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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (UKI)

Sunday Mass: 2:00 p.m.

(Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements 12 months in advance

Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00am – noon;

1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive

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Mass  for Intentions Week

**** THIS IS A TWO-WEEK BULLETIN ****

Tuesday, March 17th, 8:15 a.m.

Richard Ryan
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, March 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Leonore Moore
Requested by Brian & Angela Oh & Family

Thursday, March 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Vander Vloet & Meeuwse
Families
Requested by the Estate of Frank J. Vander Vloet

Friday, March 20th, 8:15 a.m.

Tom Moore & the Deceased and Living Members of
the Ford Family
Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

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Tuesday, March 24th, 8:15 a.m.

Leonore Moore
Requested by Brian and Arlene Cassidy

Wednesday, March 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Bert Healy
Requested by Jackie and Ben Burke

Thursday, March 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, March 27th, 8:15 a.m.

Clare Hurst
Requested by the Tangney Family



Reminder

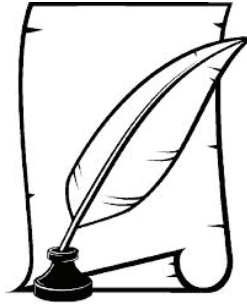
The parish office will be closed this week. Voicemail will be checked regularly for emergencies. All other inquiries will receive a response on Monday, March 23rd.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE UP WEEKEND

Spring cleaning in your home? Remember to set aside gently used clothing, footwear, bedding, drapery and towels for St. Vincent de Paul's spring Bundle Up drive. The truck will be in our parking lot on **April 18-19th**.

From the desk of the pastor...



Following a request from the Archdiocese and after consultation with the parish finance council, I have hired M&M International to conduct a study that is critical to the success of our endeavours as a parish to make our buildings safe and accessible places of worship. You may be contacted by a representative of M&M to provide much needed input through a face to face interview during the latter part of March. I am asking you to assist your parish family by agreeing to participate in this study so that we may move forward in our planning to complete urgent repairs. Parishioners selected for these interviews represent a cross-section of the parish community. Rest assured that I will keep you posted on progress. You have shown me what a committed parish you are and I am confident that you will assist us in completing this study.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

"A great Cultural, Spiritual and Educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal" [Pope Francis].

What better time to take up that journey than this season of Lent.

Come and join us for a parish Lenten prayer service on **Wednesday March 25 at 7:15 p.m.** in the parish hall hosted by EcoAnselm. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your own reusable water bottle.

SHARELIFE

Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Kristen was 17 when she found out she was pregnant. Worried she wouldn't be able to graduate from high school, she reached out to Rose of Sharon. At this ShareLife-funded agency she was able to focus on schoolwork with the help of child minding by the agency. Kristen graduated and was accepted into the medical administration program at Seneca College. "Without Rose of Sharon," says Kristen, "there's no way I would have believed college was a possibility."

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Group "A" casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge are due NEXT WEEKEND, March 21/22.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS



The Archdioceses of Toronto has designated the week of **March 22-27** as Week of Confessions and each Catholic Church in the area has a special day for Confessions. At St. Anselm's, our Day of Confessions is **Wednesday, March 25th**. The times are as follows:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD

The Good Shepherd Mission supports the homeless with food, clothing, and toiletries.

St. Anselm's Parish is initiating a program to collect items for the Good Shepherd on an ongoing basis. Donations would be greatly appreciated. There are bins at both entrances of the church to accept contributions.

The following is a list of items required for the month of March:

FOOD

Canned tuna, canned soups/stews, canned vegetables, instant/ground coffee, sugar, pancake mix, peanut butter, jams, vegetable oil, garlic/onion powder, allspice

MEN'S CLOTHING

Briefs (new, M&L), socks (new)
rain jackets and ponchos

DORMITORY SUPPLIES

Razors, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant

THANK YOU!

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream.

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

—Horatio Bonar, 1846

Living Water



There are those among us who are dying of thirst. By the standards of this world, they are not poor or hopeless or helpless, but nevertheless, they are thirsty. They are constantly seeking more, but the "more" they find doesn't quench their thirst. Some

use food or drink or drugs; fame or money or power; work or sex or shopping — but still they are thirsty. And many try to find satisfaction with relationships.

In today's Gospel there is a woman — alone in the afternoon drawing water from a well in the desert of Samaria. Women usually went together to the well in the early morning before the heat of the day, so we are to surmise that this lone woman was not welcome with the others. In her conversation with Jesus, we find out why: "You have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband." One of *those* women! She's gutsier than the image we have of first-century women. One might guess that she has nothing to lose as we hear her question, challenge, even argue with Jesus. And when she finds in him wisdom together with compassion, she races to the townsfolk — the very ones who have rejected her — and proclaims, "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did." Many came to believe because of her. Was it because Jesus somehow knew of her secret past? That doesn't seem likely; everyone knew. Perhaps it was because of her joy — a joy that prompted her to be brave and even generous to the very ones who had rejected her. There is joy in being known and still loved.

Where do you go to be known? To whom do you risk showing your true self? Who will forgive our petty infractions, our selfish failures, our secret sins? To quench their thirst some try the Christian community. There are people all over the world who are making their final preparations to enter the church at the Easter Vigil. These people, called catechumens or candidates, see something in the church that they are missing. They see something that we have, perhaps that we take for granted, perhaps that we have ceased to regard as precious. They see something that we may not even know we have. That is the ministry of the *neophyte* — those new to faith. They remind us of what we have forgotten. They long to come to the table and by their longing help us to cherish more what is offered to us, what we hold in our hands. They inspire us with their enthusiasm for the word and their desire just to be one with us, the community of faith. Like the woman at the well, those to whom we have ministered minister to us and bring us to a deeper faith. Sometimes there are people who come to the Christian community seeking the face of Christ, hoping for that combination of wisdom and compassion so obvious to the Samaritan woman, and sadly, tragically, they don't find it. We are the face, the hands, the heart of Christ in this world. You who are new to faith, please show us what is precious and how to love and how to live the message of the Gospel.

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