

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.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.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive
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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

Blas Buraglia and Nora Escallon

Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Wednesday, September 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Binetti & D'Alessandro Families

Requested by the Binetti Family

Thursday, September 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Bill Poole and Carol Poole

Requested by the Poole Family

Friday, September 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Jo Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP A

Group A casseroles will be collected **Saturday, September 20th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Thank you to our parish casserole chefs for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry.

As the weather gets colder, the need for shelter and a warm meal will increase. If you'd like information on how you can feed TEN people at a time by preparing one casserole every other month, please contact the parish office or email yvonne.gray@bell.net.

The pan, lid and simple recipe are provided. You assemble, cook and freeze the casserole, and bring it to the church on the collection date. The casseroles are then delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge and served to the hungry and needy in our city. It's that simple, and that impactful!

JOIN US FOR COFFEE SUNDAY!

All are welcome to join for coffee **THIS SUNDAY, September 14th after the 11:00am Mass**. We will gather on the Millwood landing (or in the lobby in case of inclement weather). Thank you once again to Pablo for organizing. See you there!

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP COLLECTION SAVE THE DATE!

The truck will be in the church parking lot **November 8-9** to accept your gently used clothing, shoes and textiles. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

★ FIRST CONFESSIONS ★ *First Communion* **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

Parents of children in Grade 2 (or older) who are interested in information about preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one's home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, must be returned by October 5th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING FOR CANDIDATES AND PARENTS

Youth in our parish who are in Grade 7 (or older) and their parents are invited to attend a meeting to hear about the preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one's home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of their baptism certificate, must be returned by October 15th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

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Jesus loved banquets. We never hear that he refused the offer of a good meal. Once there, he would transform the table into a space for evangelizing repast. In today's scene, we can imagine him wryly observing as people vied to position themselves for the best seat in the house. If he

wasn't actually chuckling into his beard, his eyes were surely laughing as each guest preened in the attempt to appear more distinguished than the rest. Aware of the learning capacity of his audience, Jesus first offered advice about how to avoid humiliation: "Choose the lowliest place and nobody else can put you down." He directed this pragmatic counsel to folks highly concerned about appearances - a few of them might have been astute enough to grasp his wisdom. But Jesus didn't stop with that wee bit of commentary. Although people had gathered for an ordinary Sabbath meal, Jesus wove a tale about a wedding banquet. That's a sure sign that he was talking about a lot more than the evening's dinner. Wedding banquets were one of his favorite symbols for the reign of God. A wedding celebrates something new and full of potential. It sacramentalizes the bonds of love and new relationships that can transform an entire community. In that context, Jesus addressed his fellow guests as the probable hosts of dinners to come: "When it's your turn, break free of this old mold of a guest list written in stone. Get out of the rut of having everyone in the same position, repeating well-worn conversations, with nothing more than a change of venue. Repeating this same old, same old is hardly different from serving leftovers week after week. What about a new guest list instead of new clothes and fancy foods?"

Having gotten their attention, even if they assumed he was joking, he suggested that they plan a collective escape from the routine by hosting the most unlikely characters in the area. He wanted to startle the self-impressed diners into imaginative creativity. What if everybody at that table decided to take him up on the suggestion? Instead of inviting one another, each could seek out an eclectic group of well-known and far less prestigious people. One might invite the butcher

and his apprentice, another, the milkmaid. Someone would bring in the town beggar (offering a bath as well as a foot washing before reclining at table). Another patriarch could send out a couple of sturdy sons to carry in the paraplegic lying near the town square while his daughter escorted the widow next door. Each of those guests could be invited to bring a "plus-one" to round out the company. Imagine the unexpected table conversation! What could happen at such a dinner? The entire tenor of the gathering would change as the guests entered into the sacrament of the table where eating together can be a living expression of shared humanity. The common enjoyment of the fruits of the earth could become a celebration of the gifts of smell and taste and beauty and a sign of their common dependence. The variety of people and perspectives around the table would remind them that God's creation brims with luxuriant diversity, all there for an enjoyment that increases exponentially to the degree that it is shared. When the original group would regather a few weeks later, instead of worrying about procuring the best places, they might burst into tales about the experience, about ideas and perspectives they had never before imagined. It's not hard to imagine Jesus saying about such groups: "This is what it is like in the reign of God and the resurrection of the righteous." Following the advice Jesus offers would be an adventure - a step into the unknown. He is inviting us not just to eat and drink in the presence of others but enter into mutually nourishing and transforming interchange. Jesus calls it the resurrection of the righteous. What a challenge offered on this Labour Day Weekend!

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations and decreased dramatically during the summer months.** You can enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online 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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