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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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, March 10th, 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Living and Deceased Members of the Pieri and MacDonald Families

Thursday, March 12th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Liam Clifford
Requested by the Family

Friday, March 13th, 8:15 a.m.

Anne Kostovcik
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

SAVE THE DATE! **SPRING “BUNDLE UP WEEKEND” IS** **AROUND THE CORNER!**

Mark your calendars – the St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Up collection is coming up **April 11 & 12**. The truck will be in our parking lot that weekend to accept gently used clothing, outerwear, footwear and textiles such as sheets and towels. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Through ShareLife, you ensured Tyler didn't face his hardships alone

Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence. Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, he was withdrawn and guarded—reluctant to open up. But slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his family life.

Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles, and take steps toward

healing. Today, he says counselling has become something he looks forward to—even when it's hard—because it's helping him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on **March 22**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

IMPORTANT! 2025 TAX RECEIPTS

Charitable tax receipts for donations made to St. Anselm's through the offertory basket (envelopes) and through pre-authorized monthly DEBIT are printed and mailed through a vendor used by nearly 200 parishes in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The information is reconciled and prepared in our parish office, then sent electronically through the vendor's portal to be mailed out by them.

While we sent our information according to their timeline and the information was received, we learned last week that the file had, for some reason, missed being processed by the vendor. This means that, while we were told and, in turn shared, that receipts should have been received by mid-February, the receipts have just now been printed and mailed.

PLEASE keep your eye out for your receipt. Should you require your total 2025 amount, please call the parish office and we will be happy to provide it.



Support St. Anselm's Parish

Please consider supporting the parish by making a one-time or monthly donation. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to contribute.

Tax receipts for one-time or monthly donations will be issued.

Thank you for supporting our parish!

 **SCAN ME**

↓ NOTICE ↓

The parish office is open this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday but will be closed during March break. Should your matter be urgent during the week of March 16-20, please call 416-485-1792. Voicemail will be monitored.

THE APOSTLE AT THE WELL *John 4:5-42*



If we start by looking at the Samaritan woman as an apostle in her hometown, we might ask about the message she took to her people. After all, she had engaged in quite a theological discussion with Jesus, going from questions about whether he had something better than Jacob's well to where people should really worship and ending with hearing Jesus identify himself as the Christ. So, what was her message? "He told me everything I have ever done." That is all that we hear from her. In discussion with Jesus she had said that the coming Messiah would "tell us everything," but there was no hint that "everything" would be primarily personal information. What we have in this story is a rather complex encounter in which Jesus approaches this woman on the level of human need. He asks her for water but oh, how the simplest things can be complicated! The Samaritans now owned Jacob's well, a symbol of the common roots and tradition they shared with the Jews. But how could a Jew ask a Samaritan for anything? The Jews had destroyed the Samaritans' temple on Mount Gerizim; they disdained the Samaritans for being backwoods idolaters whose intermarriage with non-chosen people had contaminated the bloodlines. In short, they were antagonistic peoples inextricably related to one another at the deepest level of their religious history. Jesus was taking on all of that with his simple request for a drink. As the exchange progressed, there was great theological discussion about living water, Jacob's importance, correct worship, prophets and the coming Messiah. But what really counted was that Jesus revealed himself to the woman and revealed her to herself. We don't know the extent of their dialogue; we only know that she came to believe he had come from God and proclaimed, "He told me everything I have ever done." What's interesting about this in the context of Lent is that we have a conversion story that doesn't focus at all on sinfulness or even traditional repentance but rather on being known and accepted. When the conversation about husbands began, the woman said she had none, and Jesus replied that she had known at least five. But there is

no follow-up on the topic. No talk about straightening out her life, no discussion about laws concerning divorce and remarriage nor about whether she should be conversing with him at all in her current state.

She told her people, "He told me everything I have ever done." One gets the sense that Jesus explained her to herself. The symbolism of five husbands speaks to a person seeking something on a human level. Her discussion about where to worship, about prophets and the coming Messiah showed that she was well versed in the tradition and had real theological questions and religious hopes. But the message she took home spoke of none of that. She had been accepted for everything she was, just as she was. That fulfilled a need that no affair of the flesh or the mind could ever satisfy. This story is about thirst, about God seeking and finding beloved humanity. Whatever her social status, whether she was the town reject or a popular figure, this Samaritan became an apostle, an evangelizer. In *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis writes, "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that she or he has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus." That is exactly what happened to the Samaritan woman. Theology, liturgical correctness and the question of who has the better tradition are no more than distractions in the face of an encounter with Christ. Her interaction with Jesus filled her with the living water (the Spirit) that made her an apostle, one who enticed others into a similar encounter. The church offers us this story in this third week of Lent and invites us to meditate on the woman and her transformation. It reminds us that our faith is based on a personal encounter with Christ, the one whose effect on us is like cascading water. Water filling us and bubbling over into joyful expressions of being so loved just as we are, that we are impelled to continue the relationship and share it. The conversion revealed here is about focusing on Jesus and God's love, nothing more and nothing less.

DID YOU KNOW ... The Profession of Faith... *When we leave the church building after Mass, we are meant to go with a sense of conviction, trusting in the God who has placed his trust in us as disciples of his Son, Jesus. Through our profession of the Creed we express our faith in and allow our faith to be shaped by God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To pray the words of the creed at Mass is to proclaim our relationship with God. The creed invites us to place our trust in God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to live with confidence, conviction and courage, to live without fear and help to dispel that fear from the lives of others, to embrace our doubts as pathways to believing, to respect all creation, to recognize the face of Christ in all human beings and to clothe ourselves in Christ each and every day.* **Next Week: The Prayers of the Faithful**

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