

# 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, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

John & Rosa Paglialunga  
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the D'Silva & Wallis Families  
Requested by Christopher, Aubrey and Melanie D'Silva

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa Loconte  
Requested by the Family

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

John Popelas Sr.  
Requested by Frank & Rosa Spizzirri

**URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR LEBANON**

The Archdiocese of Toronto is currently accepting donations for immediate aid to war-torn Lebanon.

For details 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.

**FALL BOOK CLUB WITH FR. TOM**



Open to all parishioners, Fr. Tom's book club is back! Beginning next week, we will be discussing "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" by Muriel Spark.

Meeting dates will be Thursdays, November 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-11:00am.

If you are interested in participating, please email [office@stanselmchurch.com](mailto:office@stanselmchurch.com) or call 416-485-1792 to let us know.



"We pray for all those devastated by Hurricane Helene and other intense weather." (Catholic Climate Covenant, Sept. 30, 2024)

The "exceptionally warm water of the Gulf of Mexico that supercharged deadly Helene was made up to 500 times more likely by human-caused climate change" (CNN Oct. 09). The World Weather Attribution, a network of scientists that calculates the role of climate change in extreme weather events, concluded: "These ultra-warm ocean temperatures were made between 200-500 times more likely by climate change driven by humans burning fossil fuels." [cnn.com/2024/10/09/climate/hurricane-helene-supercharged-climate-change/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2024/10/09/climate/hurricane-helene-supercharged-climate-change/index.html)

**Statement of Catholic Climate Covenant (US):** "The Catholic Climate Covenant urgently calls on Catholics and all people of goodwill to take action on climate change and to better care for God's creation." (October, 2024) "St. Ignatius is often credited with saying, "pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you". Many of our brothers and sisters need our help, not just to pick up the pieces, but to prevent disasters like these in the future. ... As the Vatican stated, we urgently need "to bend the warming curve by phasing out fossil fuels and rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions to enable sustainable living." At the same time, we must focus our efforts on strengthening the resilience of people and ecosystems." [catholicclimatecovenant.org/press-releases/statement-praying-for-those-impacted-by-hurricane-helene-other-intense-weather/](https://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/press-releases/statement-praying-for-those-impacted-by-hurricane-helene-other-intense-weather/)

Rosary Apostolate



We may feel overwhelmed by world events and the issues we personally encounter, the increased cost of living, wars and the threat of more wars. We are also experiencing an increase in natural disasters and a political climate in different parts of the world that seem to divide us as opposed to bringing people together. The Rosary is always there to remind us of what really matters: our faith in Christ. Its gentle repetition also helps to calm us, to take the edge off and to lead us to what is good.

*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 at <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.*

**COFFEE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND**

*Join your fellow parishioners on the Millwood landing/in the Millwood lobby on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 11:00am Mass. Thank you to Pablo for organizing this gathering!*

***Congratulations to our altar servers Cassidy and Kaelin! They were both awarded the Bishop's Altar Server Award at a ceremony at St. Paul's Basilica last Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Their awards were presented by Most Rev. Robert Kasun CSB, Auxiliary Bishop for the Central Region. Thank you for your faithful service, Cassidy and Kaelin!***

**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.

**Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Psalm 18**

**Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34**

**THE GREAT LAW OF LOVE**



Today's readings are interconnected and reveal the fullness of God's message to all of his people. Perhaps an example of what is revealed would lead us to a deeper understanding of God's call. November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast Day for St. Martin de Porres, the illegitimate child of Anna

Valezquez, a formerly enslaved Afro-Panamanian woman, and a Spanish nobleman who abandoned his family following the birth of Martin's younger sister. Martin is the first person of African descent from the Americas to be declared a saint. His life was devoted to service and no task was too menial. St. Martín, a porter, barber-surgeon, healer and friend of the poor was never ordained. He was a brother in the Dominican order whose life preached in a way that few others have - or might even wish to do. He understood that love of God implies love of everyone and everything that God loves. He understood that love of Christ implies giving oneself unreservedly for God's beloved. He rankled more than one of his brothers and contemporaries with his freedom to put the law of love above every religious practice and restriction. He offered a frightening example because, like Jesus, he went where the Spirit led him rather than confine himself to "how it should be done." He made the word of God as real and effective as a two-edged sword. Once, he encountered a sore-ridden beggar and brought him to his own bed in the monastery. When the superior reprimanded him for allowing a dirty,

contagious stranger into the cloister, Martín replied that he could easily wash sheets, but not the guilt of ignoring the poor. Disregarding the difference between his rank as a brother and that of his superior, Martín replied, "Compassion, dear brother, is preferable to cleanliness." Martín might be a good interpreter of today's Liturgy of the Word for us.

In Jesus' day, it was not unusual for a recognized teacher to be asked questions about the law. Such question-and-answer sessions were a favorite pastime of scribes who were experts at interpreting and applying the law's many directions. Although the scribe in this Marcan Gospel asked Jesus which law ranked first, Jesus responded with a pair of laws that he declared to be on a par with one another. By citing the *Sh'ma* (first reading), Jesus acknowledged the importance of this centuries-old Jewish tradition. Devout Jews took the words of the Deuteronomist (6:8-9) to heart and wore the words of the *Sh'ma* in phylacteries attached to their wrists and foreheads. Each Jewish home had a *mezuzah* inscribed with the *Sh'ma* and mounted on its doorframe so that when family members came and went, they could touch the *mezuzah* to remind them to love the God who loved them. No one would have argued with Jesus' response to the scribe. But few probably expected Jesus to pair the love of neighbour with the love of God. He was not, however, the first to do so. Jesus' teaching is unique, though, in that he paired what his contemporaries would have regarded as a "heavy" law (love of God) with what was regarded as a "light" or lesser law (love of neighbour). Moreover, Jesus insisted that these laws are equal and interdependent. Later, in the 80s, when Luke offered his version of the Gospel, the concept of "neighbour" was expanded to include *all* people without distinction. To his credit, the scribe who questioned Jesus recognized the wisdom in his words and, with a nod to the best traditions of the prophets, he admitted that Jesus' call to love God and neighbour was worth more than any sacrificial offering. He grasped the truth that the mercy, compassion and care that human beings extend to one another speak more truly of love than even the most extravagant and meticulously performed cultic ritual. Jesus praised the scribe's insight and declared him to be "not far from the kingdom of God" (v. 34). Jesus' observation reaches out to ask us where we stand today. Are we content with fulfilling our weekly obligation to gather and worship God and celebrate God's goodness? Or will we carry over that celebration into the rest of the week by loving and caring for all those whom God will send our way? Worship of God and love of God are made real in the love of our neighbour. To the Jew, the law is God's greatest gift to humankind; it reveals a way of relating to God. What is at issue in this Gospel is not the validity of the law but the basic principle from which the law is derived — love. Love of God and love of neighbour fulfill the law.

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