

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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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

Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5

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# Mass for Intentions Week

**Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Jeannette Valeriote  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Living and Deceased Members of the Pieri-MacDonald Families

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Brigid Fitzgerald  
Requested by the O'Carroll Family

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa  
Requested by the Family

## 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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Refuge in the Millwood lobby. The collection will **conclude on October 8<sup>th</sup>**.

### *MOST NEEDED ITEMS*

Canned Soups	Sugar
Peanut Butter/Jam	Garlic/Onion Powder
Coffee	Canned Vegetables
Vegetable Oil	Canned Stew
Tuna	Pancake Mix
Boxed Cereal	Dry Pasta/Rice

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation takes place each year on September 30.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is holding a special collection this weekend to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund to 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).

## SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Parents who attended the meeting last week are reminded to please return the completed form, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate by **October 10<sup>th</sup>**. You may return this paperwork by placing it in the collection basket at Mass on the weekend or to the parish office mailbox. Please do not email the form/certificate.

## 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.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**A Treasurer and new members are needed in the SVP at St. Anselm's Parish.**

If you are familiar with Microsoft Excel and interested in joining St. Anselm's SSVP, we are looking for a new treasurer. Training and support available

New members are always welcome. *Come and See What We Do.* Contact Yvonne: [yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net)

## GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE

Group "B" casseroles will be collected **October 21<sup>st</sup>** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

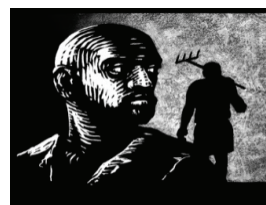
**Ezek 18:25-28**

**Phil 2:1-11**

**Psalms 25**

**Matt 21:28-32**

## **Saying Yes to God**



When a man and a woman who love each other wish to commit themselves to one another for life, they celebrate that love and their life together with the exchanging of vows and the declaration, "I do!" In order for their love to grow and their marital commitment to deepen, every day of their lives together must also be affirmed and reaffirmed by an endless catena of "I dos". At times this declaration

will trip happily off their tongues; at other times, it will require strength, courage and perseverance to continue to say and to mean "I do!" In truth, there are also times when one partner or the other (or both) becomes wearied by the effort required to sustain a good relationship; some may even decide to say "I don't" or "I won't" or "I can't" It is at these times when the human choice to change one's mind and heart is most challenged. Today, the sacred texts and their authors invite our serious consideration of this choice.

Ezekiel, in the first reading, was reasoning with his contemporaries in exile who regarded their situation as unfair punishment. But rather than allow them to find fault with God or to cast blame on another, the prophet urged them to change themselves, so that they might bear with any and every circumstance. He urged them to say "yes" to God by turning away from their own wickedness; in that way, they would preserve their lives and find the hope they needed to await their deliverance.

Paul, in his letter to his beloved Philippians, encouraged them to find the strength to say "yes" and/or "I do!" to God in the example of Jesus who emptied himself to illustrate God's incredible love for sinners. Paul also assured his readers that they would be supported in their good efforts by the love, compassion and mercy they shared with one another in Jesus' name.

In today's gospel, the Matthean Jesus addresses the perennial fickleness of the human heart that often reacts impulsively rather than thoughtfully to God's challenges. An initial "No" can become a "Yes" if grace is allowed to enlighten human reason; a quick, unreasoned "Yes" can become a "No" as it becomes increasingly difficult to sustain a lifelong commitment of faith in God and in service to others. Nevertheless, those who exercise their prerogative to change their "No" to a "Yes" or an "I won't" to an "I do" will experience a God who rejoices in their decision rather than reproaches for their past indecision or poor choices. Would that those strong enough to change their "Nos" to "Yeses" might also know the joy of being supported and encouraged by their brothers and sisters in the faith. As believers in a community of faith, we are aware that our first "I do" or "Yes" came at baptism, whether spoken of our own volition or that of our godparents. This initial "Yes" introduced a series of responses to God's graced calls; these calls punctuated our lives with opportunities to love, to worship, to serve, to grow and to witness to the good news of salvation. During every sacramental encounter and with every fervent prayer, our "Yes" to God is made stronger, firmer. At our weekly liturgical celebrations our "Yes" is enlightened by the Word that is proclaimed and nourished by the Bread that is

shared. Certainly, it is right and fitting that our Sundays are "Yes" days. But the continuing challenge for believers lies in translating Sunday fervour into a daily and deliberate habit of agreeing with and acquiescing to God in all things. In other words, we are not part-time or weekend disciples; rather, we, who belong to God and depend on God for every breath we take, are to acknowledge our belonging and use that breath to say "Yes! I do!" to God.

Obviously, the habit of saying "Yes" to God requires lifelong care and constant attention. We cannot sit back and relax. We have to be following Jesus without knowing beforehand where we are going, ready to discern and say "yes" to what God is expecting of us. God's demands upon us are an impetus to grow. We are always assured that God inspires our every "yes" with grace and blesses our every "yes" with love.



**October 4<sup>th</sup> marks the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, pets and animals. Inspired with a profound regard for creation, Saint Francis perceived the sun, moon, stars and the earth as our brothers and sisters. 'Francis' is the namesake chosen by our Pope, for whom protection of the environment is an urgent priority.**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> is National Day for TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. We pray for courage, active listening, forgiveness justice and HEALING for ALL persons impacted by this painful history and its on-going, multi-faceted outcomes. May the Holy Spirit guide our journeys toward authentic partnership with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.**

#### **ECOANSELM SPEAKER EVENT:**

**EcoAnselm is pleased to announce that the Deputy Minister at Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, has accepted our invitation to speak with members of our parish and friends. This opportunity for informative and meaningful dialogue will be held in St. Anselm's Church on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

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