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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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, November 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Cecilia Buraglia

Requested by Ines Escallon & Family

Wednesday, November 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Beckett & Belanger Families

Requested by Maralynn Beach

Thursday, November 27th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, November 28th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by Eco Anselm

COFFEE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30th

Please join your fellow parishioners in the Millwood lobby after the 11am Mass **next Sunday, November 30th** for coffee to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Thank you to Pablo for organizing this gathering!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS

ACTIVITIES 2025



The Angel Tree is now up in the Millwood Lobby!

Angel requests: 1) Gifts for distribution by Catholic Children Aid

2) Gift Cards for residents of Mary's Home, and St. Francis Residence

Popular items - sports (basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls for both boys and girls). Lego, crafts, ethnically diverse dolls, Teen toiletries, School back packs, lunch bags (variety for boys/girls/teens).

Please note: No stuffed animals, no guns/weapons.

Return gift, ideally in a gift bag, with *Angel*, **unwrapped** by latest Dec 10th.

Gift Cards to be returned to the collection basket in an envelope marked SSVP

Or

Donate to bring seasonal joy to needy households with extra food cards for Christmas. *Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please include your full name and address.*

Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.

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



EcoAnselm

Monday, Nov., 25th is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. (EVAW). "Violence against women and girls remains one of the most prevalent and pervasive human rights violations in the world." Almost one in three women have been subjected to gender-based violence. This pattern "has intensified in different settings, including the workplace and online spaces, and has been exacerbated by conflicts, and climate change".

In 2024, EVAW launched UNite - a 16-day campaign of activism starting on Nov 25 and concluding on International Human Rights Day (Dec 10). UNite 2025 calls for increased ACCOUNTABILITY and ACTION from decision-makers world-wide.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day>

Although women are negatively and disproportionately impacted by climate change, "they remain underrepresented in global climate negotiations, and their solutions are drastically under-resourced". Learn how climate change directly impacts women and girls - "5 FACTS about Gender Equality and Climate Change": <https://unfoundation.org/blog/post/five-facts-about-gender-equality-and-climate-change/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2025

His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo has released a message for the 40th World Youth Day, being celebrated on **November 23rd** (the Solemnity of Christ the King). The theme this year "highlights the importance of a living encounter with Jesus, Our King." For the complete message, please visit archtoronto.org or the Archdiocesan social media channels.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

"Today you will be with me in Paradise"



Life teaches us that we will die. Global tragedy and personal loss present us with graphic reminders of the inevitability of our own death. The readings at this time in the church year also highlight the reality of death. While it is an uncomfortable companion, death helps focus our lives. Which choices will define our time on earth? Do we have the courage to believe in an afterlife - the faith to believe, as the Gospel proclaimed last week, that "not a hair on our head will perish"? On this feast of Christ the King, a nameless, seemingly worthless criminal faces his death and emerges as a model for all of us. His choice to recognize Jesus as Savior redefines his life. His belief that Jesus is king gains him entrance into the kingdom of God. Surrounded by religious leaders who scoff at Jesus, soldiers who mock him, in an atmosphere filled with derision, how did this one man stand against a riot of disbelief? How did he see things differently? This nameless criminal chose to speak the truth. He admitted his crimes and accepted his fate. He embraced the moment filled with shame, pain and awareness that he had brought this on himself. He then addressed Jesus as his Savior: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." His example teaches us all how to pray, how to become our own living prayer. Prayer is standing exposed before God as we are, speaking the truth, embracing the present moment and acknowledging Jesus as our Savior. The truth can be far from pretty. Like the criminal, we often make poor choices and throw our lives into chaos and disorder. The good news is that our God welcomes us anyway. "Today you will be with me in paradise."

How can his example translate to our daily lives? Most of us are not criminals, yet each of us has a story. We hide our faults and know our private addictions. The path into addiction and then out of addiction toward healing is like the journey our criminal makes. They speak the truth, admit their wrongdoing and accept the consequences. They admit their powerlessness and embrace a higher power. The stories change, but the process of prayer remains the same. True prayer includes

fearless honesty, living the moment and accepting our dependence on God as our Creator. We need models for this kind of prayer. Many years ago, I came across a daughter who told this story about her own mother, who was fearful and guilt-ridden until she began attending Mass regularly. As she learned to pray, her belief that God loved her dispelled her fear. She spoke to God as one would a best friend, and she radiated joy. On her deathbed, her old fears and feelings of guilt threatened to overwhelm her, but she held strong. Her last words were, "Do you think Jesus would mind if I had some water for my journey?" That day, like our criminal, she was with Jesus in paradise. Can you recall times when you prayed so intently that you became your prayer? This is what the habit of deep personal prayer prepares us to experience. In the moment of truth, as crisis overtakes all of us, words cease and feelings fall away. Like candles that offer their own substance to provide light, we become our prayer. With his final breath of life, a nameless criminal showed us all the elements of true prayer. His example has reassured so many people who might otherwise have despaired because of their sins. At the hour of his death, he enters heaven because he entrusted himself to Jesus. We honour him and ourselves by becoming people of prayer. **For a transformation of our hearts, that, through the Cross of Christ, our understandings of power, success and glory may be changed and that we may place ourselves more fully in the service of God ...We pray O God...Thy Kingdom come**

For the deceased relatives and friends of all in this parish community, that they may be feasting together at the banquet table of the Lord...We pray, O God...Thy Kingdom Come...

*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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