

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Thomas Moore, Pastor

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

For the Intentions of Kate Kwok  
Requested by Matilda Kwok

Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

Anna Marie Sherlock  
Requested by Dermot and Breda O'Carroll

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Vivian Kwok  
Requested by Matilda Kwok

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

For Peace and Care of Creation  
Requested by EcoAnselm



NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> is REMEMBRANCE DAY. We honour the sacrifices of our veterans and their families through respecting and guarding the opportunity we have to live in free and peaceful co-existence with others. With freedom comes the responsibility to safeguard peace and to protect the planet for future generations. In April, 2024, "Pope Francis reiterated his urgent plea for bold action for our common home and for world peace." He referred to the "terrible world war" taking place against the environment. "Describing nature as a sacred gift from the Creator, Francis urged us to take the side of the "victims of environmental and climatic injustice" and he called for an end to "the senseless war on our common home.""  
[theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/30/pope-francis-lay-bare-terrible-world-war-on-nature-papal-letter](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/30/pope-francis-lay-bare-terrible-world-war-on-nature-papal-letter)

**FALL BOOK CLUB WITH FR. TOM**



Open to all parishioners, Fr. Tom's book club is back! Beginning this 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.

**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.

*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.*



**St. Vincent de Paul** Christmas initiatives will be shared soon. For information on how to support our neighbours in need for the coming Christmas season, please keep your eye out in future bulletins and listen for announcements at the end of Mass. Thank you for your continued support of the year-round work done by the Vincentians in our parish.

**"Ecosophia: Ecological Wisdom"** As an expression of their care for creation, the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Missouri) host a monthly Eco-Series of films, speakers and events – FREE via ZOOM. On TUES., NOV., 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (Toronto) we are invited to join a screening and post-discussion of the Eco-film: "Ecosophia: Ecological Wisdom". The film "explores the interrelationship between energy, the economy, resources, population, psychology, spirituality, the biosphere, the limits to growth and climate change..." Register: [franciscansisters-olph.org/events/nov-12-2024\\_ecosophia-ecological-wisdom/](https://franciscansisters-olph.org/events/nov-12-2024_ecosophia-ecological-wisdom/)

**CASSEROLES GROUP "A"**

Group A casseroles for the Good Shepherd Provide-A-Meal program will be collected next Saturday, **November 16<sup>th</sup>** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Curious about the program? The pan and lid are provided each time, as is a simple to follow recipe with a few key ingredients. You prepare the casserole by following the recipe, freeze it and deliver it to the parish on the collection date (or to the office the week prior). Your casserole will feed TEN hungry individuals at the Good Shepherd Mission.

The city-wide parish casserole program is an essential part of the good work done at GSM – they experience a sharp rise in those seeking a hot meal as the days get shorter and the temperatures drop. Please consider joining our "casserole chefs" in the parish by contacting Yvonne at [yvonne.gray@bell.net](mailto:yvonne.gray@bell.net) or the parish office.

**1 Kings 17:10-16 Psalm 146**  
**Heb 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44**  
**PRAISE THE LORD, O MY SOUL.**



Jesus chose unlikely role models for his disciples to emulate. In a society where children were regarded as the property of their fathers, with no rights or voice of their own, Jesus set forth a child and claimed that the kingdom of God belongs to "such as these." He also held up

people who were thought to be ritually unclean or even sinful because of a physical malady or their ethnicity. Jesus praised them as exemplars of faith whose trust and reliance on God he wished to cultivate in his followers. The unlikely role models in today's liturgy are two widows. In contemporary society, a widow is a woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried. As her husband's equal partner, she generally inherits his estate and, although her days may be lonely, she is not defenseless nor has she lost any rights or status in the absence of her spouse. Jewish widows in Jesus' day were far less fortunate. When her husband died, the widow could return to her family if her dowry or purchase price could be paid to her husband's heirs. With no rights or status of her own, the widow could even be sold into slavery to repay any unsatisfied debt. Unlike widows of other cultures in the ancient Near Eastern world, Jewish widows were not legally provided for in most situations. The widow was the silent, helpless one whose lack of legal status left her exposed to oppression and harsh treatment.

The scriptural authors have set before us today two widows whose courage in the face of difficulty challenges our own behavior as Jesus' disciples. Neither the widow who offered hospitality to Elijah nor the widow who gave all she had to the temple treasury could be described as prudent. A prudent person would reason that "charity begins at home." The first widow could have turned Elijah away in order to take care of herself and her son, instead of using all her flour and oil to make a meal for a stranger and a foreigner at that. Similarly, if the woman in the Gospel had been practical and prudent, she could

have kept her coins or, at most, given only one of them to the temple treasury. But, like her counterpart in the first reading, the widow in today's Marcan Gospel gave all she had.

In their actions, both widows revealed priorities that had little to do with prudence or practicality.

The message of today's readings is really quite simple. We are called to ask ourselves whose interest motivates us. Elijah's widow friend did not share his religious beliefs but she understood that human beings are made for one another and that even hunger is easier to bear when shared. When Jesus called attention to the temple widow, he emphasized the otherwise unnoticed largess of her giving. He did not call her blessed or say that others should follow her example but simply pointed out that there is more than one scale on which to measure the value of what a person offers. In terms of offering sacrifice, the widow did more than any of the wealthy or religious authorities who loved broadcasting their supposed bounteousness. The temple widow is not so much an image of discipleship as she is an image of Jesus himself. Like him, she received little positive attention from the "people who mattered." Like him, she was free enough to give her all - whether or not it would be appreciated. Jesus may have drawn attention to her precisely to remind his disciples that the reign of God operates on an alternative scale of values - one that demands courageous faith and solidarity. The widows of today's liturgy invite us to ask ourselves how we can allow our experience to lead us into solidarity. Rich or poor, we are all vulnerable, even if we are not courageous enough to admit it to ourselves. In the long run, our pretensions make us far more fragile than our weakness or poverty. When we accept our own neediness, we can discover the generous love that makes others' needs our own. With that, we will be part of creating that atmosphere of solidarity known as the reign of God.

**SHEPHERDS' TRUST COLLECTION**  
**NOVEMBER 16/17**

Next weekend is the annual Shepherds' Trust collection. Please see the printed materials on the glass tables. Envelopes are in your boxed sets, PAG bundles and are available on the glass tables. Thank you for supporting this important collection that supports clergy in their retirement.

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