

# 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 2:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive  
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# Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nora Escallon

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

## Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Michael & Conferral of the Pallium

The Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates the feast day of our archdiocesan patron, St. Michael, on **Friday, September 29**. All are welcome to join in a special celebration on that day at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St.). Archbishop Francis Leo will celebrate Mass, with music from the world-renowned St. Michael's Choir School. As part of the celebration, the Apostolic Nuncio to Canada, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič will confer the pallium on our archbishop, a symbol of his role as Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto and shepherd to the faithful.

Following Mass, there will be an informal reception with light refreshments in the St. Michael's Cathedral atrium and courtyard. Seating will be first come, first served. All are welcome to join in this special celebration for our archdiocese and archbishop!

## BISHOPS' COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 23-24

There will be a second collection today for the **Needs of the Church in Canada**. Your gifts are used by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to represent Canadian Catholics in national and international pastoral activity. Thank you for your support of this important work.

***There will be a blessing of pets after the 11:00am Mass next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> outside the church on the Millwood landing in honour of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4<sup>th</sup>).***

## GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Group "B" casseroles will be collected **October 21<sup>st</sup>** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. We will also collect much needed non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving food drive. A list of items can be found in the lobbies of the church.

## SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

Parents of children in Grade 2 (or older) who are interested in information about preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to attend a meeting **THIS TUESDAY, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one's home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, must be returned by October 10<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING FOR CANDIDATES AND PARENTS

Youth in our parish who are in Grade 7 (or older) and their parents are invited to attend a meeting to hear about the preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one's home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of their baptism certificate, must be returned by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate the child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

## 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.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30. At St. Ann's parish in Toronto, home to the Native People's Mission, a special Mass will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. - all are welcome to attend. The Archdiocese of Toronto will hold a special collection next weekend to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. You can donate through your local parish or online anytime at: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).



**Stewardship Sunday, Sept 24, 2023**  
**EcoAnselm: Ministry of Ecology at Saint Anselm Parish WELCOMES new members and their suggestions.**  
**We meet on an ad hoc basis. If you would like to join this area of ministry please contact the parish office and ask to be connected with a member of EcoAnselm.**

**EcoAnselm Mission Statement:**  
**to answer God's call to serve as responsible stewards of Creation including all nature and humankind.**  
**EcoAnselm strives to raise ecological awareness, to help prevent further harm to our planet and to inspire respect and thanksgiving for the gifts of God's creation through the components of mindfulness, prayer, education, communication + various forms of action.**

**UPCOMING ECO-SPEAKER EVENT**  
**In "Part One: Call to Faith" we heard a parishioner's personal account of her journey with Indigenous persons to the Vatican and their incredible encounter with Pope Francis. For "Part Two: Call to Action" we are pleased to announce that the Deputy Minister at Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs has accepted our invitation to address our parish, share information, and respond to questions. Watch for the date and time to be announced soon.**

**Isa 55:6-9                      Psalm 145**  
**Phil 1:20-24, 27            Matt 20:1-16**  
***The Lord is near to all who call on him.***

***Filled With Grace***



Many of us have come away reeling from the message of last Sunday's sacred texts. Forgiveness without limit and forgiveness from the heart are two of Christianity's most staggering challenges; nevertheless,

to refuse these challenges or to try to skirt or ignore them would make our claim to belong to God ring false. If we have come to this week's sacred texts looking for some respite, we will not find it because both Isaiah and the Matthean Jesus will continue to call us to be more

authentic reflections of the God whose ways and thoughts are so unlike our own. God's ways and thoughts are such that even a scoundrel and the wicked can turn to God and find mercy and generous forgiveness. Think of the scoundrels you know; consider the wicked who have perpetrated dastardly crimes... even these, insists Isaiah, are not without hope. Even these are forgivable in the eyes of the God who made them and desires their well-being and redemption. We, for our part, with our small ways and narrow thoughts, might consider certain sinners as unredeemable and deserving of no forgiveness. Long-standing dictators who torture and murder their own people, savage militia who rape and abuse women and children, serial killers, pedophiles, terrorists who are determined to wipe out those they regard as the enemy... what does God think of these? With a mercy and a goodness that many of us may find illogical, exasperating and even unjust, God simply says: Seek me. Turn to me and be forgiven. But surely, we argue, how can there be forgiveness for the career criminal who "finds religion" at the eleventh hour and repents. How can his/her countless sins be swept away? Surely God's ways are not just or fair. Perhaps the reason for our consternation in such matters is because we continue to think in terms of *merit* rather than *grace*. Like the labourers in the vineyard who had worked the entire day, we who do our best to grow in faith and to translate our relationship with God into the love and service of others may think that we have somehow earned God's forgiveness and our redemption. For that reason, we may resent those who seem to have come late to God and even later to the vineyard and yet have been treated as generously as we. God's goodness to those eleventh-hour believers may lead us to reason that we deserve more since we've been hard at the work of discipleship from the beginning. But neither those who have worked from dawn nor those that join the ranks near dusk are deserving of God's gifts. No one merits forgiveness, mercy or salvation. These are God's gracious gifts to bestow, not because we are good but because God is God. To push our argument even further, we may reason that forgiveness is contingent upon repentance. Surely those infamous men and women who died saved?! This notion not only fails to grasp the generosity of God, it also presumes a privilege of judgment which is God's alone. Just as we cannot know fully the mind and heart and ways of God, nor can we ever know all there is to know about another human being. For it is by grace and not merit that sinners are saved. We, for our part, are to let God be God and to marvel at the ways and thoughts of God that we have yet to understand. Rather than resent the redemption of the wicked, we are to rejoice over their return to God. Then, for all our lives and with all our strength and effort, we are to work at closing the gap between God's thoughts and our own, between God's ways and our own, by surrendering ourselves, our anger, our resentments and our desire for vengeance to the transformative power of grace.

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