

# 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

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## Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Cecilia Buraglia

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Charles and Angeline Rizzo

Requested by Luci Rizzo and Family

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Dorothy Genevieve Badregon

Requested by Linda Langero

Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Ken Stovell

Requested by the Family



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### LAUDATE DEUM "PRAISE GOD"

"5. Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone." ...

"19. Finally, we can add that the Covid-19 pandemic brought out the close relation of human life with that of other living beings and with the natural environment. But in a special way, it confirmed that what happens in one part of the world has repercussions on the entire planet. This allows me to reiterate two convictions that I repeat over and over again: "Everything is connected" and "No one is saved alone"."

*Excerpts from: LAUDATE DEUM, Apostolic Exhortation Of The Holy Father Francis to All People of Good Will On The Climate Crisis.*

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html)

**A limited number of 2024 Sunday Missals will be available to purchase BEFORE Masses on November 25, 26, December 2 and 3. Please bring \$5 per Missal – exact change is appreciated!**

### THE SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION

The Shepherds' Trust supports the needs of the retired diocesan clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith, bringing us the sacraments and enriching our parishes, homes, schools, hospitals and countless other gatherings through their ministry.

The Trust was started by lay people who recognized the needs of our retired priests and helped to establish the Trust as a reflection of gratitude and appreciation of the faithful parishioners in the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Envelopes are available in your boxed sets, PAG bundles and on the glass tables at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support of our retired clergy!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS INITIATIVES



The St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree is coming to the Millwood Lobby next weekend. **New this year**, choose from the following Angels: 1) a toy for a boy or girl, 2-12 years of age, or 2) items needed by adult residents of SSVP-run emergency shelters.

Suggested toys - ethnically diverse dolls, and actions figures for boys and girls (please, no weapons!)

See Angels for SSVP shelter clothing and toiletry requests.

Return gifts, **unwrapped** by December 10<sup>th</sup>, and please include a gift bag, if possible.

We are also accepting donations by cash or cheque so that we may purchase extra food cards to bring seasonal joy to needy households for Christmas.

\*\* Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please include your full name and address.

**Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.**

## LOOKING BACK – LOOKING FORWARD



November invites us to stand on the threshold where two liturgical years meet, and to look back at the ending year with gratitude and ahead at the new-year with hope. As we remember the past and anticipate the future, the sacred authors remind us that all is gift. This fact is clarified quite clearly by a parable in the Gospel of Matthew that stands in the very center of November. In the narrative, Jesus tells of a man who gave each of his servants a share of his possessions before departing on a journey, challenging us to consider ourselves in a similar light. In the interim between Jesus' two advents, each of us has been entrusted by Jesus with a special gift that we are to tend, and for which we shall be called to render an account. Among the most important of these gifts is that eternal aspect of ourselves called soul. This soul is created to live forever and will survive every struggle, even our death. Because of Jesus' unconditional love for sinners, this soul will forever enjoy the company of all those holy souls for whom living was an opportunity to love and serve God and others as faithfully as possible. As we remember all those holy souls this month, we thank God for the gift of anticipation; one day, we shall encounter all who have gone before us. Besides our reunions with family and friends, we shall meet our ancestral guides, among them Ezekiel and Isaiah, whose words have made God real for us. God is shepherd, they tell us and we are the sheep who are to gather with God and one another. God is Father and Mother, they have told us, and this gift of parental love makes us brothers and sisters to one another. God is the potter, they remind us, and we who are clay are to be pliable in God's hands, able to bend to God's will, willing to be shaped and molded by God's ways. This month we also meet the four evangelists and Paul. Together, they have been our weekly mentors, offering good example and inspiration so that we might carry Sunday's faith into every other day of the week.

Besides the gift of soul, we also celebrate this month the gift of God's presence in time and space. God has become one of us in Jesus, and the incarnated divine presence, when made welcome, can make every place a sacred space. We are to revere that presence in all those people and places where God chooses to be revealed and experienced. Besides those great temples where the presence of God is sometimes more obvious, Jesus has chosen also to disguise his divine presence in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, the immigrant, the imprisoned, the homeless, the addict, the depressed, the tormented, the insane. All these are temples too, gifts where the presence of God awaits our discovery. In our giving to these, we best revere the God who chooses to be revealed in them. We also become our best selves, for it is in giving and loving that spirituality develops and faith deepens. Along with the gifts of soul and the all-pervasive divine presence, our brother Jesus has entrusted each of us with gifts that we are to discover, develop and share with others. Some we are born with; others we learn; still others we adopt and make our own. At times we need help in order to recognize and realize the gifts God gives us. What we may not do is neglect to use our gifts by burying them in fear, self-doubt or selfishness. Therefore, if careful listening is your gift, listen you must. If it is sharing a smile or a funny story, then smile and share you must. If your gift is knowing how to speak effectively to power, then speak you must. If sending cards or e-mails or making friendly phone calls is your gift, then communicate you must. If it is just being there to encourage and reassure people, then present you must be. If changing the direction of a conversation gone gossipy is among your talents, then change you must. If tending to the sick is your forte, then tend you must. If it is teaching, then teach; if it is singing, then sing; if it is cooking, then cook. In all we are and all we have, all is gift. Therefore, it seems appropriate to release the liturgical year now ending and welcome the new one now beginning with words made memorable by former U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "For all that has been, thanks! For all that will be, yes!"



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