

# 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, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Jeannette Valeriote  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Jeannette Valeriote  
Requested by Ros Boateng

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Adele Davis  
Requested by Jennifer, Naguib and Beth Gouda

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Intentions of Ed and Lucia Oh  
Requested by Angela Oh



## 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.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)  
[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 30 - MAY 5

*This year, the theme of Catholic Education Week is "We are Many, We are One." Prayer for CEW 2023: We are many, we are one; we all form one body in Christ. Lord, when we see the one before us, let us reverence your presence within; when we listen to one another, let us hear with our hearts; when we reflect on each encounter, may we discern to understand; when we learn from those around us, let us respect our differences with joy; and when we act, may we be kind and generous to all, for each person is a member of your body, with all that they are.*  
We are many, we are one.

Amen



**Pope Francis calls upon EACH ONE OF US to assume responsibility for care of our planet.**

**We need "to act (boldly), innovate (broadly) and implement (equitably)".**

[earthday.org](http://earthday.org)

**"Pope Francis focuses on "ecological conversion" for decisions that can no longer be postponed. Conversion calls for new lifestyles based on development, sustainability and cooperation between human beings and the environment. Society must explore all options to identify the best opportunities to make our planet more hospitable for generations to come. It's going to take ALL OF US, international, national and local governments, businesses, churches, schools, and ALL CITIZENS on earth to form a partnership to protect & preserve our planet."**

**LAUNCH of the Booklet "Our Common Home" SEE: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2023/launch-of-the-booklet-our-common-home.html>**

***The next Good Shepherd casserole collection for Group "A" will be Saturday, May 20th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Please contact the office or [yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net) if you need a pan.***

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The 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 \(archtoronto.org\)](#) Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.*

## **SHARELIFE**

### **ShareLife Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

**Acts 2:14, 36-41**  
**Psalm 23**

**1 Peter 2:20-25**  
**John 10:1-10**



#### **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

In the relatively brief time that Jesus spent with those he called to share in his ministry, he taught them many things. By word and by example, he taught them about God's love for them and for all peoples. He taught them that all human beings have unique value and God-given talents, all of which are intended for the

good and well-being of others. Through various parables, he invited them to approach God for forgiveness and to be sure that they would not be rebuffed, for God, like a loving parent, never ceases to love the child. Through countless acts of mercy and loving kindness, Jesus passed on to his disciples the realization that they were to be similarly compassionate toward all others. Again and again, he challenged those erroneous ideas that judged sinners and the sick, the marginalized and the disenfranchised as outcasts, unloved by God and not worthy of the time and effort of others. Much to the surprise and dismay of his contemporaries, Jesus continually insisted that the poor and the wretched were the chosen ones of God and should be, therefore, the primary focus of his disciples' service. In their service of God's poor ones, the disciples of Jesus were also taught that salvation was not a reward merited by those who scrupulously interpreted and observed the law; rather, Jesus made it clear that salvation is God's gracious gift to sinners who, for their part, are to welcome it with humble, grateful love.

In addition to all these lessons, Jesus was also concerned that those who followed him would learn how they would be called upon to lead others. As it

became clearer and clearer to him that his time with his own would be cut short, he opened his heart and mind to them and allowed them to see how he perceived his role and how they might perceive theirs. Some of Jesus' most poignant convictions concerning his leadership are revealed in today's sacred texts.

In the Gospel, Jesus aspired to lead as a shepherd leads his flock. Unlike a monarch who may not know his subjects except in terms of demographics and expected revenues ... unlike a military ruler whose armies consist of nameless and faceless throngs who are valued for their prowess and strategies ... unlike the religious rulers of his day who had little vested interest in the welfare of the general population, Jesus led like a shepherd. In that capacity, he had a personal relationship with every sheep; they knew his voice and followed only his commands. He knew their names and called each of them to follow where he would lead. In the very personal and lifelong relationship that bound shepherd to sheep, Jesus found the imagery to explain the extent of his love and caring. He had not come like a hired hand who values his own safety. He had not come like a thief or a marauder who would use the sheep for her own monetary gain. Rather, Jesus came like the shepherd whose loving efforts for the sheep are celebrated in the responsorial psalm. In his presence, sinners find repose and refreshment, safety and sustenance and, most of all, a personal relationship where each is known intimately to the other. That relationship Jesus shared with his own did not allow any constraint. His love and caring were so authentic and so enduring that he was willing to suffer for them — even to the point of dying on the cross so that the straying sheep might be saved (1 Peter, second reading). As their Shepherd, he had died for them; in that capacity, he also rose to life and graced his followers with his aptitude for leadership.

During the Easter season, the sacred texts show us that aptitude reflected in the words and works of Peter, the Eleven and those other early leaders called to shepherd Jesus' flock. In today's first reading, Peter's speech, as composed by Luke, hints of no judgmental anger or any desire for vengeance. Rather, Peter as shepherd in Jesus' stead, gently but firmly appealed to the Jewish community to accept Jesus and the gift of salvation. His pasturing, in Jesus' name, lifted him above his fears and above any resentment he may have had so that he could welcome all into the sheepfold of Jesus. Those who lead God's people today are also challenged to know their charges intimately, to call them by name, to care for their needs, to keep them from harm. In all we do and say, we are to bear witness to the Shepherd we call Good.



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