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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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St. Anselm's School

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Mass Intentions for Week



Tuesday, May 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Dr. Michael Fralick

Requested by Paul and Patricia Kennedy

Wednesday, May 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Duilo Guido

Requested by the Guido & Biancolin Family

Thursday, May 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Angela Biancolin

Requested by the Guido & Biancolin Family

Friday, May 8th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of the Holy Father

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP A

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge's Provide-A-Meal program will be collected on Saturday, May 16th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE – this is the long weekend. If you have a casserole but will be away for the long weekend, please make arrangements for drop off at the parish office during the week prior.

“Help Mums Choose Life for Themselves and their Babies!”

The pro-life organization **Aid to Women** has been operating in the GTA for over 40 years counselling abortion-minded women to choose life for themselves and their babies. They encourage those women by pledging to support them and their babies the first two years of their child's life with everything from diapers, clothing, car seats, strollers, food and much, much more. Aid to Women will be conducting a Baby Bottle for Life fund raising campaign at (NAME OF PARISH) at all the weekend Masses May 9th and 10th (Mother's Day weekend). They will be handing out empty baby bottles and asking you to take them home and fill them with coins, bills and cheques and return the filled bottles at all the Masses on Father's Day weekend, June 20th and 21st. Please support Aid to Women so they can continue their very important ministry and say YES to life.”



For fabulous finds and expert gardening advice and please join EcoAnselm in the PARISH HALL for our Seedling and Plant Event this SUNDAY, MAY 03, 9:50-1:30. Support EcoAnselm in our efforts to nurture a love of nature, and to host parish-wide events related to ecology or peace.

Five easy environmental-actions for SPRING are shared here: www.dosomething.org/us/articles/5-easy-environmental-actions-for-spring

You are invited to join Catholics worldwide in praying for the Pope's monthly intention. This May 2026, the prayer intention of the Holy Father is: **“that everyone might have food”**. **“Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoiding wasting food, and ensure that everyone has access to quality food”**. www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 Write your Member of Parliament Today!

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**, which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from m

ental illness alone beginning in March 2027. We are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33

1 Pet 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

God's Presence



“Very truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact will do greater works than these...” (John 14:12) Some

forty plus years ago a group of Christian university students decided to find every verse of scripture that spoke of the “works” that God calls us to do. It turned out to their great surprise that they all related directly to issues of justice: care for the poor, the abandoned and the neglected. To their further astonishment they found over 2,000 texts about this call, which they then cut out of an old Bible. Their discovery came to be called the “Bible full of holes.” This “holy” Bible is still in existence. The “works that I do” that Jesus speaks of in today’s Gospel are precisely the very ones he did: healing the sick, washing the feet of others, feeding the multitudes, throwing arms of forgiveness around prodigal sons and daughters, challenging the powers that be. Robert F. Kennedy wrote about these kinds of “works,” and the ones that represent the “greater ones than these” that you and I can actually do, in this way: “It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a person stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. Crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples will build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.” You and I all by ourselves are probably not going to heal sick people in the same way Jesus did but we can certainly attend to them. You and I all by ourselves are probably not going to raise anyone from the dead as Jesus did but we can grieve with those who have lost a loved one. You and I all by ourselves are probably not going to stop the horrific spread of human trafficking that is a blight on humanity; we’re probably not going to end the terrible rise in drug addiction or put an end to the income inequity so many people are struggling with or end the curse of pornography that is corrupting so many lives. But what we can do is “diverse acts of courage” that will enable us to stand up, to speak out, to

demand an accounting. What we can do is become a “tiny ripple of hope” that, joined with others, can become a “current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.”

How can we do this? We can begin by listening to how today’s second reading reminds us of who we are. We’re not just anybody, it tells us. We’re “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people ... who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” “A people of his own” is the way scripture describes us. We’re different from everyone else. We belong to God. We are his presence in this world. We are his face, his voice, his hands, his feet, his heart. And how will people know this? By doing the “works” that mimic the very ones Jesus does. Perhaps if each one of us asked ourselves this one question, it would help us know what the “works” are that we can do: What in the world today most breaks your heart, most offends your sense of justice, most inspires passion within you?

Do that.

DID YOU KNOW...The Communion Rite...*In the Communion Rite we begin the work of living as if God alone sustains us and of recognizing God’s presence in all people. We are sent forth to continue this work during our busy, hectic lives by recognizing the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in all those we meet, especially coworkers, customers, clients, family members, friends and those we encounter daily on the bus, the train, on the road, in malls and on the street; by encouraging family, friends and coworkers to see God’s goodness in others; by reminding ourselves and others that even in the midst of loss, God’s presence and grace continue to sustain us; by beginning each day by acknowledging that God alone is the source of our fulfilment; by identifying at the end of each day when we may have attempted to seek fulfilment in unhealthy ways; by doing something meaningful for someone who is struggling – a phone call, a visit, an offering of help; by getting in touch with our deepest hopes and desires and asking God to fulfill them. God alone is the our source of fulfilment. Nothing else! No one else! Not our looks, money, possessions, status, friends, family, location, popularity, power or abilities. That’s what going to Mass and receiving Communion is all about. From the moment we enter the church building for Mass, we are being invited and challenged to realize that God alone sustains us. **“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”***

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