

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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PARISH STAFF

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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, October 31st, 8:15 a.m.

Neil Fitzgerald

Requested by the O'Carroll Family

Wednesday, November 1st, 8:15 a.m.

Jeannette Valeriotte

Requested by the Family

Thursday, November 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 3rd, 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

Group "A" casseroles will be collected Saturday, **November 18th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Thank you to our parish casserole program participants. This is an important ministry year-round, but takes on a much larger task as the weather turns colder. Those in need will turn to the Good Shepherd for a hot meal and refuge from the damp, cold nights of fall and winter. By preparing a five ingredient casserole every other month, you will provide a nutritious meal for ten hungry individuals in need. The pan, lid and recipe are provided each time.

For more information, please contact Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net or call the parish office.

WANTED: Choir Members

The members of St. Anselm's Church choir would like to extend an invitation to the singers and instrumentalists in our congregation to join us for our celebration of Christmas liturgies. Our rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We would also be happy to have you as permanent members if that is something you think you can embrace. We look forward to meeting new members. Please speak to our director, Goody Cabral after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. You can also email Goody at goodycabral@gmail.com



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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SSVP is accepting gently used **Winter Clothing** for adults and children:

Currently, we have a request for the following items for our neighbours in need:

Men's jacket (size L) and size 8/9 boots for a 17 yr old. Children: Boy's and girl's coats (size M 7-9y) and size youth 5/6 boots. If you can help with any of these items, please contact Yvonne: yvonne.gray@bell.net

COFFEE SUNDAY

Everyone is welcome to attend next Sunday, November 5th after the 11:00am Mass at the Millwood entrance of the church. Thank you to Pablo and his team!

FALL BOOK CLUB WITH OUR PASTOR

Open to all parishioners, Fr. Tom's book club is back! We will be meeting on **November 7, 14 and 21** at 10am in the church.

The book is "Atonement" by Ian McEwan. Please call the parish office if you would like to join us.

Exodus 22:21-27 Psalm 18
1 Thess 1:5c-10 Matt 22:15-21

THE CALL TO LOVE



Today's reading from Exodus tells us how God expected a free people to organize their society. The first principle was to remember from where they had come. No pious Jew could hear God promise to hear the cries of the widow or alien without recalling the passage from Exodus where God said to Moses, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people, I know

what they are suffering, therefore I have come to rescue them." God called the people of the covenant to remember the suffering of the past, not to take revenge, but to practice with others the same compassion that God had shown them. The selection from Exodus hones a sharp edge on today's familiar Gospel. After Jesus had been peppered with picky questions that he consistently put in a broader perspective, some moral theologians decided to ask him the most basic question of all: "Which commandment is the greatest?" Whether sincere or conniving, they were asking the core question of every human life: "What's it all about?" or "What does God expect from humanity?"

We all know Jesus' answer. When he said: "You shall love God with all your heart, soul, and mind," he was paraphrasing Deuteronomy 6:4-5, a core Jewish prayer called the Shema. Jesus was not alone in declaring that the Shema summarized all one needed to know about life. Faithful Jews recited this prayer, the Shema, morning and night, and hoped it would be the last thing they spoke on their deathbed. Nor would it have surprised people when he added that the second command was "like it," meaning that the second is implied in the first.

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." This is the third time Jesus refers to love of neighbour in Matthew's Gospel. His first and definitive pronouncement came in the Sermon on the Mount when he called for equal love of neighbour and enemy. By saying that love of the other was akin to love of God, Jesus declared that they were inextricably bound together in creating a lifestyle of love. Altogether, Jesus calls for a four-directional love: love of God, self, those who are close to us, and those whose purpose and way of life seems entirely different or even antagonistic to ours. When we analyze those four dimensions of a loving life, we see that we are called to love in two directions: love of the familiar and love of what is not like us. Obviously, for emotionally healthy people, love of self and neighbour, love of those who

think and act like we do, comes naturally. This love affirms us and makes us comfortable. Jesus' message calls us to go further and learn to love those who think and act differently. Jesus taught that love of God and others expresses two dimensions of the same love. The insight hidden inside that teaching is that without love of the other, especially the stranger and even our enemy, we become caught in a one-dimensional self-love that inevitably leads us to conceive of God in our own image. Without loving contact with people whose experience, culture, or faith tradition stretches us, we can live trapped in a self-affirming hall of mirrors. The God who is bigger than we can ever imagine commands us to love the other. The combination of our readings from Exodus and Matthew presents us with a call in two dimensions. The first is to remember from where we come, to allow our gratitude for God's love to impel us to give to others what we have received for no merit of our own. The second dimension, the one that adds depth to our perception, is to realize that only by knowing and loving people who stretch us can we begin to know and love the God who is greater than all of this diverse creation. Jesus stands in our midst at every Mass; he is revealed when the word of God is proclaimed and when we commemorate his death in the breaking of the bread and our sharing of the common cup. His sacrifice on the cross set us free to love one another as he loved us. The table of the Lord is laden with gifts meant for all, to be distributed freely by us, his followers, to a hungry, thirsty and struggling world. We complete the greatest commandment of love when we surrender ourselves completely to God and then go forth to share his unconditional love with everyone we meet.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. Regular support of the offertory and building funds is crucial to daily operations.

Joining our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program is simple. Remembering cash or a weekly envelope will be a thing of the past and the church is assured of your support to meet operation costs. Please contact the parish office for information. Your yearly donations will be eligible for a tax receipt for the full amount (over \$50 in a calendar year).

You can also earn credit card points by making secure, recurring donations online through the Archdiocese by visiting <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and clicking on "Donate" to support the parish offertory fund. Thank you for your financial contributions to the church.

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