

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, October 1st, 8:15 a.m.

Margaret Cameron
Requested by Anne Murphy

Wednesday, October 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

John and Rosa Paglialunga
Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Anna Marie Sherlock
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, October 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa
Requested by the Family

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 takes place this weekend. 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.

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is a gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other publicly traded securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and more significant support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust and many others. To donate securities, follow this link: Archdiocese of Toronto - Gift of Securities (archtoronto.org) and download: • How to Gift Securities Info Sheet • Letter of Direction For more information, contact our office at development@archtoronto.org.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving program (PAG) or make secure one-time/recurring donations 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.

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.

110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the **110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on September 29th** is "God Walks with His People." In his message, Pope Francis encourages us to unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them and entrust them to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary... as they continue their journey."

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 if you are interested in learning more about our parish outreach.

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19

James 5:1-6

Mark 9 38-43,45,47-48

"Whoever is not against us, is for us..."



"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." Did you ever wonder what your Sunday church community would look like if we took Jesus' commands literally? Among those of us who so blithely repeat the words, "I confess to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned," how many would still have a hand? Happily, we assume that Jesus was speaking in hyperbole. He knew his own and he wanted them fit to hit the road and evangelize in spite of their weakness. More to the

point, Jesus knew what he was about, and he wanted his disciples to understand that as well. He was a teacher and healer, not a cop watching for infractions, or a bouncer ready to banish people who didn't fit narrow criteria. It seems that Jesus appreciated the value of helping people laugh at themselves. The folks he worked with wanted to do their best; they wanted to achieve and were therefore easily detoured by their excess of desire to do well. The harder we try, the more susceptible we can be to focusing on ourselves. That's why Paul preached about the danger of the law. Efforts to follow the law perfectly can convert us into perfect automatons; measuring everything by an objective standard creates ever greater certainty as it overlooks the flesh-and-blood people the law was created to serve.

Last week, we heard about how the disciples got caught in one-upping each other. This week, we meet them doing the same as a community. Their jealousy about a stranger who spoke in Jesus' name was but one version of the misguided competition often played out between religions and denominations and within each tradition. The disciples were ready to stop someone from exercising Jesus' mission because, in contemporary language, the person was not "orthodox" or in good standing among them. Clinging to their in-crowd status detoured them from the very reason they were called. Mark wants us to appreciate the ironic humour of how their attachment to rank contradicted the very goal they wanted to promote. The disciples' tendency to exclude others from the mission was not a one-time affair. There was a time when church law would not allow a man to be ordained if he were maimed or had particular physical impediments or, in some times and places, if he, like St. Martin de Porres, was not of the dominant culture or ethnic group. It didn't matter that such a person might be holy or unusually gifted as a preacher or minister. For religious sisters and brothers, a scandal in their family was once enough to prevent them from being accepted into a congregation. The disciples' consternation about an "unqualified" person healing others in Jesus' name foreshadowed the struggles the early Christian community would have with accepting non-Jews into the fold. Jesus responded by reminding them of the purpose of discipleship.

According to the Master, their goal was to promote the reign of God throughout their world. Whoever did that was a legitimate participant in his mission, an apostle of his message. With his characteristic sense of humour, Jesus informed his self-important disciples about just exactly how much privilege they should expect for their exalted rank: *"If someone gives you a cup of water because of your rank with me, blessed are they!"* Most of them were probably hoping for a lot more than a drink! At the core, whether speaking of

then or now, everything about ministry in Jesus' name revolves around activity that promotes the reign of God. According to Jesus' criteria, those who carry on his work are his co-labourers, no matter what impediments or disqualifications others might wish to put in their way. Disciples and apostles are recognized for how they serve others. That trumps everything else. Jesus' message calls us to get over labels like liberal or conservative and to abandon the restrictions we place on others due to conditions that have nothing to do with their ability to promote the reign of God. The community of disciples has room for everyone except those who would limit the kind of people who are acceptable among them. It's time to take it seriously when we say to one another, "I ask you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me." Then we will realize that we are all maimed and capable of proclaiming the reign of God.



EcoAnselm

"HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION"

September 30th is National Day for TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION. We pray for courage, active listening, forgiveness, justice and HEALING for ALL persons. May the Holy Spirit guide our steps toward authentic partnership alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters. October 4th marks the Feast Day of SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, the patron saint of ecology, pets and all animals. Note that 'Francis' is the namesake chosen by our faith leader, Pope Francis, who holds 'Care of Our Common Home' among his most urgent, heartfelt, priorities.

"1. "Praise God for all his creatures". This was the message that Saint Francis of Assisi proclaimed by his life, his canticles and all his actions. In this way, he accepted the invitation of the biblical Psalms and reflected the sensitivity of Jesus before the creatures of his Father: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these"(Mt 6:28-29). "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight"(Lk 12:6). How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!" www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

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