

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

Foo See Foy

Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

### NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place **September 28 & 29**. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support this collection. Envelopes are included in boxed sets and PAG bundles and are also on the glass tables at the entrances to the church. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

### St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help!

★ High rents & grocery bills mean an increased volume of calls to St Anselm's SSVP this year. Please consider a donation to help us continue serving our neighbours – SSVP donation envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket or poor box.

★ We are welcoming new members to help with home visits. Please email [Yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:Yvonne.gray@bell.net) if you are interested in learning more about our parish outreach.

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

The truck will be in the church parking lot **NEXT WEEKEND**. On **September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**, please plan to bring your gently used clothing, shoes and textiles (sheets, towels). Unfortunately, kitchenware, books, electronics and appliances cannot be accepted.

## ★ **FIRST CONFESSIONS** ★

### *First Communion*

**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 this **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. The completed form, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, must be returned by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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”.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://canada.ca/en/campaign/2-billion-trees/the-power-of-trees.html)  
**Join EcoAnselm, SUNDAY, Sept., 22, at 10:00 am in the foyer 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 FOYER. Please join EcoAnselm to share in this liturgy of gratitude for the gifts of creation.**

**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

**Psalm 54**

**James 3:16-4:3**

**Mark 9:30-37**

**“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name...**

**FOLLOWING JESUS**

Historians tell us that the ancient Incas' preferred method of incorporating new groups into their empire was by gift-giving. A delegation would enter a foreign territory carrying an abundance of food and rich offerings to demonstrate how people's lives could thrive under their rule. If that didn't work, they found other methods to subjugate the group. The Incas provided a wobbly attempt at something like Jesus' model of servant leadership. The great distinction between



the Inca and Christian approach is that Jesus limited himself to the humble, vulnerable power of service and attraction, never moving into coercion. That made him a threat to people who flaunted their status and strove to control others to their own advantage.

Jesus relied solely on the attractiveness of the message he proclaimed, a method so contrary to the way of the world that, like us, the disciples found it extremely difficult to grasp. Today's Gospel presents Jesus' second attempt to help his disciples understand that his enemies were going to use all the coercive power at their disposal to put an end to him and his ministry. Worse yet, it would look like they succeeded. The first time Jesus taught this way, Peter tried to correct him. This time, Mark says the disciples were "afraid to question him." Obviously, they were beginning to understand what he was saying. Their fear was entirely rational. It wasn't just that Jesus was going to suffer, but his fate involved similar implications for them. Love him as they did, they weren't quite ready to go that far. Additionally, they were still enthralled by the images of power that surrounded them. They had suffered under Rome's domination and, as simple people, they were cowed by the sophisticated, haughty religious elite. Except for Jesus, they had precious few examples of authority that expressed itself in love that empowered others and created unity. Competition and power struggles were much easier to understand. When the disciples prayed today's psalm saying, "By your might, defend my cause," they probably imagined God crushing their enemies. In contrast, Jesus longed for them to comprehend the power of the invincible love of God. They wouldn't really understand that until they saw it played out in the cross and Resurrection — exactly the scenario Jesus was preparing them for.

As we listen to today's readings, rather than wonder at the disciples' thick-headedness, we might examine our own attitudes about power, service and love. The message Jesus taught with his life was that God's dominion is solely one of attraction. God so loves the world that God will have nothing to do with coercion — not even to save the Son from suffering and death. Instead, the greatest revelation of God's character shines through Jesus' refusal to allow any rejection, threat or suffering to cause him to abandon his mission of making God's love present. The Incas' offering of the good life was tentative. Unlike God, they abandoned that method if it didn't produce rapid results. What they and political and religious systems before and after them failed to do was to prioritize the faithfulness that flows from love. Love is the only power capable of generating genuine loyalty, a faithfulness that is stronger than death. Today's liturgy invites us to assess our personal and communal relationships with God and one another. Do we, like the Incas, attempt coercion when love seems too weak? Are we willing to gamble that servant love is sufficient to transform evil? Do we as a church give witness to such fullness of life and joy that we entice others to give their lives to it? Today, we are invited to walk the road with Jesus and his thick-headed disciples, praying that we, too, can learn the invincible and irresistibly attractive power of self-giving love.

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