

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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St. Anselm's School

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Mass Intentions for Week

Tuesday, September 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

William Allen

Requested by Pat Poole and Family

Wednesday, September 24th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Thursday, September 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Foo See Foy

Requested by Michelle Chue and Family

Friday, September 26th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

There will be a blessing of household pets after the 11:00am Mass next Sunday, September 28th outside the church on the Millwood landing ahead of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4).



SEASON OF CREATION 2025 (SoC25) SUNDAY, SEPT 21st at NOON

-At NOON in all times zones across the world, people will participate in forming a "Global Peace Wave" - ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE. Following the 11:00 mass, please join members of EcoAnselm in front of the image of "Our Lady of Peace" (west of tabernacle) to share ONE MINUTE OF SILENT PRAYER FOR PEACE. You can also join this SoC25 "Peace Wave" from wherever you are at NOON on Sept 21.

PARISH and INTER-PARISH WALK

Registration is open for LINDA'S WALK. This "celebration of community, nature & compassion", to be held on Sept 27, is an ideal opportunity to walk with family and friends, to meet other parishioners and to support the work of ST. CLARE INN, a shelter for women without homes. Registration is req'd. Details are posted on the SoC25 Board.

Stewardship Sunday, Sept. 21st, 2025

EcoAnselm, St. Anselm's Ministry of Ecology, WELCOMES new members. If 'Care of Creation' calls to you, contact Barrig in the office and ask to be connected with a member of EcoAnselm.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Our parishes are our spiritual homes where we come to worship God, encounter Christ in the Holy Eucharist, pray, and meet with one another as a parish community. Stewardship Sunday, an annual occurrence in the Archdiocese of Toronto, celebrates our parishes which contain stewards who seek to grow in holiness and become saints by serving God and one another. Please read this homily by Cardinal Frank Leo and then prayerfully reflect on how you may be of service to others in your parish community...and beyond! See: <https://rb.gy/b6oohy>

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.

Praise the Lord, Who Lifts Up the Needy



"Hear this, you that trample on the needy." What a beginning to the readings that begin God's message to us today. Amos, a farmer/shepherd from the kingdom of Judah, was sent north to prophesy to Judah's rival, the kingdom of Israel. The unfortunate country-boy prophet was supposed to proclaim his

message to rulers, clergy and wealthy urbanites. As an outsider, he had the "advantage" of clearly perceiving the injustices the locals tolerated because they had become an unimpeachable norm. Amos preached with poetic fire, reviling the privileged who maintained legality as they beat the poor into destitution. Amos prepares us for Jesus' story about the owner and his trickster CFO while Paul's message urges all to pray for guidance. In Jesus' parable, the boss, who apparently made his fortune lending out land in return for (over)payment in produce, learns that his manager was less than devoted to increasing his master's fortune. Jesus doesn't say whether the manager was inept or dishonest, but the owner decided to call for an audit and send the guy packing. That's when the debt-collector-for-hire initiated a new, creative management strategy.

Both boss and steward knew that the tenant farmers' debts would probably never be paid in full. A drought, floods, a plague of insects and other all-too-normal catastrophes regularly ruined sharecroppers' chances of getting out of debt. Here's where the manager proves that he's smarter than the boss gave him credit for. He calls in the people defaulting on their loans and offers them a

discount in return for immediate payment. The genius of the situation is that the new payment is within the means of the debtors, it brings otherwise unobtainable income to the owner and it puts the manager in good graces with both sides. It's an ethically questionable situation of win-win and win! Was Jesus accepting the trickery in light of the results? It rather seems so. First, explaining the manager's activity, Jesus advises, "Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth." A few lines later, Jesus warns, "You cannot serve both God and wealth." Jesus seems to be saying that wealth has questionable value in itself but can and should be used to do some good. In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis made this same point. He looked to St. John Chrysostom, one of the Fathers of the Church, who taught: "Not to share our wealth with the poor is to rob them and take away their livelihood. The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well." There's no getting around it, as Luke moves toward the climax of his Gospel, his emphasis on reverence for the life and thriving of the poor only grows stronger. Today's Gospel, praising the wily manager, is a gentle introduction to what will be coming later. Amos demonstrates how to look at reality with eyes that perceive how our societal norms grant excess to some, leaving others to languish. Why does it appear that Jesus recommend the strategies of a crooked schemer in this gospel tale? Because despite all his dishonesty, the man represents someone who is smart enough to ensure that his interests, however unscrupulous, will be protected in the future. Through this story, Jesus is urging us to do the same. He's telling us to act with the same determination to ensure our future. He's insisting we should be as intensely concerned about our ultimate fulfillment as this con man was about his. The whole point of the parable is to remind us that what really matters, what truly counts in the long run: experiencing the divine love that will transform us. This is our true future. To obtain that goal, we are being challenged by this Gospel story to order our lives accordingly. Prepare for the future; put all your energy and talents into ensuring that your life is fully committed to the reality of God's reign. Paul's letter to Timothy tells us to make prayer central in our lives. All of us are challenged to devote ourselves to deeper study and practice of prayer. The dishonest steward used his wits to get what he wanted. We get to use prayer. As the saying goes, "**Just Do It!**"

*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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