

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, November 7th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the D'Silva and Wallis Families

Requested by Christopher, Aubrey & Melanie D'Silva

Wednesday, November 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Rosetta Dalla Corte

Requested by the Family

Thursday, November 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Anne O'Toole

Requested by the O'Carroll Family

Friday, November 10th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

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.

COFFEE SUNDAY

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

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

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

FALL BOOK CLUB WITH OUR PASTOR

Open to all parishioners, Fr. Tom's book club is back! We will begin meeting THIS TUESDAY, **November 7th**, **as well as the 14th and 21st** at 10am in the church.

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

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.

Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10 Ps 131

1 Thess 2:7-9, 13 Matt 23:1-12

In You, Lord, I Have Found My Peace



In Jesus' day, the Pharisees were one of several parties intent upon preserving the Jewish law, tradition and way of life from the pervasive influence of Hellenism and the Roman empire. Etymologically, the name "Pharisee" means "separate" or "set apart." Because of their pursuit of holiness and their absolute dedication to the Mosaic

and the oral law, the Pharisees were indeed a people apart. They not only desired personal purity, but they intended to purify, cleanse and defend their native Judah against sin and lawlessness. In his writings, Philo described the Pharisaic party as being comprised of thousands of observant laypersons "full of zeal for the laws and strictest guardians of the ancestral tradition who are merciless toward those who subvert the laws."

Because of their good intentions and holiness, it may be difficult for us to understand why the Pharisees were repeatedly embroiled in controversy with Jesus. Scholars offer two explanations. Canon theologian of Westminster Abbey N.T. Wright has suggested that Jesus' kingdom-agenda for Israel demanded that Israel surrender its paranoid sense of self-preservation, reinforced by its preoccupation with law and traditions, and embrace instead the vocation to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (*The Challenge of Jesus*, Intervarsity Press, Downers Grove, Ill.: 1999). While the Pharisees preferred to remain uninvolved critics of the regular people, Jesus favoured a hands-on policy of engagement with others, especially the poor, the sinners and the otherwise disenfranchised. Rather than standing off to one side and holding himself up as an example to be emulated, Jesus totally immersed himself in the human condition. Rather than seeking out places of honour, Jesus

regarded all people as his brothers and sisters and as children of the one God and Father of all. Other scholars have suggested that the harshness of the controversy between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees may be more reflective of the situation of the Matthean church of the 80s than the ministry of Jesus. The church was struggling to identify itself as rooted in Judaism yet apart from it. By that time, Judaism had rejected Jewish Christians and ousted them from the synagogue so the church grew harsher in its criticism of its opponents. Regardless of its historical context, the criticism preserved in today's Gospel continues to speak to all whose words are not honestly reflected in their actions and whose spirituality is more of an outward show than an interior conversion of heart and mind.

Let's look to an example relative to our recent past to understand the concept a bit better. Although he was the archbishop of San Salvador, St. Oscar Romero chose to live simply. When he was appointed, prominent and wealthy families who controlled most of the land and money in El Salvador offered to build him a palace where he could live in "splendid and pious security and isolation" (*Eight Spiritual Heroes*, Brendan R. Hill, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati: 2002). But Romero chose to make his home in the sacristy adjacent to the hospital chapel, where he served. Because there was no gap between the Gospel he preached and the Gospel he lived, Romero's life, like the life of Jesus, continues to teach the integrity to which every disciple of Jesus is to aspire. Just as it spoke to Romero, God's word has spoken to us about taxes, caring for immigrants, widows and orphans, banquets, vineyards and, most important of all, about the love of God and neighbour. All of this in the month of October alone! In each lesson it teaches, the word of God does not coerce us; rather, we are challenged by its truth and enlightened by its wisdom. God's word is willing to speak within us, work within us and take hold of us so that we will become clearer reflections of its truth. Then, like Jesus, we will say what we mean and mean what we say: We will be true to the word at work within us.

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