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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

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

MEDITATION GROUP

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

PRAYER GROUP

Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

St. Anselm's School

182 Bessborough Drive
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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, November 28th, 8:15 a.m.

Sue Beggs

Requested by the Family

Wednesday, November 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Robert Sowka

Requested by the Mammoliti Family

Thursday, November 30th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, December 1st, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

Based on availability after this weekend, 2024 Sunday Missals may be on sale BEFORE Masses again next week. Please bring \$5 per Missal – exact change is appreciated!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS INITIATIVES



The St. Vincent de Paul Angel Tree is in the Millwood Lobby next weekend. **New this year**, choose from the following Angels: 1) a toy for a boy or girl, 2-12 years of age, or 2) items needed by adult residents of SSVP-run emergency shelters.

Suggested toys - ethnically diverse dolls, and actions figures for boys and girls (please, no weapons!) See Angels for SSVP shelter clothing and toiletry requests.

Return gifts, **unwrapped** by December 10th, and please include a gift bag, if possible.

We are also accepting donations by cash or cheque so that we may purchase extra food cards to bring seasonal joy to needy households for Christmas.

**** Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please include your full name and address.**

Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.



LAUDATE DEUM "PRAISE GOD"

In conscience, and with an eye to the children who will pay for harm done, the questions inevitably arise: "What is the meaning of my life? What is the meaning of my time on this earth? And what is the ultimate meaning of all my work and effort?" (33)

"61. I cannot fail in this regard to remind the Catholic faithful of the motivations born of their faith. I encourage my brothers and sisters of other religions to do the same, since we know that authentic faith not only gives strength to the human heart, but also transforms life, transfigures our goals and sheds light on our relationship to others and with creation as a whole."

"69. I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values..."

Excerpts from: LAUDATE DEUM, Apostolic Exhortation Of The Holy Father Francis to All People of Good Will On The Climate Crisis.
https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

St. Anselm Catholic School is looking for a lunchtime supervisor starting January 2024. The position entails supervising the students during the lunch hour and helping in the school office from 11:15 am to 1:15 pm. Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and resume by email to stanselm.info@tcdsb.org. This is a paid position and candidates will need to provide a police check.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES

Apologies to our dedicated casserole chefs for the mix-up last Saturday during the drop-off hour. Though the cooking is individual, this ministry is also about a team effort – thanks to all for working together to get 49 frozen casseroles down to the freezers! And thanks to Yvonne and Gerard for their efforts each month.

Group B casseroles will be collected on Saturday, December 16th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 Psalm 23
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Matt 25:31-46

THE LEAST, LOST AND LAST



The famous parable of the sheep and the goats is perhaps the most theatrical, the most moving, and the most memorable of all of Jesus' teachings. It is also his last recorded in Matthew's Gospel. The parable ends with the

words: "When Jesus finished saying all these things ..." So, in his final lecture, the last of all his teachings, what did he most want us to remember? What is it he wanted to be absolutely certain we "got"?

First, notice what he doesn't mention. In his final words to us, Jesus says nothing about what doctrines we believe in, or how much success we've achieved, or how much wealth we've accumulated, or how much fame we've attained. He says nothing about all those monumental fears we spend so much time worrying about and fretting over. Instead, he speaks only about our final destiny. To do this, he creates a scene of immense drama. He brings together all the people of the world and reveals the Great Secret hidden from the beginning of time — the secret about the only thing that truly matters in God's mind: feeding people who are hungry, quenching their thirst, clothing their nakedness, visiting them in prison.

In the midst of this entire heavenly drama, then, Jesus reveals as solemnly as only a King can, what his ultimate concern is for all of humankind. And it turns out to be something you and I would never have guessed: It's what Martin Luther King called "the least, the lost and the last." In fact, Jesus' final words to us become not just an instruction, but also an invitation: Join Jesus by travelling to what Pope Francis calls "the outskirts;" join Jesus by standing at the margins of society and declaring our solidarity with those who are considered disposable; join Jesus in dedicating our lives to living in kinship with "the least, the lost and the last." But then Jesus reveals an even greater secret: Jesus *is* the jailed one. Jesus *is* the hungry one. Jesus *is* the naked one — the immigrant that is homeless; the refugee that is abandoned; the war casualty that is tortured; the drug addict that is enslaved. Who Jesus is, his whole identity, is the King who has abandoned his throne in the sky and identified totally with "the least of these."

Today is celebrated as the feast of Christ the King. This is ironic because Jesus never acted like a king. He embraced poverty, not wealth. He taught humility, not

arrogance. He emphasized service, not domination. He chose a cross, not a palace.

His kingship lay only in his plea that we completely reverse our notion of what truly matters in life, and what will ultimately satisfy our heart's greatest desires. Kinship, instead of kingship: this is what Jesus is truly passionate about. Kinship with "the least, the lost and the last." Notice, too, that in his revelation of his Great Secret, Jesus never uses big words like "justice" or "democracy." He keeps it simple so none of us can claim we don't understand what he's saying. He simply talks about food, clothes, water, shelter — the basics of life. So, in his last words to us in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is telling us in advance that when we each stand before our God, we won't be given a test that will be confusing or difficult. It will instead involve only the most practical of questions: Did you feed the hungry? Did you shelter the homeless? Did you care for the sick? And our answer will be ...

In the Kingdom of God there is simplicity: for the will to cast off unnecessary burdens...to let go of the burden to let go too many possessions and too many burdens...

We pray O God...Thy Kingdom come.



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Thank you to all parishioners who support the offertory and building fund through monthly pre-authorized giving or with weekly contribution envelopes.

Your donations are responsible for keeping your church going 365 days a year.

As we near the end of 2023, PAG participants will automatically receive their special collection bundles in the mail for 2024. Boxed sets of weekly envelopes will be available to pick up in the Millwood lobby as of December 16th. To parishioners currently donating through weekly envelopes - please let us know if you would like to move to pre-authorized giving instead of renewing your boxed envelopes for next year. It is simple to change over and beneficial to both you and the church!

If you currently don't use a regular method of parish support, we ask that you consider joining the pre-authorized giving program at St. Anselm in 2024. You will receive a tax receipt for the full amount of your donations and the parish's operating costs can be better managed knowing your support is there even on weeks when you are not able to attend with your envelope.

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