

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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 17th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Deceased Members of the Kiro's Family
Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, September 18th, 8:15 a.m.
In Thanksgiving
Requested by St. Vincent de Paul at St. Anselm's

Thursday, September 19th, 8:15 a.m.
Nora Escallon
Requested by Ines Escallon

Friday, September 20th, 8:15 a.m.
Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa
Requested by the Family

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP A

Group A casseroles will be collected **NEXT 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.

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. This is a drop-in program. No registration is required.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 28-29

The truck will be in the church parking lot **September 28th and 29th** to accept your gently used clothing, shoes and textiles. Please see the bulletin board in the lobby for details on what can be accepted during the collection. Thank you for your support.

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.

★ 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.

Isaiah 50: 5-9 James 2:14-18 Psalm 116 Mark 8:27-35 FOLLOWING JESUS

Today, we see how a journey with Jesus could become an intense experience of spiritual formation. Taking advantage of the leisure of a journey, Jesus asked his disciples about how folks were perceiving him. Disregarding the opinions of his adversaries, they recounted the rumours they'd heard from people who were both impressed and confused. Some suspected he might be John the Baptist. That was a rather



odd thought; anyone who knew about John would have known that Herod had beheaded him not too long before this conversation took place. They added that others thought that perhaps he was another of the prophets. Those ideas sprang from their sense of how they knew God had interacted with Israel throughout their history.

When Jesus fixed his gaze on those who had chosen to journey with him, the answer changed. Peter responded, "You are the Christ." Peter testified that they saw Jesus not as a prophet of old, but as the anointed one sent by God to save Israel.

That's the good news. Then came the hitch: "He began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering ... be killed, and after three days rise again." That was so shocking that Mark adds the incredulous phrase, "He said all this quite openly!" Of course, Peter was as ready to help Jesus revise his thinking as he had been to proclaim his faith in him. He pulled Jesus aside to talk some sense into him. Peter realized that Jesus had just veered wildly off the script for a messiah. Jesus' disciples might have been free from the expectation that the Messiah would be a warrior or king, but weakness, rejection and being killed, no. That scenario didn't correspond at all to their image of the one God would send to redeem Israel. Although Peter rebuked him in private, Jesus' reply made witnesses of everyone present. He addressed Peter as "Satan," calling him a tempter, the kind of enemy that would sow weeds in the garden of God's reign. "Get out of my sight" is one way to translate the next text. What Jesus said to Peter at this moment is exactly what we heard in Mark 1:20. which says that Peter *followed* Jesus. Thus, Jesus came back at Peter with the message: "*You are to follow me*, not the other way around!"

Peter's reaction to what Jesus had said was as natural and as narrow as his experience and expectations. He had grown up on salvation stories that portrayed a God of power and might. It's unlikely that either he or the other disciples had ever interpreted Isaiah's suffering servant as an image of God or the Messiah. People suffering under Roman domination were hardly longing for a savior who would suffer. People who waited for God to punish the wicked and reward the good didn't couldn't fathom the idea that God's chosen one could be put to death. They knew that isn't how God works! Finally, Jesus' talk about rising on the third day offered small comfort. In their religious imagination, the third day had nothing to do with clocks or calendars; it was the day of salvation, which could come in an instant or an eon.

The question Jesus put to the disciples remains relevant for us today. Who do we say he is? What do we expect in our interactions with God? Much as we resist it, the God we meet in Jesus, the Christ who is our savior, is thoroughly unlike the materialistic, political or militaristic gods the world urges us to worship. The God we meet in Jesus does not squash evil, but takes it in. In Christ, God suffers evil to transform it. Jesus did not escape the cross but revealed evil's ultimate powerlessness to overcome with life and love. The victory of

life and love Jesus tried to reveal to his disciples is what we celebrate in the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sept. 14 every year and is front and centre in every celebration of Eucharist. We celebrate the height and depth and breadth of the love of God that no evil can overcome. Yes, this is a mystery, and our liturgy asks us the same question Jesus' followers had to answer: Whose disciples are we? Knowing that Jesus the Christ is the divine servant who does not avoid suffering, but transforms it, are we still ready to get behind him?

We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(Saint Francis of Assisi)



"HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION".

Saturday, September 21, 2024 is International Day of Peace. Join the MARY WARD CENTRE for a contemplative retreat experience entitled:

"Trees, Teachers of love & non-violence". We know that trees are significant contributors to the physical health of our planet. This retreat will focus on the "life, behaviour, and spirituality of trees - as sources of WISDOM, so needed in our world today". The retreat will be on Sat., Sept 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further details and to register, see: marywardcentre.ca/events-1/trees-teachers-of-love-non-violence

TREES are "nature-based solutions in combatting climate change". Learn about "THE POWER OF TREES":canada.ca/en/campaign/2-billion-trees/the-power-of-trees.html

Join EcoAnselm, SUNDAY, September 22, at 10:00 am in the lobby for a walk to Father Caulfield Park (MacNaughton and Cameron Cres.) for a Season of Creation liturgy: "A Moment of Gratitude for Creation". We will return to Saint Anselm's by 10:40 am. In the event of inclement weather, the liturgy will be held in the MILLWOOD LOBBY. Please join EcoAnselm to share in this liturgy of gratitude for the gifts of Creation.

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