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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, October 6th, 8:15 a.m.

Norm Sparrey

Requested by the Popelas Family

Wednesday, October 7th, 8:15 a.m.

In Thanksgiving

Requested by Jean Freeman

Thursday, October 8th, 8:15 a.m.

Fernando Filippi

Requested by the Family

Friday, October 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Basil Trace

Requested by Eva Trace



EcoAnselm

LITURGY IN THE PARK

Sunday Oct 4th, the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, marks the end of the Season of Creation.

EcoAnselm invites you to share in a prayerful celebration of gratitude for creation offered in Father Caulfield Parkette (first corner north of the the church) from 10:00 to 10:30.

Throughout October, praying the HOLY ROSARY is a special focus.

MON., OCT. 07th is the feast of OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

EcoAnselm invites you to join other parishioners in praying the full rosary, one decade, or one Hail Mary - pray as you are able on this day - for PEACE, JUSTICE and CARE OF CREATION.

"Today, 1 in 4 people in Canada are struggling to put food on the table"

and "food bank visits have doubled since 2019." (Food Banks Canada)

More than "1 in 10 Torontonians rely on food banks" www.dailybread.ca

This Thanksgiving, consider supporting ANY food bank. Registered food banks near you can be located through:

feedontario.ca/find-a-food-bank/

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, 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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Adults who are interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church are invited to a meeting on Saturday, October 17th at 11:00am. Please come to the parish office door. This gathering will introduce you to the process and we will try to answer your questions before we begin.

Parents whose children are 8 years and older and are seeking baptism or a profession of faith for their child are asked to contact Fr. Moore now as this process will begin shortly.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED!

Want to get even more involved in St. Anselm's Parish?

We've got a calendar of GREAT events coming up this year and we're looking for people with all kinds of skills to help make them the best that they can be!

Are you a baker, a planner, someone who can set up coffee? Can you flip pancakes, guide people to where they need to be or act as a host/ess? Are you a photographer, tech specialist or parent who can liaise with the school? Do you have skills not listed above you'd like to let us know about?

EMAIL stasvolunteers@gmail.com and we'll gratefully put you on our list!

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Collection

As part of our ongoing commitment to support healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Toronto has made a commitment to provide funds in support of programs and initiatives that respond to the various needs that exist among Indigenous Peoples both locally and throughout the country.

For more information or to donate online please visit: www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation - thank you for your generosity!

Envelopes are available in your boxed sets or on the glass tables at the entrances to the church.

GARY KAPELUS - KEYNOTE SPEAKER **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00 P.M.**

Gary's father, Jerry Kapelus, a child survivor of the Holocaust, was the only member of his family spared from death at Auschwitz. In the 1980's, in response to an alarming rise of holocaust denial, Jerry broke his silence on the painful topic to courageously share his personal experience. When Jerry was no longer physically able to tell his story, Gary took up his father's mission.

On October 14th, Gary Kapelus will be presenting "Jerry's Story". This is a poignant opportunity to share in a remarkable true story of human resilience, faith in humanity and the sacred duty of memory. Following this Speaker Event, participants are invited to share in a small Gathering of Hospitality with our speaker. MacNaughton doors will be open at 6:30pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

NEW!! YOUTH MINISTRY

We are excited to be starting a youth ministry at St. Anselm's. This will be open to young people who are currently in Grade 7 – Grade 12. There will be an information meeting for interested youth and their parents on Sunday, October 18th after the 11am Mass. Parental consent forms will be distributed.

Pray the Rosary

October 7 is the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary, a prayer that has served as a beacon of hope, a source of comfort, and a mighty weapon for believers throughout history.

This devotion reflects the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Good Shepherd Ministries **Fall Donation Wish List**

Please see the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church for a list of most needed items.

Donations can be dropped off in the bins at the entrances of the church. Good Shepherd Ministries thanks you for your support

Isa 5:1-7 Ps 80
Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43

GOD'S VINEYARD



When the eighth-century prophet Isaiah had a harsh truth to communicate to his contemporaries, he wrapped his message in a ballad — a love song that told of God's love and Israel's repeated infidelity. He warned of judgment and well-deserved punishment, but he sang of these realities and thereby created an opening in the hearts of those who might otherwise have turned a deaf ear. Similarly, when Jesus and the Matthean evangelist wanted to gain the attention of their listeners, they couched their message in the words of a parable, holding up to them, as if in a mirror, the evils they were perpetrating. Like Isaiah's song, the parable provided a ready medium for delivering an unpopular truth. Isaiah's ballad and Jesus' parable are stories, and stories have been a vitally important aspect of the human experience from the very beginning. In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the tenants in the vineyard. The story is all allegory. The owner (God) sends his servants (the prophets of old) to collect the produce of the vineyard (Israel). But the tenants (religious and political leaders of Israel who have refused the owner his rightful share of the produce) treat the servants cruelly — stoning and beating them. Finally, the owner sends his own son (Jesus), and the tenants kill him. The lesson is directed first to the chief priests and leaders of the Jewish community, but also to the infant Christian church, and to us. There are two approaches to the interpretation of this parable that we want to avoid. The first is the trap of anti-Semitism — the underlying theology of the Nazis and all who have persecuted the Jewish people. Those who were partially responsible for the death of Jesus were a few self-

interested leaders, not the masses of ordinary Jews. Jesus preached to them, healed them, loved them and was one of them. Anti-Semites who call themselves Christian forget that Jesus was Jewish, as were his first disciples and much of the early church. We who are gentile Christians are inheritors or spiritual descendants of Abraham and the Jewish people. They also forget that Jesus came to preach a God of love and would be the last to take up the sword against even his enemies, much less the innocent children of innocent people. The second mistaken approach is interpreting a parable of Jesus as if it only has relevance for one time and one place and one people. The Gospel contains truth for all times and all places and all peoples. If we read the lesson of this parable as only applying to first-century Jewish leaders, we miss the point — by a mile! — and let ourselves off the hook.

How does this parable apply to us today? What is the message for our parish communities, our neighbourhoods, our families? How are we challenged by these readings today and are we going to answer God's call for change? God provides the vineyard of our lives. God provides the tools, the wisdom, the circumstances and the strength to bring fruit out of this vineyard. All together we might call this "grace." What we provide, and only we can provide, is the "will" to do what needs to be done to bear good fruit — the will to work in the vineyard every day. It may be that we get distracted by what we lack. We may think we need better tools — to be smarter, to have more money, even a different vineyard. But if we remember that all is from God and that we have what we need to make of our life a fruitful paradise, then we will be judged worthy tenants. And we will have understood this teaching of Jesus, which will make Jesus, like any teacher, very happy indeed.

Oct. 4th Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

What is so compelling of this figure who is revered by Christians all over the world and includes many non-Christians as well? Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato si'*, answers this question so well

and becomes a fitting closing of this year's **Season of Creation**.

"I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his open heartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace".

*Let us pray for Saint Francis' intercession, that like him, we may recognize the inseparable bond between ourselves and all of humanity, especially the poor, and the bond between ourselves and all of creation. May our attitudes and choices reflect this recognition and offer worthy praise to our Lord and Creator! **Creator God, hear our prayer.***

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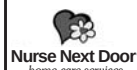
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