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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.

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Mass for Intentions Week

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

For the Deceased Members of the Kiros Family
Requested by Ken & Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, September 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Carl Deleuze
Requested by the Family

Thursday, September 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Norm Sparrey
Requested by the Geerts Family

Friday, September 18th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm



**JOIN THE GLOBAL PEACE WAVE
SUNDAY, SEPT 20th AT NOON
in all time zones WORLDWIDE.
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED
to gather for ONE MINUTE OF SILENT
PRAYER FOR PEACE at NOON on
SUNDAY, SEPT 20th. Following the
11 mass, join EcoAnselm in front of
the statue of "Our Lady of Peace" (OR)
join from wherever you are at NOON.**

The GLOBAL PEACE WAVE is the start of week-long initiatives of the International Peace Bureau (IPB). ipb.org/peace-wave-sept-20-26/
The dynamic wave begins at NOON in Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Tokyo.
Govts and organizations in more than 100 countries across the world hold events to promote learning and advocacy in support of the "Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons!"
The intent is "to move towards completely eliminating nuclear weapons nationwide".
Across CANADA "Citizen Signing Ceremonies" will be held in eight cities and communities in support of the NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN TREATY.
To participate see: [Ceasefire.ca](http://www.ceasefire.ca)
<http://www.ceasefire.ca>

Please join at NOON in prayerful support for the success of this dynamic GLOBAL WAVE of various initiatives for peace and security worldwide.

★ 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES – GROUP A

Group A casseroles will be collected next **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.

GOLD FOR GOOD AT ST. ANSELM!

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.

Donation bags and instructions will be available after each Mass on September 19th and 20th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

BUNDLE UP is coming Oct 3-4!

Please see the bulletin board for accepted items.

The truck will be in our church parking lot October 3 and 4 to collect gently used clothing, footwear and household textiles. Thank you for supporting your neighbours in need!

ALL ARE WELCOME – FALL BOOK CLUB

Fr. Tom invites you to the fall gathering of the book club. The selected book is **“My Life with the Saints”** by James Martin, SJ. We will meet to discuss the book on **November 3 & 10** at 10am. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to join us.

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Saturday, September 26, 2026. at 9:00 a.m.

TO REGISTER:

Send an email to: Development@ArchToronto.org and write **“webinar September 26”** in the title line + your name(s) in the body of the message

Sir 27:30-28:9

Psalms 103

Rom 14:7-9a Matt 18:21-35

FORGIVENESS



As often happens in the Gospels, Peter sets the stage for Jesus to launch into a parable. After a discussion about how to deal with offenses in the community, Peter tried to appear piously magnanimous, suggesting that he might accept the requirement to forgive another — at least his brother — up to seven times (a

number that implies always). In reply Jesus says, “Seven? No! Seventy-seven. ... Not just always, but forever and ever, Amen!” That phrase sounds infinite, and that’s his point. From there, Jesus wove a parable describing the dynamics of the kingdom of heaven, the realm where divine values are operative. By nature, the divine realm is superlative and so too was the debt of the manipulative miser who begged his master for mercy. According to Matthew, this guy owed 10,000 talents. A talent weighed

between 75 and 100 pounds, thus the fellow was in debt for the equivalent of at least 750,000 pounds of silver or gold — considerably more than anyone could hope to pay back in multiple lifetimes! The master, who himself must have been fabulously wealthy, allowed the debtor’s pleas to touch his heart. The master’s compassion was such that his feelings for the servant outweighed the enormous debt. But this miserly debtor was immune to the type of humanity the master extended. By forgiving his impossible liability, the master had introduced the man into a new way of living; he invited him into a world in which people were valued more than any possession. Tragically, rather than abide in a world of compassion, this wretched fellow refused to forgive another servant a paltry sum. The self-destructive debtor of this story clung to the vices Sirach describes so creatively in today’s first reading.

Sirach gives us such a vivid description of merciless people that we can easily visualize them — at the same time seeing what we look like when we act like them. Picture the posture of someone hugging her wrath like a petulant child. Next, imagine what it looks and feels like when we decide to nourish our anger. “Nourish” is a key word here. Sirach’s image suggests that cherishing ill will starts like eating too much chocolate; we do it in spite of the fact that it makes us sick. Cultivating resentment shrinks the soul and traps a person in a self-made, unforgiving world with no exit. That was where the unforgiving wretch put himself. Jesus concluded his parable by calling his disciples to cultivate a forgiving heart. His story teaches us that when forgiveness seems too hard, the time is ripe to let our memory lead us to gratitude. The parable of the big debtor suggests that if we want to keep accounts, most of us have 750,000 reasons for gratitude to weigh against something between seven and 77 opportunities to forgive. Those scales will never even out. Today’s Liturgy of the Word invites us to enter into the dynamics of the kingdom of heaven. Gratitude is the emotion that introduces us to this realm. Based on that entry point, we will realize that even when we don’t understand one another, concern for each other’s welfare outweighs offenses and misunderstanding. Worldly standards may see this as crazy. Christians can enjoy it as godly. If our faith in God does not move us to forgive... if our belonging to the God whose mercy knows no limit does not inspire us to forgive, perhaps the warning of Jesus ben Sira and the Matthean Jesus will provide the impetus. Forgive injustice, urges ben Sira and when you pray, you will be forgiven. These thoughts are echoed in today’s gospel: “should you not have pity... as I had pity on you?” Unless each of you forgives your brother from the heart... With this challenge affirmed once more in our hearing, do we dare to continue to ask “How many times? ...?”

SEASON OF CREATION

That those who believe in God may promote in their own religious traditions a spirituality and practice that recognizes the goodness of creation and contributes to the growth of a world of love, justice and peace where all living things praise the Creator...We Pray...

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