

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
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, October 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Myra Dowling

Requested by Breda & Dermot O'Carroll

Wednesday, October 21st, 8:15 a.m.

Carl Deleuze

Requested by the Family

Thursday, October 22nd, 8:15 a.m.

Gail McIntosh

Requested by Breda & Dermot O'Carroll

Friday, October 23rd, 8:15 a.m.

Betty Stokes

Requested by the Family



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!

Pope Leo XIV has dedicated the Rosary Prayer Intention for October 2026 for "mental health ministry". Leo calls upon the church to listen without judging and to accompany those who suffer without excluding them so that the church may become "a safe space where everyone has a place ... a community where all people find welcome, dignity and hope".

Pope Leo remembers those who provide care - asking God to give them strength and compassion. "Send your Spirit upon us, that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church ... and thus become a living sign of your mercy, which never abandons and always restores."

ECOANSELM invites prayers for all members serving Saint Anselm's Chapter of Saint Vincent the Paul - who so often care for persons whose lives have been disrupted by challenges related to mental health. See "Pray with the Pope", a video produced by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

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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.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AND NEEDED!

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

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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!

FALL BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER 3 & 10

All are welcome 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.



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Please consider supporting the parish by making a one-time or monthly donation. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to contribute.

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 **SCAN ME**

Isa 45:1, 4-6

1 Thess 1:1-5b

BELONGING TO GOD



Ps 96

Matt 22:15-21

The cartoon character Charlie Brown never ages and seems not to learn much either. Every fall since 1953, Lucy has been snatching away the football just before Charlie can kick it, leaving him sprawled on the ground, lamenting. Poor old Charlie Brown. It often seems that Jesus' opponents were as naïve as

Charlie Brown and as unkind and double-crossing as Lucy. Over and over, they failed to realize that they were no match for the wit and wisdom of their prey. Time after time, they tried to trap Jesus, only to find themselves caught in the spiraling challenges that flowed from their attempts. As often happens, the Gospel we hear today has multiple levels of significance.

Jesus must have enjoyed the rich irony of the group that assembled to approach him that day; they were Herodians and disciples of the Pharisees - groups with significant ideological differences brought together because they saw Jesus as a rival. The combination of these two groups intent on cornering Jesus made for great public theatre. Like prosecuting attorneys, they planned to trick him with a question about paying taxes: If he said, "Don't pay," he was rebelling against the Romans; if he advised payment, he was affirming the Roman right to collect a hated tax. Unfortunately for them, Jesus was quick on his feet and led them to get snared in their own trap. He said, "Show me the money!" Money always talks. In this case, when one of them produced the type of Roman currency required for paying that much-loathed tax, the coin made a visual announcement that at least one of those purists was walking around with a portrait of Caesar in his purse. That coin not only had an image, but it bore the inscription, "Tiberius Caesar, Son of the Divine Augustus." That announced that the holder was ready to comply with the tax and also carried a "graven image" of a false God: flagrant violations of God's command. Simply by showing Jesus the coin they had, they incriminated themselves both of being compliant with Rome and of breaking the law of God. Jesus asked, "Whose head is this and whose title?" When they identified Caesar, he said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God, what belongs to God." Genesis speaks of human beings created as images of God. Genesis 1:26-27 uses the word image three times as it teaches that male and female are created in the divine image. Hearing the question, "whose head?" created an echo of Genesis in the minds of anyone steeped in the scriptures, reminding them that every person is an august image of God. This isn't just a random silver dollar; giving something indicates that the givers are handing over a bit of themselves and admitting that the receiver has the right to it. This raises the question of what really belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. Because Jesus had brought Genesis to mind, the answer was obvious: Everything is part of God's creation, destined to be consecrated to God's purpose. Just like Charlie Brown

running toward Lucy, the team of Pharisees and Herodians fell into Jesus' trap and were left sprawling. Instead of forcing Jesus' hand, the evidence they produced implicated them in the very transgressions they were trying to pin on Jesus. He, in turn, had transformed their interrogation into a proclamation of God's unique sovereignty. Jesus taught unequivocally that love of God and neighbour summarize the human vocation but also avoided giving details about how love should be incarnated in particular situations - the only hard and fast rule would be love. As disciples who realize that Jesus did not give a definitive answer, we need to revisit the scene, seeking what the incident teaches. Avoiding meticulous mandates, Jesus invites us to deeper considerations. By recalling Genesis and the human vocation to be images of the divine, he calls forth our creativity. While he does not give us hard and fast rules, he promises to be there for us, more trustworthy than Lucy, sending the Spirit who helps us learn better than Charlie.

TORONTO FOOD FOR ALL

Toronto Food For All is a student-led initiative founded by Dylan Cheng and Charlie Farrell, two Grade 12 students at De La Salle College. The organization supports local family-owned businesses by purchasing their food, promoting their work through social media, and providing meals to individuals experiencing homelessness.

With the support of **Good Shepherd**, a charitable organization dedicated to addressing homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity, Toronto Food For All has already raised more than \$600. With the help of the Lasallian community, the team is now working toward a goal of \$5,000 by year-end to ensure more people have access to a warm meal and support when they need it most.

Website: <https://torontofoodforall.com>

Instagram: @toronto_food_for_all

SPECIAL COLLECTION **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** **OCTOBER 17 & 18**

There will be a second collection today for the Evangelization of the Nations, otherwise known as World Mission Sunday.

This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally.

Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God.

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