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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 Intentions for Week

Tuesday, September 22nd, 8:15 a.m.
Thresia Prasad
Requested by Shevaun McGrath

Wednesday, September 23rd, 8:15 a.m.
Nora Escallon
Requested by Ines Escallon & Family

Thursday, September 24th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, September 25th, 8:15 a.m.
Foo See Foy
Requested by Michelle Chue & Family

EcoAnselm

"MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH!"
SUNDAY, SEPT 20, AT NOON
In all times zones across the world, people will participate in forming a "GLOBAL PEACE WAVE" - ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE. Following the 11:00 mass, please join members of EcoAnselm in front of the statue of "Our Lady of Peace", OR from wherever you are at NOON, to share ONE MINUTE OF SILENT PRAYER FOR PEACE. The opening / closing response is "*May peace prevail on earth!*" for the loveofcreation.ca/season-of-creation-2026-immersion-in-living-water/

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2026 (IDP26) is Monday, Sept. 21. This year's theme honours all "everyday architects of peace". "INVEST IN PEACE - FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY DAY". Take one small step toward peace every day. Give your time to help another / lend your voice to drive positive change / say a prayer for someone who may have hurt you / learn from the stories of those who have been injured. https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace

Stewardship Sunday, Sept. 20nd, 2026
EcoAnselm, Saint Anselm's Ministry of Ecology, welcomes new members. If "Peace and Care of Creation" calls to you, contact Barrig in the office and ask to be connected with a member of EcoAnselm for further information.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

First Communion

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION INFOMRATION 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.

St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE UP Weekend

Spring Cleaning – Year Round!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes and linens to support our neighbours in need the weekend of October 3-4.
Please bring your donation and help others in your community. Thank you!

GOLD FOR GOOD AT ST. ANSELM!

The **Gold for Good** programme launches this weekend!

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 this weekend.

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

Isa 55:6-9 ***Psalm 145***
Phil 1:20-24, 27 ***Matt 20:1-16***
The Lord is near to all who call on him.

FINDING GOD

Today's parable of the landowner and the day labourers who got paid equally, no matter how long they worked, disturbs most people. Except for the prodigal son, few parables bother people more than this one. It's not fair. Who wants a kingdom of heaven that runs on this sort of rule? Really, what's the point of spending oneself all day if people who only work an hour get the same reward? It reminds me of the story of Constantine. They say that in the year 312, Constantine had a vision of a cross and the phrase, "In this sign, conquer." After winning a key battle under the sign of Christ, he and another emperor issued the Edict of Milan, legalizing Christianity. While Constantine claimed to believe in Christianity, he realized that its moral demands would have hindered his style — activities like the murder of his wife and son — so he waited to be baptized until he was on his deathbed. Forgiveness of sin and a straight path to heaven! Was he following the moral of this week's parable? One line in the parable of the vineyard workers suggests a key to understanding it. Replying to the disgruntled folks who "bore the day's burden and the heat," the owner asked, "Are you envious because I am generous?"

Let's take a look at the workers' envy. What did they want from the owner? It seems they had no concern about the vineyard itself, only the salary. Like hired shepherds, they were contract workers, they had no stake in the produce; any job would have been the same to them as long as they received the payment they thought they deserved. This is not to say that the latecomers were any more sincerely committed to the owner and the crop. The generous proprietor might not have even expected their loyalty. He focused at least as much on the good of the workers as on the work itself. None of the workers had more need of a wage than others; the families of those who had waited all day to be hired would be just as hungry as the families of those who worked all that time. The owner gave all of them what they needed to survive.Taking this one step further, we might ask who among the workers might have cared as much about the landowner as he cared for them? A worker who is identified with the owner shares his care for the vineyard. For that person, the work itself is a reward and the pay is just one dimension of belonging to a group with a shared project. A worker who shares the owner's motivation becomes one with the owner. This thinking may help lead us to a better understanding of the God whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are far above ours. Sometimes we look at religion as a transactional affair: if we do good, we'll get rewarded, if not, we'll be punished. Thus, like Constantine, we shoot for the best we can get with the least disturbance to other priorities. Jesus said that this parable was about the kingdom of heaven — a realm that doesn't operate as a transactional system. This parable introduces us to an owner who cares for both workers and the vineyard, an owner criticized primarily for his generosity. This is the sort of owner that one can trust to look out for the common good. This owner seeks others who will share his priorities, who can catch some of his spirit. In Paul's words, he looks for people who will live for something more than themselves. Isaiah left us asking how to find God. Jesus' parable of the owner and workers suggests that getting caught up in God's work will reveal who God is and draw us into the joy of living generously. That's more than fair.

For people of faith, that the Season of Creation may offer us a chance to reflect on what is ours as members of God's community of creation who depend on Sister Water for life and are called to protect and preserve this essential part of creation…We pray…Creator God, hear our prayer.

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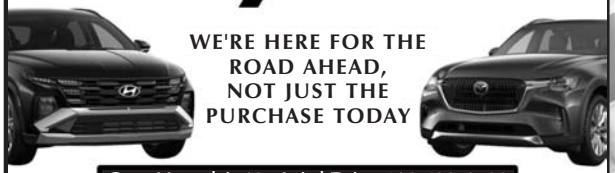

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