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 Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5 416-393-5243



Tuesday, September 9th, 8:15 a.m.Francis Ford
Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

Wednesday, September 10th, 8:15 a.m. Blas Buraglia Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Thursday, September 11th, 8:15 a.m. John Innes Requested by Joan Innes

Friday, September 12th, 8:15 a.m.Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa
Requested by the Family

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES - GROUP A

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE SUNDAY!

All are welcome to join for coffee NEXT 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.

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

The annual event of the Season of Creation begins on September 1 (the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and ends on October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and the symbol is "Garden of Peace", inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

An introductory video and resources to observe this season at home, church and school may be found at the following links:

Celebration Guide: https://bit.ly/SoC-CelebrationGuide Video: https://bit.ly/SoC-Video

FIRST CONFESSIONS FIRST CONFESSIONS SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION INFOMRATION 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 <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>October 1st at 7:00pm in the church</u>.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11AM

Children currently in JK, SK and Grade 1 are welcome to join in our weekly program. No registration is required. While elevator construction continues, the group will meet at the top of the stairs leading down to the parish hall.

Wis 9:13-18 Psalm 90
Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33
THE JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP



We approach the Gospel today by reminding ourselves that Jesus is the face of God made visible, the wisdom of God revealed and the One who daily challenges the quality of our discipleship. Much of the Lucan Gospel is set against the backdrop of a journey. Jesus and his disciples were slowly but surely making their way to Jerusalem, where his reason for

being would be revealed to all. On their way, Jesus continued the formation of his disciples, telling of both the blessings and the struggles required to follow him. As he teaches, Jesus' words and wisdom reach out to us across the centuries and form us disciples as well if we listen and are willing to learn and commit ourselves to him today in every way. Just as Jesus' teaching offered an ultimatum of sorts to his first disciples, so also does he extend that same choice to us. We are advised to weigh carefully the cost of discipleship before setting out to follow Jesus on the journey. Ours is not a safe and secure religion demanding only our Sunday-morning attention and devotion. To take it seriously is to walk a rocky path. This struggle notwithstanding, we might do well to recall what the ancient Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once said: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." This single step can be a very small one, not a quantum leap. Nevertheless, these small steps are necessary to move us forward toward the goal of professing and witnessing to Jesus with our lips as well as our lives. Since the journey of discipleship is comprised of countless small steps in the right direction and with the right motive, we do well to ponder the sacred texts for guidance. Although the steps described by the Lucan Jesus in today's Gospel may appear to be drastic because they are explained with images like hating one's family, the parables included in this Gospel offer clarification. The aim of every Christian becomes the goal of professing and witnessing to Jesus and all other considerations are secondary, even those of family. Like the builder of the tower and the king marching into

battle, disciples must understand what they are about what are the costs, what are the consequences and do I have what it takes to be a disciple and see the journey through to the end? Left to our own devices, the answer to this question would, unfortunately, be a negative one.

However, we are not alone. With God and with grace, with Jesus' constant presence and guidance in the person of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to take one step at a time. With God and with grace, we can learn to put on the mind of Christ and be fired by the Holy Spirit to take on our ministry one person, one challenge at a time. With God and with grace, we can keep our priorities straight and pool our resources with those of other disciples, always keeping uppermost, in mind and heart, the claim of Jesus in our lives. One step, one day at a time! Discipleship calls us to commit to the complete and unconditional gift of ourselves and our time, talent and treasures. Disciples are also to cultivate wisdom and practical common sense and to seek out the advice of others, all the while praying for the recognition and acceptance of God's grace acting in our lives. In the coming weeks, listen to the Lucan Jesus as he continues the formation of his disciples. We too are called to listen and learn. Are you ready to begin! Let's go. For the gift of Wisdom, that the Spirit of God may enlighten our minds and guide us in making loving and life-giving decisions each day...

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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 may 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 inperson.

Boxed donation envelopes are also available upon request. Thank you for your support.

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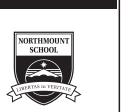
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