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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 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Virginia Hergott

Requested by Kelly Brewer

Wednesday, October 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Alejo B. & Violeta P. Batalla

Requested by Flora Batalla

Thursday, October 29th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, October 30th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family



EcoAnselm

Nature, agriculture and sustainability come together at the Borgo Laudato Si: A Laboratory for Integral Ecology. Located in the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo, the BLS was an initiative of Pope Francis. It offers an educational and spiritual journey focused on integral ecology, sustainable practices, and environmental stewardship. Visitors from elementary school to university, to business leaders and entrepreneurs are invited to visit the Borgo based on the core philosophy that "everyone has to do their part, within whatever field of work they are in, to promote ecology and sustainability". Within the gardens, the Giardino della Madonnina, (Garden of the Little Madonna), is "a place of silence and beauty that invites prayer and contemplation". It is considered to be the heart of the gardens - a place in which "the wonders of Creation unfold in such beauty that one cannot help but praise the Lord." The sanctuary is enriched by a silence that surrounds it - inviting "peace and tranquility to the heart". Pope Leo regularly visits the garden to pray. In this month of the Holy Rosary, EcoAnselm invites you to find a quiet place to "rest your heart in God". Let us pray for Pope Leo, his health, his papacy and for ALL of Creation. (*Inside Pope Leo XIV's Borgo Laudato Si' at Castel Gandolfo*, EWTNVATICAN.COM) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxqzZyLsELE>

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!

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.

ALL SOULS" DAY MASS – NOVEMBER 7, 2:00p.m.

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto wishes to invite all families to participate in the All Souls' Day Mass on **Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 2 p.m.** All Masses will be held indoors at:

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge – St.

Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)

Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

More information can be found here:

<https://www.catholic-cemeteries.ca/news/all-souls-day-mass/> All are welcome!

In Appreciation

We would like to offer a special thank you to **Marcel & Narisha's No Frills** on Bayview for their generous donation of turkey and stuffing to St. Vincent de Paul (Mary's Home) emergency shelter for Thanksgiving, as well as mandarins for our October 14th speaker event.



Exodus 22.21-27 Ps 18
1 Thess 1.5c-10 Matt 22.34-40
THE CALL TO LOVE



Today's reading from Exodus tells us how God expected a free people to organize their society. The first principle was to remember from where they had come. No pious Jew could hear God promise to hear the cries of the widow or alien without recalling the passage from Exodus where God said to Moses, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people, I know what they are suffering, therefore I have come to rescue them." God called the people of the covenant to remember the suffering of the past, not to take revenge but to practice with others the same compassion that God had shown them. The selection from Exodus hones a sharp edge on today's familiar Gospel. After Jesus had been peppered with picky questions that he consistently put in a broader perspective, some moral theologians decided to ask him the most basic question of all: "Which commandment is the greatest?" Whether sincere or conniving, they were asking the core question of every human life: "What's it all about?" or "What does God expect from humanity?" We all know Jesus'

answer. When he said: "You shall love God with all your heart, soul, and mind," he was paraphrasing Deuteronomy 6:4-5, a core Jewish prayer called the Shema. Jesus was not alone in declaring that the Shema summarized all one needed to know about life. Faithful Jews recited this prayer, the Shema, morning and night, and hoped it would be the last thing they spoke on their deathbed.

It would it have not surprised people when he added that the second command was "like it," meaning that the second is implied in the first. "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." This is the third time Jesus refers to love of neighbour in Matthew's Gospel. His first and definitive pronouncement came in the Sermon on the Mount when he called for equal love of neighbour and enemy. By saying that love of the other was akin to love of God, Jesus declared that they were inextricably bound together in creating a lifestyle of love. Altogether, Jesus calls for a four-directional love: love of God, self, those who are close to us and those whose purpose and way of life seems entirely different or even antagonistic to ours. When we analyze those four dimensions of a loving life, we see that we are called to love in two directions: love of the familiar and love of what is not like us. Obviously, for emotionally healthy people, love of self and neighbour, love of those who think and act like we do, comes naturally. This love affirms us and makes us comfortable. Jesus' message calls us to go further and learn to love those who think and act differently. Jesus taught that love of God and others expresses two dimensions of the same love. The insight hidden inside that teaching is that without love of the other, especially the stranger and even our enemy, we become caught in a one-dimensional self-love that inevitably leads us to conceive of God in our own image. Without loving contact with people whose experience, culture, or faith tradition stretches us, we can live trapped in a self-affirming hall of mirrors. The God who is bigger than we can ever imagine commands us to love the other lest we fall into narcissistic idolatry. The combination of our readings from Exodus and Matthew presents us with a call in two dimensions. The first is to remember from where we come, to allow our gratitude for God's love to impel us to give to others what we have received for no merit of our own. The second dimension, the one that adds depth to our perception, is to realize that only by knowing and loving people who stretch us can we begin to know and love the God who is greater than all of this diverse creation. Today's readings remind us that the alien, widow and orphan, the people most in need at our borders and in our midst are the people through

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