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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
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, September 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Francis Ford

Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

Wednesday, September 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Jo Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, September 10th, 8:15 a.m.

John Innes

Requested by Joan Innes

Friday, September 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Blas Buraglia

Requested by Ines Escallon & Family



EcoAnselm

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 (SoC26)

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical observance that begins on Sept 01, World Day of Prayer for Creation and is observed until Oct. 04, Feast Day of Saint Francis. In 2019, Pope Francis integrated the SoC into the Roman Catholic Church worldwide. SoC26 "explores Ezekiel 47:9-12 as a biblical vision of hope and ecological healing". The theme is "Immersion in Living Waters". The symbol portrays living water flowing from God's sanctuary and growing ever deeper as each person chooses to immerse in the waters - recognizing ecological destruction and assuming responsibility for the whole of Creation through PRAYER and ACTION. <https://seasonofcreation.org/> Theological perspectives, and a list of ecumenical services, links and events through which we can unite with others in prayer, dialogue, learning and action on behalf of Creation are posted on the SoC26 Eco-Board in the Millwood Lobby.

The **Gold for Good** programme is launching September 19!

Turn your gold and silver into Welcoming Doors!

All funds will be going towards repairing our church doors. Please go through your jewellery boxes, silver chests, attics, wherever you can find Gold and Sterling Silver items that you are willing to donate.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP A

Group A casseroles will be collected **Saturday, September 19th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Thank you to our parish casserole chefs for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry.

★ **FIRST CONFESSIONS** ★

First Communion

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

AND FIRST COMMUNION

INFORMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS

Parents of children in Grade 2 (or older) who are interested in information about preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one's home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about the preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate, must be returned by October 4th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

INFORMATION MEETING FOR

CANDIDATES AND PARENTS

Youth in our parish who are in Grade 7 (or older) and their parents are invited to attend a meeting to hear about the preparation process for the sacrament of Confirmation. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00pm in the church.**

In accordance with the Archdiocese of Toronto, sacraments are the responsibility of one's home parish. ***This meeting is open to those who reside in the St. Anselm parish boundary and consider St. Anselm their home parish.***

You will receive information about our preparation process and will leave with a registration form. The completed form, along with a copy of their baptism certificate, must be returned by October 18th.

More information will be provided at the meeting. In the meantime, please locate your child's baptism certificate or reach out to their church of Baptism to request a copy to save time.

GET READY - BUNDLE UP is coming Oct 3-4!

Ezek 33:7-9 Ps 95

Rom 13:8-10 Matt 18:15-20

*"Today, if you
hear His voice,
do not harden your hearts"*

Hebrews 3:15

Today, the sacred texts put us in touch with the truth that we are not yet holy as God is holy or perfect as God is perfect. We fall short of our goals; we miss the mark; we sin. But we are not without hope, because the God who created us in the divine image loves us and wants us to be the best reflection of the Godhead that we can be. The God who loves us also wants to enter into a relationship with us from which we will draw life, true happiness and deep fulfillment. When we sin, we place that relationship in jeopardy and stand in need of the forgiveness and rehabilitation that will make us whole and holy once again. At times, however, we fail to recognize our sin; it is then that the love we have for one another in Christ urges us to reach out to one another so that the process of reconciliation can begin.

Ezekiel tells us that our responsibility for one another requires us to warn each other against wicked ways. If we fail to do so, says the prophet, then we are culpable. God made us to be responsible for one another. In today's second reading from Paul's correspondence with the believers in Rome, Paul reminds us of our mutual "debt." We are to love one another. We "owe" this to one another, says Paul. In loving, we fulfill the law. Because of our love for one another, we help one another to avoid sin and do what is right. Matthew, in today's Gospel, offers us a glimpse into the inner workings of the church of the 80s C.E. In order to help one another to become more authentic images of God, the community had worked out a process whereby those who sinned might be made aware of their sin, then seek forgiveness and be reconciled to God and to their brothers and sisters in Christ. These efforts at reconciliation were intended to keep the community honest and strong in its witness to God and to Christ. Over time and with many revisions, including the ability to confess our sins individually to a priest, we celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Unfortunately, in recent decades, the habit of regular confession has changed. Some of us approach the sacrament as little as possible and sometimes ignore this gift of forgiveness and grace with little understanding of the words we hear in this gospel today. In an effort to stress the necessity of regular confession, Pope John Paul I used this experience of Jonathan Swift's servant. After spending the night in an inn, Swift asked for his boots, which the servant brought to him covered in dust. When asked why they hadn't been cleaned, the servant replied, "After a few miles on the road, they'll be dirty again, so why bother." "Quite right," said Swift. "Now get the horses and let us be on our way." "Without breakfast?" cried the servant. "There's no point," said Swift. "After some miles on the road, you'll be hungry again" (Anthony Castle, *A Treasure of Quips, Quotes and Anecdotes*, Twenty-Third Publications, Mystic, Conn.: 1998).

So it is with confession. Admitting our sin and seeking forgiveness must become a routine aspect of our spiritual journey. Reconciliation should be understood as a

necessary "pit stop" without which we will not grow and our relationships with others will not flourish. As John Paul I put it, not only does confession result in the forgiveness of sin but also fills us with the grace to avoid sin in the future so that our friendship with God and our neighbour flourishes and grows. It is never easy to admit our wrongdoing. It is even harder when someone else points out our faults. Nevertheless, the love we share as believers in Jesus compels us to care enough for one another that we are willing to take that risk.

SEASON OF CREATION



"Humans are called to care for our Sister Mother Earth, not because she was created for our sole use and domination, but because we as a species have uniquely sinned in abusing her and her other inhabitants. For our ecological sins, Lord Have Mercy!

#SeasonOfCreation."

*The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, commitment and conversion together. We join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The season begins on **September 1st** and ends on **October 4th**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. As part of our response and to remind us during this period, the Prayers of the Faithful will contain a petition focused on THIS Season of Creation. **That people of all faiths use the Season of Creation as a time to remember, respect, pray and act for the good of all creation, we pray...Creator God, hear our prayer.***

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