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*Give thanks to the Lord for
His many Blessings
On Thanksgiving*

Mass  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 15th, 8:15 a.m.

In Thanksgiving

Requested by Jean Freeman

Wednesday, October 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Frank Heijmans

Requested by the Geerts Family

Thursday, October 17th, 8:15 a.m.

John Ware

Requested by Barbara Ford

Friday, October 18th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

ShareLife: Answer the call to compassion

100,000 people in Toronto are expected to turn to food charities for the first time in 2024. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the archdiocese. Reaching our parish campaign goal will help to make these grants possible. We have currently raised [insert total raised] towards our suggested goal of [insert goal amount]. Please help combat hunger at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for your compassion.

JOIN ST. ANSELM'S CHOIR – NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME

Our Choir is always ready to welcome new adult members. We rehearse on Thursday evenings and currently sing at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday but could also sing at the 9:00 if we had enough members! No previous experience required...

If you would like to learn more, please contact our cantor, Goody Cabral by email at goodycabral@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Registration for sacramental preparation for spring 2025 is underway at St. Anselm's and will close shortly. Please contact the parish office immediately if you have a child in Grade 7 who wishes to participate in parish preparation this year.

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.

Children who are in Grade 2 have begun preparation for the



OCTOBER 14th is Thanksgiving Monday. We give THANKS for the gifts of creation and for GOD'S ABUNDANT GOODNESS.

i thank You God ...

i thank You God for most this amazing day; for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today, and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth day of life and of love and wings; and of the gay great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting, touching, hearing, seeing, breathing any - lifted from the no of all nothing - human merely being doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

*Poem by E. E. Cummings (1894-1962)
NY: Oxford Univ Press *NOTE: The poet often played with standards of capitalization and punctuation. In this poem, some critics suggest that the use of lower and upper case signifies praising only God.*

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 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.

FALL BOOK CLUB WITH FR. TOM



Open to all parishioners, Fr. Tom's book club is back! We will be discussing "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" by Muriel Spark. Meeting dates will be Thursdays, November 14th and 21st from 10:00-11:00am.

If you are interested in participating, please email office@stanselmschurch.com or call 416-485-1792 to let us know.

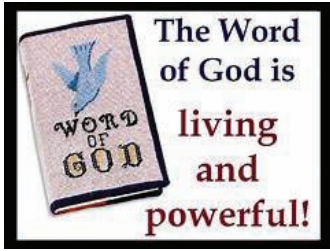
Happy Thanksgiving!

Wis 7:7-11

Psalm 90

Heb 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

KNOWING AND BEING KNOWN BY GOD



Have you ever felt that the challenges of being an authentic disciple are just too great? Have you ever been overwhelmed by Jesus' teachings? Love your enemies; pray for your persecutors.

Offer no resistance to injury. When a person strikes you on the right cheek, turn and offer him the other. In giving alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure. Store up treasure in heaven. Forgive without limit. Do not turn away the borrower. Sell what you have and give to the poor. Judge not, lest you be judged. Become as little children. Love one another as I have loved you. Repent and believe the good news.

As we listen to today's Gospel, we can sense that Jesus' disciples were taken aback by the challenge he extended to the man with many possessions. Their surprise was even greater when Jesus told them how difficult it is for the rich to enter God's kingdom. Mark tells us they were amazed and exceedingly astonished. Theirs was a world where riches were regarded as a blessing from God for the just and upright. Wealth offered security and a sense of well-being. To give all that up seemed senseless. But Jesus was inviting those who would be his own to find the basis of their security and well-being, not in transient riches or possessions but in him. Could they do that? Did they even want to do that? The dismay of the disciples is clearly reflected in their question to Jesus: "Then, who can be saved?" Up to that point, the disciples had been thinking like the man with many possessions. He had come to Jesus asking, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" as if such a gift could be earned. Both the disciples and the man who went away sad were focusing on themselves, their efforts, their obedience and their accomplishments instead of focusing on God and on grace. Once again, Jesus' response was intended to shift their focus from themselves to God: "For human beings, it is impossible ... all things are possible for God." Every challenge, every demand Jesus places

upon his disciples becomes possible if, by faith, the disciple has learned to rely on grace and to approach each challenge as an opportunity to respond to God's call.

In the prayer traditionally attributed to Solomon (first reading), who was not a perfect man or king, we hear that he realized the importance of God and of Wisdom above all other things in his life. With his priorities aligned correctly, he prayed not for wealth or health or an extended and prosperous reign, but for gifts that would make him a better person. The spiritual posture with which Solomon came before the Lord can be an example for all who rely on God. Without a "shopping list," he prayed. In openness to God's will and God's ways, he prayed. With patience and trust, he prayed. He also prayed without a timeline as to when his prayers should be answered. Without a doubt that God knew him intimately and heeded him, he prayed. Perhaps Solomon had been allowed a glimpse into the mystery celebrated by the Hebrews author in today's second reading: "God's word is living and active ... able to judge reflections and thoughts of the heart." Indeed, to be sure of that is to pray with utter confidence.

To know and be known by God is at once a source of fear and a source of perfect joy — fear, because we know our sins and infidelities; joy because God knows us completely, loves us fully, forgives us freely and chooses to enter into communion with us. This is the God revealed in Jesus. This is the God whose grace makes possible our authentic responses to Jesus' seemingly impossible commands. There is a uniquely Marcan detail in today's Gospel that begs our attention. Mark tells his readers that when the man came to Jesus with his question, Jesus looked at him and loved him. With Jesus, discipleship is always a partnership. He is indeed Lord and God, and he is also our Brother, Friend, Teacher and Yokemate who looks at each of us with a love that strengthens and supports us. We are not told the end of the story about the man with many possessions. He went away sad, says Mark, and leaves us to wonder what became of him. Perhaps Jesus' look of love drew him back. Perhaps he was able to shift his basis of security to Jesus. Perhaps Mark's unfinished story might encourage us to be firm in following the One who always looks at us with love.

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