

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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Helping neighbours in need

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive
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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, November 4th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Emma Garnett
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Requested by

Thursday, November 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Jack Malheiro
Requested by the Family

Friday, November 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Jose Fajardo
Requested by the Family

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE CASSEROLES GROUP A & B

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

FALL BOOK CLUB WITH FR. TOM

Our book club for fall will meet on Thursdays, **November 20th and 27th** to discuss "Black Robe" by Brian Moore. All are welcome – please let the office know by phone or email if you plan to join Fr. Tom.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – BUNDLE UP AT ST. ANSELM NEXT WEEKEND!

The truck will be in our lot NEXT WEEKEND, 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!



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TURNING CARE INTO ACTION

At the Raising Hope Conference held in October 2025, Pope Leo XIV stressed the need for INTEGRAL ECOLOGY.

"Today more than ever it is necessary to return to the heart". Referencing Pope Francis' words to "heed the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor", Leo reflected: "God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world He created and for our brothers and sisters. What will our answer be?"

Pope Leo called for "true ecological conversion – from WORDS TO ACTION".

www.uisq.org/en/news/pope-leo-xiv-raises-hope-conference-after-laudato-si/

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is all about "turning concern into action for neighbours in need". The Saint Anselm Conference of the SSVP CLOTHING DRIVE will be held next wknd- **NOV 8 - 9th**. This provides an opportunity to turn our care for others into ACTION.

Through repurposing good-condition items not in use, we are practising integral ecology. In addition to being a gift in the lives of recipients, all who take the time to reflect and donate will surely experience the rewards of helping those in need. To learn about SSVP's "circular economy" and how donations help, see: ssvp.ca/programs/material-help/

GOOD SHEPHERD REFUGE FALLWISH LIST

Help the Good Shepherd Refuge this fall with much needed items. See the entrance of the church for a list, such as clothing, dormitory, hygiene, meals, and medicine items. Please drop off your donations in the bin at the Millwood entrance. Thank you for supporting the Good Shepherd!

Reflection on Wisdom 3:1-9
FEAST OF ALL SOULS



Today, we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us—"that great cloud of witnesses who surround us" (Heb 12:1) and support us with their prayers. Of course, there is sadness when a friend

or family member dies but, in the end, it is faith that enables us to surrender our mourning and be joyful in our memories. That faith is reflected and eloquently expressed by the author of Wisdom. Although it may not be immediately evident, this text is quite remarkable in that it exhibits the development of Israel's understanding of death and immortality. Up until ca 200 BCE, Jewish believers were of the mind that death is the end of every creature's existence and that only God is immortal. Gradually, there came the realization that human beings were blessed with an immortal spirit that survived death. Written somewhere around 60 BCE, this passage leaves no doubt that death is not the end but a passage unto peace in the presence of God. Death is one of the toughest areas for spirituality, yet also the most wonderful. How can our beloved ones, so filled with the spark of life, so suddenly be gone from us? Afterlife? Let's face it; the culture of the Western world is filled with unbelief about afterlife. Some people say there is no such thing. As a popular song once put it, "If that's all there is, then let's keep dancing." Here is a poem about life and death. The poet is Rabindranath Tagore, former poet laureate of India. This poem is #71 in his *Crossing*. He was not a Catholic or a Christian. Yet what he wrote can awaken those of us who are.

*I remember my childhood when the sunrise,
like my play-fellow,
would burst in to my bedside
with its daily surprise of morning;
when the faith in the marvelous bloomed
like fresh flowers in my heart every day,
looking into the face of the world
in simple gladness;
when insects, birds and beasts,
the common weeds,
grass and the clouds*

*had their fullest value of wonder;
when the patter of rain at night brought
dreams from the fairyland,
and mother's voice in the evening
gave meaning to the stars.
And then I think of death,
and the rise of the curtain and the new morning
and my life awakened
in its fresh surprise of love.* (Collected Poems and Plays of Rabindranath Tagore)

I am always thrilled when I come to the last four lines. I expect the word "death" to mean cancellation of the beautiful, the marvelous, the meaning, the mothering that most of us reach for. This poet knew better. Love undergirds everything, even death. Listen to this prayer of the Church this Sunday of All Souls: *As our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope for resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.* To put it another way, please tie life after death, our hope, tightly and irrevocably to the resurrection of Jesus. Every "fresh surprise of love" in our lives is Christ-given. Every one consists of fondness-enfleshed, like the patter of rain at night. If Christ was love enough to last through death, then let us stand by that love, even as we suffer or die. It is within us, no matter how many losses we have. No matter how harsh the world may act, still, in the depth of each and every person, there dwells the source of life, the place of home where God resides. So, how can a friend or family member be filled with the spark of life and then have it suddenly go out? By being welcomed directly into the arms of God even as Jesus himself was when he died. God helps us to full, complete readiness for his arms. It can be compared to loving parents helping their child to grow. To say it simply, "life after death" is nothing less and nothing more than love. And God is love. Thanks be to God.

*We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **The offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.***

Do you currently use weekly envelopes? We ask that you please consider enrolling in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or sign up to recurring monthly donations through our secure online portal by visiting <https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org> and clicking on "Donate. You would support the parish offertory fund on a **regular** basis, even when you can't attend in-person. This switch would also help to reduce cost and paper waste created by boxed envelopes.

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