

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.

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 16th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Kiro's Family
Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, September 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Joseph Kostovcik
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, September 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Nora Escallon
Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

Friday, September 19th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP A

Group A casseroles will be collected **NEXT 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.



EcoAnselm

SEASON OF CREATION 2025 (SoC25)

Insights and a list of ways to unite with others in PRAYER and ACTION on behalf of Creation are posted on the SoC Eco-Board in the Millwood entrance.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- NOON on SUNDAY, SEPT 21, in all time zones across the world, people will share in a "Global Peace Wave" - **ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR PEACE.**

Following the 11:00 mass, join with members of EcoAnselm in front of the image of "Our Lady of Peace" (west of tabernacle) to share a minute of silent prayer for peace (OR) please join from wherever you are at NOON on Sept 21.

- FRIDAY, SEPT 19 8:15 A.M. MASS

This celebration of MASS is offered for PEACE AND CARE OF CREATION.

- PARISH and INTER-PARISH WALK

Register now for LINDA'S WALK - to be held SAT. SEPT 27th. Check the SoC25 Eco-Board for details - also posted on the Millwood bulletin board.

★ **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.

ST. ANSELM PARISH OFFICE EMAIL CHANGE

Please note that, effective immediately, our parish office email is stanselmsto@archtoronto.org. Please delete old/former contact information and use our new address to reach us going forward.

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.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE SUNDAY!

All are welcome to join for coffee on 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!

THE SIGN OF SALVATION



We are surrounded every day with signs that speak to us without ever uttering a word. We understand the reality of what they convey just by looking at them. Let's look at a few that are familiar. A red and white octagonal sign says 'Stop!' A red light does too. Green lights tell us to go and yellow ones warn us to slow our pace. Political candidates adopt colours

to identify their parties – red is liberal while blue is conservative and orange is NDP. Some political signs can strike fear or horror in those who see them. In the late 1930's and early 1940's, when Jews were made to wear the Star of David on armbands to identify them, the swastika - which is otherwise a sacred Hindu symbol - came to be a dreaded sign of the Nazis. On the other hand, the golden arches of McDonalds typically evoke choruses from the back-seat. Signs mark our paths and fill our lives, whether we are conscious of them or not. Signs also figure prominently in our spiritual journey as well, as today's feast so aptly reminds us. In exalting the Holy Cross, we hold out that sign which speaks of suffering, sacrifice and salvation. Life meets death, light touches darkness, forgiveness heals sin and faith reaches out for God. Through the cross on which Jesus died, we have begun to live; through this sign that epitomizes the depths of human depravity, sinners have been afforded a graced dignity and a new beginning. When we exalt the cross of Jesus Christ, we glory in God who loves and rescues the lost and unlovable and gathers in the wayward and the rebellious.

Something of this saving power is at work in today's first reading. When the Israelites travelling through the wilderness became frustrated and turned away from God, the seraph mounted on a pole became for them a saving sign. Looking on that sign, as God directed, brought

healing. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, reminds us that Jesus' saving journey from his place of equality with God into the depths of the human condition meant that he experienced not only our flesh-and-blood existence but also humiliation, rejection, tortuous suffering and death on a cross. Until Jesus, the cross had been an odious sign that struck fear into the hearts of those who were vulnerable to its threat. Because of Jesus and the loving spirit of self-sacrifice that he brought to the cross, it has become a sign of salvation, of victory, of reconciliation and new life! This very sign is celebrated in today's Gospel from John. To Nicodemus, who had come to Jesus by night, seeking light and insight about the kingdom of heaven, Jesus spoke of being lifted up. This movement of Jesus, first of being lifted up on the cross and then being lifted up to God and to glory, has become the pathway to salvation. In this movement from death to life to glory, Jesus has gathered to himself and to God all who look upon the sign of his cross and believe. In believing, the followers of Jesus appropriate the gift of salvation; in believing, each participates in the reality signified by the cross. This is the sign through which the mercy of God and the love of Jesus are most eloquently spoken; this is the sign by which our belonging is revealed to the world. This is the cross, the sign under which each one of us chooses to live and die and live again.

The title of this feast, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, expresses the paradox of Christian faith. Christ's death revealed that evil is as dead as its works. Christ's death and resurrection assure us that death and evil will never have the last word, that God's love is everlasting and therefore, what God loves is everlasting. Believing in Christ means that we choose to orient our lives by faith in the God of life. It means that we bet our lives on God's undying love. It means that, like Jesus, although we may know unspeakable pain or sorrow, we have nothing to fear. It means that, as we pray in Psalm 1, evil is ultimately nothing more than "chaff driven by the wind." Today's feast, encapsulating the entire mystery of salvation, urges us to have the courage to live in the divine paradox. It assures us that Christ has shown the way. **Thanks Be To God!**

*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 in-person.

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