

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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

416-393-5243

Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Blas Buraglia

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Wednesday, September 4th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Nathan Oh

Requested by Angela Oh

Thursday, September 5th, 8:15 a.m.

John and Rosa Paglialunga

Requested by the Family

Friday, September 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Francis Ford

Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP A

Group A casseroles will be collected **Saturday, September 21st** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Thank you to our parish casserole chefs for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry.

As the weather gets colder, the need for shelter and a warm meal will increase. If you'd like information on how you can feed TEN people at a time by preparing one casserole every other month, please contact the parish office or email yvonne.gray@bell.net.

The pan, lid and simple recipe are provided. You assemble, cook and freeze the casserole, and bring it to the church on the collection date. The casseroles are then delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge and served to the hungry and needy in our city. It's that simple, and that impactful!



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 in a new year of our volunteer-led Children's Liturgy of the Word at the beginning of the 11:00 Mass.

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND FOR COFFEE SUNDAY!

All are welcome to join for a Coffee Sunday **after the 11:00am Mass on September 8th**. It is planned for the Millwood landing (or lobby in case of inclement weather). Thank you once again to Pablo for organizing and we hope to see you there!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 23-24

The truck will be in the church parking lot **September 28th and 29th** to accept your gently used clothing, shoes and textiles. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

FIRST CONFESSIONS *First Communion* **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

Parents of children in Grade 2 (or older) who are interested in information about preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, September 24th 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 on the 24th. The completed form, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, must be returned by October 9th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

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 2nd 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 15th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations and decreased dramatically during the summer months.** You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and clicking on "Donate" to support the parish offertory fund on a regular basis, even when you can't attend in-person. Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.*



**“HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION”
SEASON OF CREATION (SoC) 2024
starts on SUNDAY, SEPT., 01 and
continues to FRIDAY, OCT. 04, the
feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi,**

**Sept. 01, 2024 is World Day of Prayer
for Creation. In his message to the
Catholic Church and to ALL people of
good will, Pope Francis invites us to
“hope and act with creation”. Francis
encourages us to “extend harmony
among humanity and to creation in
the sense of responsibility for a
humane and integral ecology, the path
of salvation for our common home”.**

**Francis urges us, with the assistance of
the Holy Spirit, to seek to live “a life that
becomes a song of love for God, for
humanity, with and for creation, and that
finds its fullness in holiness.”**

**[https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/
news/2024/messaggio-papa-francesco](https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/messaggio-papa-francesco)**

**“Ecospirituality: Love for Creation”
The website for Oblates of Mary
Immaculate (OMI) is a helpful resource
for discussions and information on
topics related to Justice, Peace and
Integrity of Creation (JPIC). Available
in ENGLISH, FRENCH AND SPANISH.
www.omiworld.org/tag/laudato-si/**

**Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 Psalm 15
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
A RIGHT HEART**



Life, wherever and however lived, is governed and conditioned by laws and traditions that people have created. Embedded in these laws and traditions are various cultural and religious attitudes, mindsets, and political and social norms deemed acceptable by a majority of people but which

oftentimes have oppressed and underrepresented those who choose or are forced to live on the margins. Laws and traditions are beneficial to maintaining a sense of order. They preserve legacies and "the way things have always been" or "have always been done." Laws and traditions that remain frozen in time, however, can stifle the work of

change, diversification, inclusion, creativity and transformation that human communities and institutions need if they are to be dynamic entities in and for the 21st century. Whom do the laws benefit and protect? What traditions are held on to, pined for, kept etched in stone so that power is preserved, patriarchy and control remain in place, and comfort zones are soothed without anyone ever having to deal with or be challenged by the Spirit? The Spirit is constantly doing something new, if only we can recognize it, if we can trust it, if we can move with it, radically letting go of the past, the known, the secure, the 'defined,' the legacy of what was. When laws and traditions become ends unto themselves, then the Spirit will have difficulty in renewing the face of the earth. This Sunday's readings invite us to think deeply about "law" and "tradition."

The first reading from Deuteronomy associates law with life. Keeping Torah is not about self-preservation or self-perfection. Keeping Torah is the way to establishing and safeguarding right relationship with the divine, with oneself, and with one's neighbour, inclusive of human and nonhuman life. Even the land and the animals enjoyed sabbath rest afforded to humans. Keeping Torah also means justice for the disenfranchised, the poor, the widow, the orphan, the sojourner, the stranger and, in today's world, the immigrant migrating from political and social oppression, not to mention the climate migrants, the likes of which we have yet to experience profoundly as lands become uninhabitable. A great nation composed of truly wise and intelligent people has statutes and decrees that are just. Laws are meant to be life-sustaining for all communities of life. The heart and foundation of the law is meant to be love, which leads to ethical behaviour and justice for all.

Today's Gospel picks up threads of the first reading. Jesus is not telling his followers to ignore the law, especially a law which we know is good for our health. He is angry because leaders of the people were using exterior laws to fulfill their own agendas. Jesus calls his critics 'hypocrites', quoting the prophet Isaiah: "This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...." In other words, the nature of the scribes and Pharisees questioning Jesus reveal themselves to be more concerned with particular practices rather than focused on God and neighbour. God calls us into a relationship that is heart-centred. God calls us into a relationship with God based on love so that all that we do and all that we say come from love. When Jesus talks about what was truly impure, he mentions not one single infringement of ritual laws. Instead, he gave his listeners a list of actions that harm others. He knew that it's a lot easier to wash one's hands than it is to live in reverence for all of God's creation. Ponder this reality: only when animals shed their "coats" and birds molt and lose their dead feathers can new fur, new skins, new feathers emerge. In this present-day world, the cry for justice is deafening. What are we willing to shed, change and let go of in order to embrace right relationship with God and each other, to live from the heart, to set free the transformative Spirit so it can run wild in our lives and in our world, grounding us in the present with hope for the future?

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