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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.

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Joan Melchers

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, October 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Ann Hoogstraten

Requested by Maralynn Beach

Thursday, October 30th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Requested by

Friday, October 31st, 8:15 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE CASSEROLES GROUP A & B

We apologize for the mix-up with the collection of Group B casseroles that was supposed to take place on October 18th. Thank you for your patience in waiting or returning with your casserole the following day. It was greatly appreciated.

We are awaiting the delivery of lids from the casserole manager at Good Shepherd, who has experienced a back order of the item. Please check with the parish office or in the Millwood lobby at Mass on weekends as we approach the next collection date, which will be Saturday, November 15th. (Group A)

Thank you to our casserole chefs in the parish! As the weather gets colder, a warm and nutritious meal is truly a lifesaver to vulnerable individuals. To find out how you can help feed TEN people using a simple recipe once every other month, please call the parish office or email Yvonne at Yvonne.gray@bell.net

WANTED: Choir Members

The members of St. Anselm's Church choir would like to extend an invitation to the singers and instrumentalists in our congregation to join us for our celebration of Christmas liturgies. Our rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We would also be happy to have you as permanent members if that is something you think you can embrace. We look forward to meeting new members. Please speak to our director, Goody Cabral after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. You can also email Goody at goodycabral@gmail.com

ANGEL FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING – SEEKING DONATIONS

The upcoming Angel Foundation for Learning Gala on November 28th supports Toronto children with nutrition programs, essentials for learning and more.

As the official charity of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, they are looking for new Silent Auction donations such as cookware, experiences & gift cards.

For more information, please call or email Marguerite

Thomson 416-209-1574 Marguerite.thomson@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – BUNDLE UP AT ST. ANSELM NOVEMBER 8 & 9

The truck will be in our lot on November 8 and 9 to collect gently used clothing, shoes, household linens and textiles. For a full list of what can and cannot be accepted, please see the bulletin board in the Millwood lobby. Thank you for your generosity!



Pope Leo XIV confirms that *Laudato Si'* will remain the foundation for his approach to environmental stewardship. Leo stresses the importance of turning hope into ACTION.

Leo has inaugurated a new ecological chapter with the opening of BORGO LAUDATO SI'; the Vatican's first-ever vocational school will offer sustainable gardening, organic winemaking, honey production and olive harvesting. Father Dorantes, speaking at a Vatican conference for journalists, emphasized that Borgo Laudato Si' (BLS) will provide marginalized members of society with opportunities to learn the skills for producing goods ethically. Products sold will serve as a practical example of fostering a culture of care for creation. The mission of BLS is to demonstrate that it is possible to create a better, more ethical way to include all members of society in making products that honor the planet's natural resources and to build better business models rooted in care for creation. Information taken from an article by EWTN Vatican Correspondent Valentina Di Donato, Sept. 2025

Learn more about Borgo Laudato Si' here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFP_To3T4B0

Sirach 35:15-17,20-22**Psalm 34****2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18****Luke 18:9-14****GOD'S LANGUAGE OF LOVE**

Every culture and faith tradition has its own inside language. Today's readings seem to suggest that God hears some languages better than others. Ben Sirach, the Jewish sage who wrote about 175 years before the time of Christ, wrote, without

mentioning the wealthy as he tells us, "The Lord is not deaf to the cry of the oppressed nor to the widow." We respond to this reading with Psalm 34. David supposedly composed it after he saved himself from King Achish by feigning insanity. Just imagine the young David singing, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor," as he was released from Achish's custody. (1 Samuel 21:11-16). What a hymn of praise to the God who is not only attentive but probably truly entertained when powerless tricksters outwit the mighty! Whether or not Jesus was thinking of Psalm 34 or Sirach, they serve as great lead-ins to his parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisees were the super religious of their day. Their name indicated that they set themselves apart from ordinary folks as well as from the temple elite. Although their reputation has been criticized over the ages, that's mostly a factor of "the higher you climb, the harder you fall." Perhaps we can understand the Pharisees' downfall in a more contemporary light with the help of C.S. Lewis and his classic, *The Screwtape Letters*. Lewis, explaining how easy it is for religious people to lose their way, has a master demon explain: "The safest road to Hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones." With this, Lewis explains how the Pharisee of this parable - and anyone else - can gradually slip from wonder before God into thinking that their own perfectionism makes them images of the divine, allowing them to scorn God's beloved poor just for being what they are.

The great scandal of Jesus' parable is that he recognizes holiness in the humility of the tax collector. Although Jesus never taught about the incarnation or Trinity, he claimed to act in the name of the God who not only created the universe, but who identifies with the lowliest and

suffers their pain. Jesus' Father is the God who, while knowing "no favourites," continually listens to the cry of the poor. The startling implication of this parable may be that the language of the proud reaches God as an unintelligible foreign tongue. The Pharisee spoke his claims to be virtuous into an echo chamber; they were addressed to and comprehended by no one but himself. Jesus' parable underlines a theme from Psalm 1 which proclaims that the wicked are ultimately no more significant than chaff; their deeds and their memory will blow away in a breeze. What are we to learn from this about the language of prayer? Listen to the tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." This man did not ask for the kind of "mercy" requested by the lepers who saw Jesus pass their way. The phrase translated here as "be merciful" is more properly interpreted as, "be gracious" or "look upon me with kindness." This man's prayer admits that, before God, we are all beggars longing for God's smile. Only those who have begun to understand God's own humility, only those who understand that love is the one invincible power on earth, can begin to speak God's language. When we pray, "God, be gracious to me," we are doing nothing more or less than asking God to be God. What greater praise could there be? The only thing left for us to do is to join Mary in saying, "Let your love take flesh in me, according to your will."

For the grace of humility, that we may come before God honestly, surrendering our pride and recognizing the limits of our strengths and abilities...We pray...

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