

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Terry McIntosh

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, September 30th, 8:15 a.m.

Teresita Millare Little

Requested by Margaret Langer

Thursday, October 1st, 8:15 a.m.

Rosa and John Paglialunga

Requested by the Family

Friday, October 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Mary Gert McCollam

Requested by Neil and Cheryl Moore



EcoAnselm

PARISH-WIDE LITURGY IN THE PARK SUNDAY OCT. 4th from 10:00 to 10:30

(between morning masses). This Season of Creation para-liturgy will be presented by EcoAnselm in Father Caulfield Parkette (steps north of St. Anselm church). Rain location will be in front of the statue of Our Lady of Peace. ALL ARE WELCOME

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - WED. SEPT. 30th

FREE ADMISSION to Saint Marie Among the Hurons for a day of events "designed to promote awareness and foster healing" saintmarieamongthehurons.on.ca/events/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/ For Resources, Events and Webinars see: <https://forthe loveofcreation.ca/season-of-creation-2026-immersion-in-living-water/> PRAYER FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"We pray this month that, hearing the Prophet's call to "beat swords into plowshares," we may undergo a profound ecological conversion. May the energies currently spent on war be redirected to heal our wounded earth and care for the vulnerable. Let us become artisans of peace, transforming the deserts within us into gardens of justice, so that the peace of Christ may reign over all creation." (Laudato Si Movement for Catholics for Our Common Home <https://laudatosimovement.org/pray/>)

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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

Wed., Oct 14th at 7:00 p.m.

GARY KAPELUS

will be at St. Anselm's
to share the remarkable
story of his father - a
child survivor of the holocaust.
More information to follow...

GOLD FOR GOOD AT ST. ANSELM!

Turn your gold and silver into Welcoming Doors!

All funds will be going towards repairing our church doors. If you picked up a donation bag last weekend, thank you! If you missed getting a bag, please let us know and we will provide you with one this weekend.

Please consult the schedule to return the donation bag.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place this weekend.. This annual initiative is an important opportunity for the faithful to actively support and assist the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying, and caring for the Church in Canada. Please support the Collection. Envelopes are in boxed sets, PAG bundles and are available on the glass tables. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

SSVP BUNDLE UP IS NEXT WEEKEND!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes and linens to support our neighbours in need next weekend, October 3-4.

Please bring your donation and help others in your community. Thank you!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 4

In honour of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing for all household pets after the 11am Mass next **Sunday, October 4th**. We will meet outside the church on the Millwood landing.

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.

Ezek 18:25-28

Psalms 25

Phil 2:1-11

Matt 21:28-32

THE WAY HOME



Procrastination is particularly subversive because it consoles us with our intention to do good without ever doing it. Like other forms of denial, it reassures us that we are pointed in the right direction, are basically virtuous and will eventually

get around to doing what is right. But we never actually overcome our inactions and instead are gradually paralyzed by our excuses until we forget our original plan or motivation for change or improvement. John Greenleaf Whittier, 19th-century Quaker poet and abolitionist, captured the tragedy of postponing good in his famous line: "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"

In today's Gospel, Jesus distinguishes between those who say they obey God but do not act and those who resist God's will but in the end accomplish it. Words are not enough; deeds show our true intent. In Matthew 7:24-29, Jesus compares one who hears the word but does not live it to a person building a house on sand. When confronting the chief priests and the elders, Jesus warns them again and again. They claim superior knowledge of the law, perfect practice of ritual purity but avoid the poor and escape the burdens of genuine love. They do not enter the kingdom themselves but also prevent others from doing so. Paradoxically, while the self-righteous remain aloof, sinners recognize their need for God's mercy and are taking the kingdom by storm. Virtue appears to

complete us, gaining God's favour in the same way physical exercise builds muscle and improves our appearance. We look at others who lack discipline and often feel proud that we are not like them. Yet, as we distinguish ourselves from those who are morally weak, we isolate ourselves from humanity and forget the essential practices that measure true holiness.

Paul celebrates the mystery of self-emptying in the hymn quoted in the second reading today. Jesus did not separate himself from our human condition but emptied himself of his divine prerogatives to become one with us in temptation and suffering. He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death. Though he was God, he accepted the most ignominious death possible — execution as a criminal on the cross. If, in our pursuit of holiness, we imagine ourselves rising to heaven, we will pass Jesus going the other way, identifying totally with those who suffer most the hardships of the human condition in order to unite himself with them as a brother. True holiness is not found in splendid isolation from the troubles of others or in personal perfection achieved by avoiding the annoying faults of others. We become whole by taking our place in the real world of family and community, by helping others who try our patience and waste our time and our resources asking us to accompany them on the up-and-down road of life. We are fulfilled every time that we end up emptying ourselves for others. Giving ourselves away, we find ourselves again in God. Jesus tells his disciples, and us: "For whoever wills to save his life will lose it and whoever will lose his life for me will find it" (Matt 16:25). The parable of the two sons teaches hope. Even if we are late in realizing it, doing God's will is the way forward. It is our way home.

SEASON OF CREATION

For all participating in this Eucharist, offering the gifts earth has given and human hands have made, that we may be ready and willing to respond to God's word calling us to be prophets of a creation made new in the Passover of Jesus...We pray...Creator God, hear our prayer.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday, September 27. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "Even just one of these children."

Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew (18:5) — "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me" — the Holy Father calls the Church to pay special attention to migrants and refugee children. He reminds us that every child matters, and we are called to protect and welcome them with open hearts, offering them safety, dignity, and a hopeful future. We are invited to reflect on how our parishes and communities can respond with concrete acts of hospitality and compassion to the youngest and most vulnerable among those on the move.

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