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
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Mass Intentions for Week

Tuesday, November 10th, 8:15 a.m.
Martin Hefferon
Requested by Breda and Dermot O'Carroll

Wednesday, November 11th, 8:15 a.m.
For the Intentions of John and Mary Badali
Requested by Pauline Badali

Thursday, November 12th, 8:15 a.m.
Izabella Sacco
Requested by Jacek Kalita

Friday, November 13th, 8:15 a.m.
Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa
Requested by the Family

WANTED: Choir Members

The members of St. Anselm's Church choir would like to extend an invitation to the singers and instrumentalists in our congregation to join us for our celebration of Christmas liturgies. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 10:00am.. We would also be happy to have you as permanent members if that is something you think you can embrace. We look forward to meeting new members. Please speak to our director, Goody Cabral after Mass on Saturday or Sunday. You can also email Goody at goodycabral@gmail.com

Make your gift to ShareLife and DOUBLE your impact!

NEW: **Your gift will double in value! From November 2 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of $500,000.**

Your gift to ShareLife transforms the lives of tens of thousands of people who turn to over 40 ShareLife-funded agencies for help. In moments of hardship, you can feed the hungry, comfort lonely seniors, enable Deaf children and their families to communicate, guide struggling families to counselling, and share the Gospel in developing countries.

Our parish goal this year is $111,000. To date we have achieved $87,270.66, which is 78.6% of our goal. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through your parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

EcoAnselm

Wednesday Nov 11 is Remembrance Day; Sunday Nov 8 is National Indigenous Veterans Day. (See the link at the end to learn why a distinct day for Indigenous veterans is held.) All veterans "want Canadians to understand the price of freedom. They are passing the torch to the people of Canada, so the memory of their sacrifices will continue, and the values they fought for will live on in all of us." (Veteran Affairs Canada, 2026). One way to honour veterans is by caring for the earth. The Highway for Heroes Tree Campaign and Forests Ontario is a living example of honouring the sacrifices of veterans through ecological stewardship and governance. Seedlings were cultivated into a living green monument along Canada's busiest highway. In 2020, a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation funded "20,000 more trees for 20,000 more heroes". These were planted across Toronto resulting in long-lasting improvements to our local environment. The eight-year project was completed in 2022. Today, the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation maintains the living tribute. This Remembrance Day, learn more about these and many other ways to honour the sacrifices of veterans and their families while also caring for the land we are blessed to call home. www.hohtribute.ca/en/home / www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/maple-leaf/defence/2025/11/beyond-remembrance-the-meaning-of-indigenous-veterans-day.

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Order your Christmas wreaths and festive flowers and support our DOOR RESTORATION.
Order online through Parish website: https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org/en/
Select DONATE to order OR Submit order form before or after next weekend's Masses at the back of the church.
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St. Vincent de Paul is seeking donations of gently used winter coats for 4 children of a refugee family -

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Please contact the parish office. With thanks from SSVP

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!

Wisdom 6:12-16 1Thess 4:13-18
Psalm 63 Matthew 25:1-13

CHOOSING WISDOM



The Book of Wisdom, like Proverbs, presents Wisdom as a personification of God, the God beyond human fathoming and the God we still seek. Where can we find wisdom or knowledge of God? Today's first reading makes an exceptional promise: She is "found by those who seek her," and, "She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her." With today's psalm we pray, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." What better response could we make to the promise of Wisdom? Jesus' parable about the wise and foolish virgins is confusing at best. Perceptive children hear it and ask, "Why does Jesus praise the selfish ones?" or, "Why didn't they just share what they had?" Our first reading and psalm subtly offer an interpretation of the strange parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Using the wisdom reading as a guide, we can perhaps come to an understanding of Jesus' parable and the message contained within it. Wisdom says, "She is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her." The verse preceding our selection, says, "Therefore, set your desire on my words; long for them and you will be instructed." This suggests that seeking wisdom, that keeping plenty of oil for our lamps, is not a question of being more or less knowledgeable nor of being stingy. The search for wisdom is a question of love and deep desire.

The Jesuit spiritual director Mark Thibodeaux says that, "Much of Christian spirituality presumes that our desires are bad… Ignatius believed that our problem was not desiring too much but rather desiring too little." Because we are made for God, the only thing that can satisfy us is relationship with God and growing in love with all that God loves. All the rest — knowledge, fame, wealth, beauty, accomplishment, popularity — are nothing more than two-bit substitutes for the love that longs to fill the human heart. The wise women were the ones whose desire led them to be prepared for the long haul. Nothing they owned or hoped for mattered more than being ready when the bridegroom came. The "foolish" ones (maybe wiser in the estimation of some), were more circumspect with their priorities, not putting all their eggs in one basket. They were ready to pay a price, but they weren't handing over a blank cheque. Like the curiosity that leads to a passionate search for new knowledge, getting in touch with our deepest desire and giving it our all is what, in Wisdom's own words, makes us worthy of her, worthy of the God who planted those desires in us and who meets us "in anticipation of our desire." Wisdom turns out to be different from knowledge. We can acquire knowledge through study, practice and even the internet. According to these Scriptures, wisdom is not so much an acquisition as it is a relationship of love. More than possessing it, it captures us. Understanding wisdom as a name for God, we realize that we may seek her but she who embedded the desire in us longs even more to find and live in us. Those with oil enough to light their lamps and welcome the Lord are not perfect but they have been persistent in their efforts at goodness, at caring and at tending the needs of others. They have not always shone as brightly as they could but they have never given up or turned away from the challenge to lighten the load of God's least ones. They have not always been outspoken against evil and injustice but have prayed to God to be able to find their voice and have continued to ask God for the grace to persevere. These are the wise and hopeful ones who call us to follow their lead in preparing for the God who comes. Are you ready?

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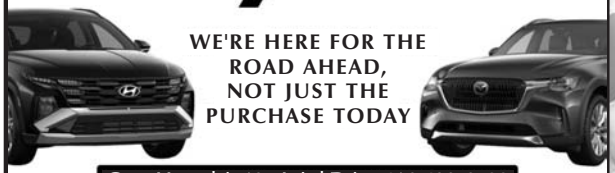
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