

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 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

Anna Marie Sherlock

Requested by the Brown Family

Wednesday, October 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Lee Grayhurst

Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Betty Stokes

Requested by the Family

Friday, October 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

URGEN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR LEBANON

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Aid to the Church in Need Canada (ACN), Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada, and Development and Peace — Caritas Canada (DPCC) are launching an appeal for prayers and generosity to support the most urgent needs of people in Lebanon, following the bombardments in the country that have already claimed hundreds of innocent lives.

For more details and to make a donation online, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/urgent-appeal-for-support-in-lebanon-joint-call-for-help-and-prayers>

To send support through the parish, please use a yellow "Humanitarian Relief" envelope which can be found on the glass tables at the entrances to the church. Please make cheques payable to "St Anselm – Humanitarian Relief" and write "Lebanon" in the memo line. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 20th is World Mission Sunday. The universal collection for this day is unique: its fruits are distributed worldwide, according to the needs of the poorest dioceses. Everyone contributes to the cause, and this allows the survival of the poorest dioceses. The universal collection provides each bishop the means and freedom of action for the formation of catechists, solidarity, priestly vocations and consecrated life, education, health care, etc. Therefore, it represents a tool of justice and fraternity between all the dioceses. Furthermore, it aids in supporting the permanent effort of the Universal Church to go and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. This mandate, received from Christ, is assumed by the baptized people and those who are jointly responsible for the Universal mission along with the Church of Africa, Asia, South America, Central America, Europe and Oceania. Envelopes are in boxed sets, PAG bundles and on the glass tables in the church. To learn more, visit www.missionsocieties.ca Thank you for your support.



The ECO-WALL, located in the Millwood entrance to our church, posts seasonal perspectives, images and spiritual quotes related to caring for creation as well as information regarding parish, local and global, faith-based resources and events related to PEACE AND CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME.

In October 2019, Saint Anselm's parish held an "All-MINISTRY DIALOGUE on the theme of CARING FOR CREATION". Following the dialogue, in which 17 diverse areas of ministry participated, individual ministries were asked to discern commitments that reflected either their "area of ministry" (e.g. to offer two annual collections for SSVF) and/or their "operational practices" (e.g. to car-pool or to use compostable, recyclable or reusable items & packaging for meetings). Commitments are posted on the Eco-Wall for all to view. Commitments are intended to be dynamic and to evolve over time. If any area of ministry would like to revise or update the posted commitment, please contact any member of EcoAnselm (OR) leave your contact info with Barrig and a member of EcoAnselm will contact you. We are also available to discuss ideas upon request.

ECOANSELM will be meeting this THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th at 6:55 P.M. in the Parish Hall. The McNaughton doors will be open by 6:45 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to join.

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@stanselmchurch.com or call 416-485-1792 to let us know.

Isa 53:10-11

Psalms 33

Heb 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

GLORY OR DISCIPLESHIP

**The Son of Man himself
did not come to be
served but to serve**

Mark: 10-45

"It was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain." Who wants to hear this? Would this message move people to discipleship? It seems pretty certain that James

and John had not thought that this "Servant Song" from Isaiah applied to Jesus before asking him to put them at his right and left hands! Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings might help us focus Isaiah's Servant Song and today's Gospel. While in a Nazi prison, Bonhoeffer reflected that all people turn to God for help when they are "sorely pressed." On the other hand, he said that those who have been captivated by Christ turn to God when God is "sorely pressed." Bonhoeffer believed that Christians stand by God in God's hour of grieving: when God is poor, scorned, homeless and hungry, "whelmed under weight of the wicked." Bonhoeffer critiqued "cheap grace," the practice of Christianity that seeks the protections of status and power yet avoids the cross. Bonhoeffer teaches us that "cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves." Cheap grace includes forgiveness that does not require repentance, baptism without commitment, communion without consecration to a life of discipleship. In today's Gospel, we meet James and John, who were enthralled by their own concept of the messiah and ready for all the spoils of Jesus' victory. They ignored what Jesus had said was at stake for him and his followers. Responding to their request to reign at his right and left, Jesus didn't talk about coming into his glory through a battle with demons or evil earthly power, but rather through his baptism and the cup he would drink. When we consider those two images, we begin to understand how countercultural they were. People didn't baptize themselves. To be baptized implied submission to the ministry of another and the reception of a new identity and relationship to God. Baptism demanded a readiness to have one's life turned around and oriented only to God. Jesus' cup, as he defined it, was his life's blood shed, the cup that even he asked to be rid of, if only it were the will of God. In baptism, responding to the Father who named him the beloved son, Jesus accepted the commitment to be faithful, no matter the cost. His cup, offered symbolically at the Last Supper and accepted in the Garden of Gethsemane, was the fulfillment of that commitment. What we often miss in considering these readings is that Jesus' acceptance of his baptism and cup was not only obedience to the Father, but a revelation of what the Father is like. The God who was "well pleased" in him was the God with whom he shared the vulnerability of love that does not count the cost. Jesus revealed the God who knows hours of grieving for love of the homeless and hungry, for those who suffer under the power of the wicked. Time and again, the Gospel comes back to the formula Jesus gave at the end of today's Gospel: Whoever wishes to be great will be a servant.

If we take the lessons of Bonhoeffer to heart, we begin to realize that those who stand at the right and left hands of Christ may not have free use of their own hands. That is because, as Jesus warned Peter, their hands may be stretched out and tied by their captors. In other cases, their hands will be full of food for the hungry and medicines for the ill, or even already fully occupied by holding children and giving support to the infirm. The closer we are to Jesus' right and left, the more we will be like him: hands, hearts, souls and minds fully occupied in the service of those who need the most. Today's selection from Isaiah says, "Out of his anguish, he shall see light in fullness of days..." and "the will of the Lord shall prosper." This underlines the idea that God's servants share the ache of the divine heart and God's desire to respond to need. That was evident in Jesus of Nazareth. The God we meet in Jesus is the one whose life is love. Like Jesus, we, as believers, are called to cultivate sympathy that will gradually but surely grow into empathy for others. Not to be confused with pity or with the sad feeling for the plight of another that might prompt an occasional charitable act, empathy is a personal commitment to the other. Empathy will move sincere disciples to serve the needs of others as Jesus did, to alleviate the suffering of others as Jesus did, to defend the helpless as Jesus did, to speak for the voiceless as Jesus did, and to reach out with unquestioned and unmeasured love to the poor, as Jesus did.

**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

*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.*

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