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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

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Tuesday, March 19th, 8:15 a.m. Richard Ryan Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, March 20th, 8:15 a.m. Terry O'Sullivan Requested by Joe and Toni Brisbois

Thursday, March 21st, 8:15 a.m. Joseph Kostovcik Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Friday, March 22nd, 8:15 a.m.Anna Brisbois
Requested by Pat Cook

BUNDLE UP – APRIL 6 & 7

St. Vincent de Paul Society's semi-annual Bundle Up collection us fast approaching! The truck will be in our church parking lot on April 6 and 7 for gently used clothing, footwear and household linens.

If you're spring cleaning over the coming weeks, please put aside any such items and they will be gratefully accepted that weekend.

2024 CCCB "JOURNEY THROUGH LENT" SERIES

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PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29th

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works and help to maintain the Holy places which are so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously on Good Friday this year. Envelopes are in boxed sets, PAG bundles and on the glass tables at the entrances to the church.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP B

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected on **Saturday, April 20**th.



"May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder." John O'Donohue, Irish poet and author.

64. Jesus "was able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As he made his way throughout the land, he often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father, and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things.[38]"

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." Apostolic Exhortation, Laudate Deum, of the Holy Father Francis.

Full message from Pope Francis, written on October 04, 2023, to ALL people of good will on the climate crisis is available online (gratis) at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Jer 31:31-34 Psalm 51 Heb 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 Create in me a clean heart, O God.

OUR MORAL CENTRE



The human body exhibits poise in motion because it operates from its own centre of balance, a fixed gravitational point around which the head, torso and limbs are in constant self-correcting coordination. A skillful dancer reveals just how breathtakingly beautiful this poise can be. In biblical terms, the heart is our moral

centre of balance. Moral formation begins with external factors like family and cultural expectations, but it reaches maturity only when it is internalized and fully integrated. Jeremiah 31 describes the new covenant God forms with his people not by imposing the law but by "writing it on their

hearts." Psalm 51 says that God's mercy restores us to right relationship by cleansing our hearts of sin.

Most of Jesus' life was spent preparing for his final years of public ministry. The Gospels give us only a glimpse of his early years, but from what happens later we can suppose that his hidden years were spent forming the heart he operated out of in his preaching and healing work. He had already gone to the heart of the human struggle for meaning, and "by his suffering he earned obedience". So, when the "Greeks" - Hellenist Jews in Jerusalem for Passover — told Philip they wanted to see Jesus, they were drawn to him as the dream of Greek art and philosophy, a human being in perfect symmetry and balance. Yet this encounter also highlights the clash between Greek perfection and the mystery of the crucifixion, what St. Paul later called a "stumbling block for Jews and foolishness to gentiles" (1 Cor 1:23). Jesus does not spare these seekers but tells the strong Semitic parable of the "seed that falls to the ground and dies" as the only path to fulfillment. "Whoever loves his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will save it". Today's world has embraced the notion of personal perfection through education, exercise, diet, travel and aesthetic beauty. Our consumer culture promises this perfection in the countless products it sells, including cosmetic surgery and hormone therapy, to give us the lifestyle that passes for a full, satisfying life. What else is there? Jesus shocks his visitors with the paradox he himself is about to embrace: death on a cross. It is by his execution that he will establish the fixed measure and still point of the new universe: self-emptying love. Jesus reveals God as the One who empties his heart into the world even as it rejects the divine offer of reconciliation. God's unconditional love transforms enemies into friends, cleanses the heart of selfishness and restores the centre of balance to a world disjointed and disoriented by human self-centeredness. Jesus will be lifted up — crucified and raised — and will draw everything to himself. Jews and gentiles, all of us who want full lives, are invited to follow Jesus' example.

Lent is a school for learning how to walk upright again. Give your heart to the healer and your mind to the teacher. and everything will come into balance and focus. This is what it means to be a human being and a child of God. Ultimately, the greatest leap of faith Christians are invited to take is to believe in this entirely counterintuitive and countercultural idea that the forces of humility, generous love, and tender, nonviolent creativity are the instruments of world change. This is Jesus' message. He taught that falling into the ground and dying lead to ousting the ruler of this world. Christ's ongoing offer is to draw everything to himself. To believe that is to have faith that when the forces of evil unleash their worst, they ultimately expose themselves impotent against love. As we draw near Holy Week, our liturgy invites us to reassess the creed we really live by. Do we look to Christ to be delivered from punishment or harm? If so, what does the cross tell us about that? Are we willing to gamble everything on the power of love? To the extent that we choose the latter, we are on our way to being drawn into the very heart of God. For the grace of surrender to God, that we may let go of control, lose our lives to God, and allow God to raise new life within us...Lord, in your mercy...



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 23 Confessions at 4:00 p.m. Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 Mass at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday March 26 & 27 Morning Mass at 8:15 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28
Mass of the LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
12:00 p.m.
PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD
3:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER VIGIL MASS AT 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 MASS AT 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

*No confessions on March 30th
*No 5:00pm Mass on March 30th

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