

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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*Give thanks to the Lord for  
His many Blessings  
On Thanksgiving*

## Mass for Intentions Week



**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Living and Deceased Members of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Basil Trace  
Requested by Eva Trace

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

James Manion  
Requested by Tom and Linda Reynolds

**Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For Peace and Care of Creation  
Requested by EcoAnselm

### **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 **THIS 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.

EcoAnselm joins in giving thanks for the **MAGNIFICENCE** of God's creation and for the blessing of being able to pray and share together in our collective giving-of-thanks.

"...Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." (Pope Francis)

This Thanksgiving, let us also remember those who are without sufficient food or adequate shelter to sustain healthy living. Consider supporting any **FOOD BANK (FB)** Such as: Toronto FB, Daily Bread FB, Second Harvest, Flemingdon FB, Scott Mission, North York Harvest FB ...  
<https://feedontario.ca/about-us/find-a-food-bank/>

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup>** On the invitation of EcoAnselm and Father Tom, the Deputy Minister at Ontario Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, Shawn Batise, will be here to speak with **ST. ANSELM PARISH** and friends. This will be a unique opportunity for first-hand, informal, informative and meaningful dialogue regarding our Indigenous brothers and sisters across Ontario. McNaughton doors will be open at 6:45 p.m. for a sharp 7:00 p.m. start.

### **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.

*Isa 5:1-7*

*Ps 80*

*Phil 4:6-9*

*Matt 21:33-43*

**God's Vineyard**



The popularity of communal gardens appears to be on the rise. People procure a plot of land together and take on the responsibility for tending that plot so that everyone in the group can share

whatever they have agreed to plant. Vegetable co-ops are especially popular in big cities where arable land is scarce and food prices often soar out of range for economically strapped families. If every member of the co-op is consistent and committed in their efforts, then all can enjoy their harvest; if each does not perform their duties regularly and well, then the crops fail, and all suffer the losses.

Today, the prophet Isaiah and the Matthean Jesus use similar imagery to communicate God's truth to their contemporaries. The co-op in question is a vineyard, God's own vineyard. God has seen to the planting and tending of this vineyard in minute detail. From repeated references in the prophets and the psalms, it is clear that God's vineyard is the people of Israel, with whom God entered into an intimate and loving relationship. In the course of their relationship, God was revealed to Israel as the Creator of all, as the Liberator of the enslaved, as their covenantal Partner, as their Guide and Mentor and Protector in the desert, and as the Giver of a portion of this earth to call their own. At every juncture of their history, the Israelites knew the joy and security of the presence of God as well as God's total, personal engagement in each aspect of their growth and development. In caring for Israel, God had excelled. Israel, for its part, was to cooperate with God's graces and blessings and produce the good fruits of faithfulness, justice, integrity and holiness. But the Israelites had failed repeatedly as partners in God's great cooperative undertaking.

In one of his many efforts to call them to repentance and renewal, Isaiah sang this ballad of his Friend and his vineyard; he hoped that his love song would evoke in his listeners the desire

to offer God a good harvest of faithfulness, justice and mercy. In the Gospel, the Matthean Jesus reprises the motif of the vineyard co-op in order to challenge his listeners regarding their efforts at caretaking. Jesus invited the chief priests and the elders to consider their responsibilities as leaders and caretakers, using the example of the tenant farmers. Although they should have led the way in cultivating the Lord's vineyard and in fostering a good harvest, they had not always done so. Yet the sacred texts are not about the failings of the Jewish leaders in the first Christian century but about our own failings in our own time. Isaiah's love song and Jesus' parable tell of servants who have been given much but have overreached in their desire to have it all. The owner provided all they needed for a successful harvest and asked only for a share of the yield. In their greed and laziness, the servants sought to make a claim on what was not theirs. Couldn't the same story be told regarding our care of the planet? All of creation is God's gift, a gift that we are privileged to enjoy and to preserve for future generations. But our care has not always been what it should be. Polluted resources, global warming, shrinking rainforests and overconsumption testify to our lack of stewardship. So few enjoy so much, while so many hunger for the most basic nutrition — and this fact does little to recommend us to God. Could it be that we are the wicked tenants in the parable?

We could become crippled with discouragement as we assess the current situation of God's good co-op and acknowledge the role we have had, both in its preservation and in its demise. Happily, Paul comes to our aid with words of encouragement. Just as he told the Philippians so long ago, Paul tells us now to give our worries over to God and pray to be better caretakers of all God's gifts. This will require frequent visits to the wellspring of God's word, where our faith will be fed, our discipleship will be challenged and our hope will be renewed.

**GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE**  
**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**  
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