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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 Intentions for Week

Tuesday, November 17th, 8:15 a.m.
Ken Stovell
Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, November 18th, 8:15 a.m.
Nora Ryan
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, November 19th, 8:15 a.m.
Joseph Kostovcik
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Friday, November 20th, 8:15 a.m.
Cecilia Buraglia
Requested by Ines Escallon and Family

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2026

Watch for The Angel Tree in the Millwood Lobby next weekend.

Angels 1) Gifts for distribution by Catholic Children Aid caseworkers

2) Gift Cards for Mary's Home Emergency Shelter and St. Francis Residence

Popular items –
Sports (basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls for boys and girls).
Lego, crafts, ethnically diverse dolls
Teen toiletries
School back packs, lunch bags (variety for boys/girls/teens).

**** No stuffed animals, No guns**

Return gift to the Millwood Lobby, ideally in a gift bag, with *Angel*, ***unwrapped*** by ***December 6th*** *at the latest*

Gift Cards to be returned to the collection basket in an envelope marked SSVP ***Or***

Donate to bring seasonal joy to needy households with extra food cards for Christmas. Should you wish to donate by cash or cheque, *tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please include your full name and address.*

Please contact the parish office with any questions regarding these initiatives.

Have you moved? Please contact the parish office to update your information before the end of the year, so we may ensure accurate records ahead of tax receipt time…

Creation Care Prayer Network (CCPN)
is an initiative of the global Laudato Si' Movement, coordinated in collaboration with other key partners including the Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement Canada (MLSM Canada).
The Network brings together "individuals and communities who commit to praying for the healing of our common home, united by shared intentions". The CCPN is an online forum developed "to foster connections and sharing between and among the MLSM Movement, Canadian Catholic organizations, Indigenous and Allied land, and water defenders, and Canadian Catholic laity who are called to be creation care leaders". A different intention is discerned for each month. Pray independently or, at any time, you can join a prayer group in progress. The number of people praying in unison with you is shown (e.g. "124 people praying together"). MONTHLY INTENTION FOR NOV: "We pray this month for communities in mining regions who defend their land and seek environmental justice, and for the rivers, soils and bodies of wounded by extractivism. Through the storms floods and voices of the season of creation just ended, open our ears to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor as one single plea."
https://laudatosimovement.org/pray/

Calling all Bakers!

St. Anselm's will be hosting a Coffee Sunday on December 6th following the 11am Mass. It will be a great opportunity to join together as a community as we celebrate Advent.

The Coffee Sunday will be paired with a small bake sale. We are looking for contributions of baked goods (home-made or bought) and / or volunteers to help with set up on Sat., December 5th, from 1pm-5pm and / or Sunday between 9:30 a.m. until the last merrymaker departs. Baked goods will be accepted at the office door (on McNaughton) on Saturday the 5th from 1pm- 3pm.

If you would be willing to bake and / or volunteer your time, please email Susan Scandiffio at susanscandiffio@gmail.com

Thank you in advance and if you don't have time or items to offer at this busy time of year, we hope you can still join us on Sunday December 6th!

2027 SUNDAY MISSALS

A limited number of Sunday Missals will be available for purchase before Masses November 21/22 and November 28/29
Missals are $5 each – cash only. Exact change is greatly appreciated.

DECK YOUR HALLS WITH CHRISTMAS BLOOMS

ST. ANSELM'S CHRISTMAS FLOWER & PLANT SALE

Order forms are available on our website:
https://stanselmsto.archtoronto.org/
or at the back of the Church

Drop off your order form BEFORE/AFTER any mass on the weekends of November 14/15 and November 21/22. or email the form.

PICKUP IS AFTER ALL MASSES
ON DECEMBER 5&6 in Church hall.
Kindly support our Door Restoration Campaign

St. Vincent de Paul is seeking donations of gently used winter coats for 4 children of a refugee family -
Girl 10-12 years Boys 7, 5, 3 years
Please contact the parish office. With thanks from SSVP

SPECIAL COLLECTION – SHEPHERDS' TRUST

There will be a second collection this weekend, for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support of this important work.

Proverbs 31 Ps 128
1 Thess 5:1-6 Matt 25:14-30

GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT



Potential is immeasurable until it's tested. Great writers write, artists draw and paint, athletes go to practice. Secret genius may surround us but the world will never know it or benefit from it. The parable of the talents is about potential that unfolds and multiplies when it is invested. A charism given to an individual will find its full development in the community. Someone with less talent but who is willing to risk what she has and work with others comes out ahead of someone with greater talent who keeps it hidden, afraid to expose it to competition or the possibility of failure. Like other parables about mustard seeds and leaven, this one's lesson is that even small potential can have large results when it is shared generously. But because Jesus was always about more than conventional wisdom, his parables take us further into paradox and it is here, in the mysterious reversals of first and last, greatness and humility, that we enter his kingdom. St. Paul expressed this paradox well in 1 Corinthians 13, his famous song to true greatness. After describing how the members of the community might strive to use their gifts, he says that the greatest gift of all is love. He lists the characteristics of love: patience, kindness, humility; it is not inflated, pompous, rude, jealous; it does not brood over injury, seek its own self-interest or rejoice when others fall; it bears, believes, hopes and endures all things, rejoicing in the truth. Paul's hymn to love follows on his description of the community as the one body of Christ. So every gift is given for the sake of the whole body. Love is what unites everything else.

The parable of the talents engages us with images of gold and silver coins that the master drops into the eager hands of the servants. It has inspired entrepreneurs and moralists who imagine God as an accountant looking for a return on his investment. A talent is a measure of weight, specifically the typical weight of a soldier's pack, something in the range of 75 to 100 pounds. As it is used in this parable, it refers to the weight of the coins entrusted to three servants. The talents the master gave his servants made a heavy load of very valuable coins; one talent is estimated to be worth something like a million dollars in today's money. While this may be one level of the parable, what happens when we identify love as God's most precious gift entrusted to each of us? God fills us to capacity with the gift of love, then sends us forth to invest it in every way possible. Rather than seek our own personal fortune, we multiply love by investing it in the community, inspiring others to do the same. We enlarge the community by risking love at the margins, inviting others to share their love and activate their potential. In the end, the greatest lovers are those who return to God empty. These have imitated Jesus, who emptied himself, poured out the divine life into us, took the role of a servant, one who gives himself away on the cross. Well done, good and faithful servant, who acts as God does. The great kenosis of divine self-gift is the basis for creation, redemption and the triumph of love. The readings for today are preparing us for the end of the year and challenge us to understand our life in terms of its ultimate purpose. We have all been given talents and time. Let's not bury them. The parable of the talents urges us to evaluate our own service, to consider our attachment to Christ's enterprise, our investment of God's gifts and our longing to have a share in Christ's own joy in the fullness of time. ***For a deepening of our love and hunger for the Word of God, that through reading and praying the scriptures, our hearts may be set on fire and our love for God and our neighbour grow day by day…***

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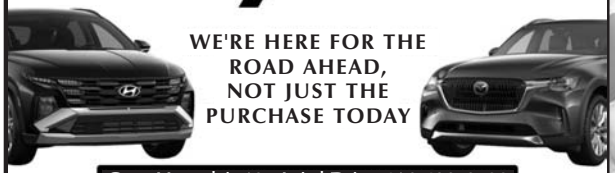
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