

# ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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 Intentions for Week



**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

John and Rosa Paglialunga  
Requested by the Family

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Robert Graham  
Requested by the Family

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

Cecilia Buraglia  
Requested Ines Escallon

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 a.m.**

For the Deceased Members of the Stack Family  
Requested by Theresa Ryan

## **BUNDLE UP – APRIL 6 & 7**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's semi-annual Bundle Up collection is THIS WEEKEND!

The truck is in our church parking lot (April 6 and 7) to accept gently used clothing, footwear and household linens.

A complete list of what can and cannot be collected is on the bulletin board in the lobby of the church. Please note – books, electronics, furniture, kitchenware (dishes, pots/pans, china, etc.) cannot be accepted.

## **SHARELIFE**

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This year, our parish goal is \$87,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**IT'S SPRINGTIME!!! "So much is conspiring to awaken us to a new relationship with the earth and a new relationship with each other. May this love lead us to be persistent and practical and to offer prophetic hope in our world." "Climate change is a spiritually urgent matter to me because we ALL are a part of the web of life... I hope we summon the courage, the common sense and the collaboration to make creative and concrete change ... for the LOVE of all creation." Sr. Margo Ritchie, Congregational Leader, Sisters of St. Joseph, in Canada.**

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## **GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLES GROUP B**

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd will be collected on **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Should you have any questions about joining the casserole program, please contact the parish office. We provide the pan and lid each month, and the recipe is an easy-to-follow one that calls for staple ingredients. Each casserole feeds TEN hungry individuals at the Good Shepherd - our casserole chefs participate in a multi-parish program that is an invaluable part of the Good Shepherd mission. Your commitment would be to prepare, freeze and deliver (to the church) one casserole every other month. Thank you to our current casserole ministry supporters!

**Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 118**  
**1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31**

**REJOICE!**

**GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL**



In our readings today, Luke may describe perfect sharing among the members of the first Christians and John tells us that our faith leads to love that is victorious over all that would weigh us down in the muck of the world, but other evidence indicates that both authors were more intent on encouraging their communities than bragging about them.

They're holding up an ideal, not a mirror. If their communities were as holy and perfect as Luke and John describe, Luke wouldn't have mentioned the cheaters, Ananias and Sapphira, and John wouldn't have critiqued people who claimed to love God and not their brothers. If the Easter disciples had done things really right, today's Gospel message about forgiveness would have been unnecessary. Today's Gospel begins with an unflattering portrait of lost disciples. All they know is that Jesus' body is no longer where it was laid after being removed from the cross. The group is fractured and frightened. Mary of Magdala had told them that she had seen Christ risen, but they didn't believe her. Luke (24:11) revealed the depth of their doubt by admitting that the other disciples disparaged the women's Resurrection testimony as "nonsense." Thus, our story opens with a group of former followers who decided to lock themselves into a safe place together.

Without an invitation, without even knocking, Jesus stood among them and blessed them with peace. Then, just to assure them of who he really was, he told them to look at his wounds. John tells us, "They rejoiced when they saw the Lord." Picturing this scene challenges the most creative imagination. The group had gathered in fear and sadness, and Jesus appeared among them, risen and still scarred. Joy? That's what John tells us. If so, theirs had to be a joy like they had never known before: a mind-blowing, earthshaking, confusing, beautiful, incomprehensible, embarrassed, terrifying, I-don't-know-what-to think kind of

giddiness that left them thoroughly off balance. What could Jesus say to that except "Peace"? How was this group prepared to receive Jesus' peace? Their very lack of equilibrium was key. After the Crucifixion, pride and bravado, boasting and self-assurance had been wrung out of them as surely as night had fallen after Jesus breathed his last. The Risen Lord who appeared to them was clearly the same Jesus who had preached, "Blessed are the poor, the meek, and the persecuted." Only now, in their own desolation, were these disciples in enough of a helpless, hopeless position to understand what he taught and receive what he offered. John tells us that Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." With the breath of security knocked out of them, they were finally hollowed out enough to receive what only Jesus could give. Their experience of Jesus' passion had been their baptism by fire; only now, after the demise of their self-interested and power-seeking hopes, could they receive his life, his Spirit of believing, loving, trusting obedience and belonging to God. Never before could they have understood the meaning of "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," because never before had they been so completely aware of the impotence of their own plans.

Jesus' last command commissions us to forgive. Forgiveness in family is a necessary expression of love. Forgiveness in society can engender radical social change. Forgiveness was the grace/power that allowed Jesus to transform crucifixion into redemption: He took in hatred, rejection and evil and returned nothing but love to the end. To the extent that we receive Christ's Spirit and are willing to allow that grace/power to work through us, forgiveness will redeem the evil in our world. The Resurrection stories illustrate that genuine disciples of Jesus are neither perfect nor perfectionists. We are simply called to be willing to recognize our own poverty and rely on the grace of the Spirit Jesus offers. The only thing we'll have to brag about is the transforming power of love.

**THE LORD IS RISEN!**  
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