

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

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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, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Gerard Berriman

Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Angelina Rotundo

Requested by the Paglialunga Family

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Yvonne George

Requested by Vicki Garnett

**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Nancy Clayton

Requested by Rosanne McKernan

*For Pope Francis, that God may grant him eternal rest, peace and refreshment in the light of God's heavenly Kingdom, we pray....*



**"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." (Mother Teresa)**

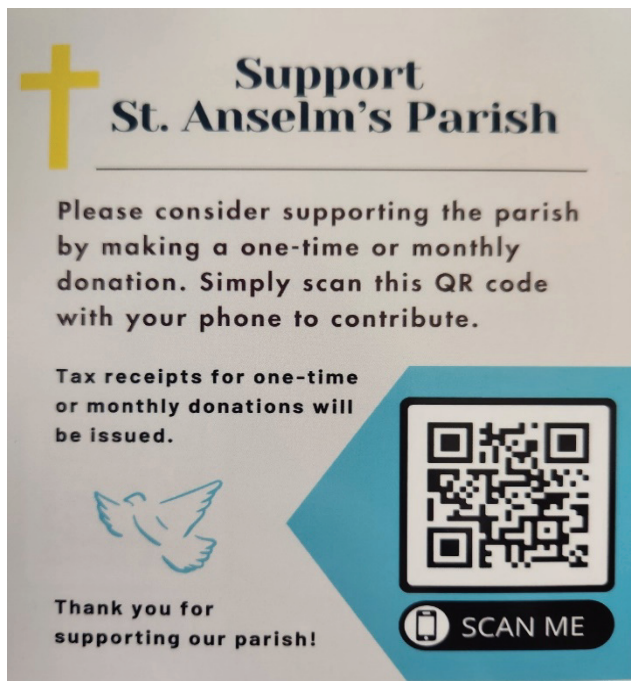
- Buy from companies that take environmental and ethical concerns into consideration. Try not to buy from those that don't. If enough people did this, major changes would follow, as predictably as night follows day.

- Turn off lights and unplug appliances that are not in use.

Appliances on standby can use up to 20% of the electricity used when they are turned on.

- If defrosting something from the freezer, try moving it from the freezer to the fridge the night before. The cooling energy invested in the frozen item is recycled in the fridge, reducing the energy needed to cool the fridge.

Ideas are from: "Bonnybrook Parish, St. Joseph the Artisan Church, An Eco-Aware Parish, Dublin, Ireland"



### May – the month of Mary

Honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May began near the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> century. We acknowledge that she is the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Church and therefore our mother as well. Her particular vocation is to show Jesus to the world and invite us into deeper relationship with Him. She not only prays with us, but prays for us, so that we may know and do God's will.

The Rosary is an "old friend" that invites us to reflect on the mystery of Jesus, how He touched Mary's life and continues to be present to His Church. It is a simple and beautiful meditation. The Rosary can be quite calming in times of stress and anxiety, as it brings us into God's loving and healing presence.

This month when we pray the Rosary, let us remember to pray for peace, justice and the care of creation. Let us pray that we will join with God and build up the Kingdom.

### SHARELIFE 2025 PARISH CAMPAIGN

You ensure a brighter future for at-risk children

As many as 7,000 youth are homeless across Canada on any given night. Covenant House, an agency you support through ShareLife, provides a refuge for at-risk youth. They offer safe housing alongside healthcare, education, and employment guidance. Thanks to your compassionate heart, young people like David can move from a life on the street to a life with a future. David first found safety in the emergency shelter and later moved into a transitional housing program, where he formed a life-long bond with his mentor, whose kind heart and patient guidance inspired David to pursue and complete post-secondary education.

The second ShareLife Sunday of the year is May 4. We ask you to share your blessings through the parish or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate). Thank you for living the Gospel!

**Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-11,12-13,17-19**  
**Psalm 118 John 20:19-31**

## MY LORD AND MY GOD



Doubting Thomas. The disciple whose nickname will forever define him - all on the basis of one remark. Did you ever wonder why Thomas was not with the others on that first Easter night? A group - we know not how large - of women and men who had been

disciples of the slain Jesus had gathered together in fear and confusion on the most mystifying evening of their lives. Did they lock the doors before Thomas arrived? Was he too sad or angry or ashamed to gather with them? Obviously, he wasn't completely cut off because soon thereafter somebody told him that Jesus had appeared in their midst. Maybe someone went looking for Thomas precisely because of what Jesus did that night. Jesus had broken in on their fear and hiding, he blessed them with peace and then revealed to them the greatest power in the universe: the love that creates forgiveness. The breathtaking thing about forgiveness is that it positively transforms the effects of the past. People whose sins are retained can be tethered forever to the millstone of their mistakes, defined by their worst moment. In forgiveness, they are freed to redeem what has been destructive of their relationships.

When Jesus made himself part of the group gathered in hiding, he simply said, "Shalom, peace." *Shalom* is an insider word. It says, "I have no fear of you and hold nothing against you." One ancient Jewish teaching maintains that shalom-peace is "the only vessel God found capable of holding a blessing." The word is also a name for God. *Shalom* was Jesus' first word to his friends after he had suffered. Jesus' *shalom* recreated his relationship with each and all of the gathered disciples. In some ways, it was as astounding as his resurrection itself. In some ways, it is identical with his resurrection because it expresses the reality that the power of love cannot be overcome. Shalom, Jesus' word of forgiveness, conferred redemption. For some reason, those who found Thomas on another day weren't capable of communicating the whole message to him. They did well enough to get him to join them a week later, but he still didn't quite grasp the transformation that had begun among his friends - and in the history of the universe.

In reality, the other disciples hadn't fully caught on yet either. One week after the Resurrection they were back behind locked doors. Once again, Jesus appeared in their midst. Once again, Jesus said,

"Shalom." Then, turning to Thomas, Jesus invited them all to face their doubts as he said, "Touch me. I am no ghost. I bear the scars of rejection and abandonment. Shalom. Touch me and know shalom."

With that, Thomas grasped what none of them had comprehended. Thomas looked at Jesus' scarred hands and wounded side and said, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas grasped the terrifying, wondrously scandalous truth as Jesus reveals that God is not exempt from suffering. Thomas realized that God's forgiveness expresses a love as vulnerable as human beings' and more powerful than evil. The story of the Resurrection would not have been complete without Thomas. He was the one who didn't just stand back in awe; he had to plumb the depths of what it meant. Thomas was the one who needed proof that the effects of evil, horrendous as they were, were not omnipotent. Thomas was the one whose faith did not come easy and for that reason it could become unshakeable. If not for Thomas, we might think of forgiveness superficially, as a mending or a forgetting. If it were not for Thomas, we might not fully understand that God forgives us in freely chosen vulnerability. But, with Thomas, we realize that the God who suffered and still suffers in the world's victims, invites us into history-changing transformation. Thomas reminds us that honestly facing our doubts can open us to greater faith. The courage Thomas showed in doubting allowed the risen Christ to reveal God's face in a new and fuller way. Thomas' story also demonstrates that Christ's resurrection frees us to forgive and be forgiven. Let us celebrate and emulate Thomas as a patron of great and courageous faith. May God grant us the ability to follow his example.

## **THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Appreciation Week: **Volunteers Make Waves** will be celebrated from **April 27 to May 3** in alignment with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week.

This is a time of appreciation and celebration of every volunteer and the positive impact each of their contributions make to our parish communities. Collectively, these efforts are amplified and resonate throughout our parish communities, creating ripples and sparking waves of positive change and exemplify John 7:38: "Rivers of living water will flow from within him".

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent. Collectively, these efforts are amplified and resonate throughout our parish communities, creating ripples and sparking waves of positive change. These waves of change exemplify the power of faith and the extensive impact of collective dedication to doing good deeds. We recognize that each of our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you for supporting our ministries, for strengthening your parish, and for living the Gospel message through your service to others. Is a particular ministry calling out to you? Let us know! Call the parish office to find out how easy and rewarding it is to be of service in your church!



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