

***For all still preparing to celebrate Sacraments of Initiation during this Easter Season...***

***The next Good Shepherd casserole collection for Group “A” will be in May. Please stay tuned for collection date and time...***



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