

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  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, January 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Gerald Clifford

Requested by Dermot and Breda O'Carroll

Wednesday, January 15th, 8:15 a.m.

Marianna DeAgasio

Requested by the Estrella Family

Thursday, January 16th, 8:15 a.m.

Gelindo & Rosetta Dalla Corte

Requested by the Family

Friday, January 17th, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

CASSEROLES

Group A casseroles for the Good Shepherd Provide-A-Meal program will be collected next Saturday, **January 18th** from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Please call the parish office or email yvonne.gray@bell.net for other drop off arrangements.

The parish casserole program is an essential part of the good work done at GSM – they experience a sharp rise in those seeking a hot meal as the temperatures drop. Please consider joining our “casserole chefs” in the parish by contacting Yvonne or the parish office.

Thank you to our casserole chefs for your continued commitment to feeding the hungry in the new year!



...to everyone who contributed to our Christmas and New Year's liturgies. From our wonderful choir members to our dedicated readers,

greeters and altar servers, thank you for your time and talent, especially at the busiest time of the year. We could not do it without all of you.

Thank you as well from Fr. Tom and the parish staff for the generosity shown to us over Christmas. We are most grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – 11:00am

We will resume our children's liturgy program this weekend. Welcome back from Fernanda and her helpers! A reminder that this program is drop-in (no registration required in advance) and is for children currently in Junior Kindergarten – Grade 1. Children will be escorted downstairs by our volunteers and will be brought back up to join their family after the Homily.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 416-485-1792.



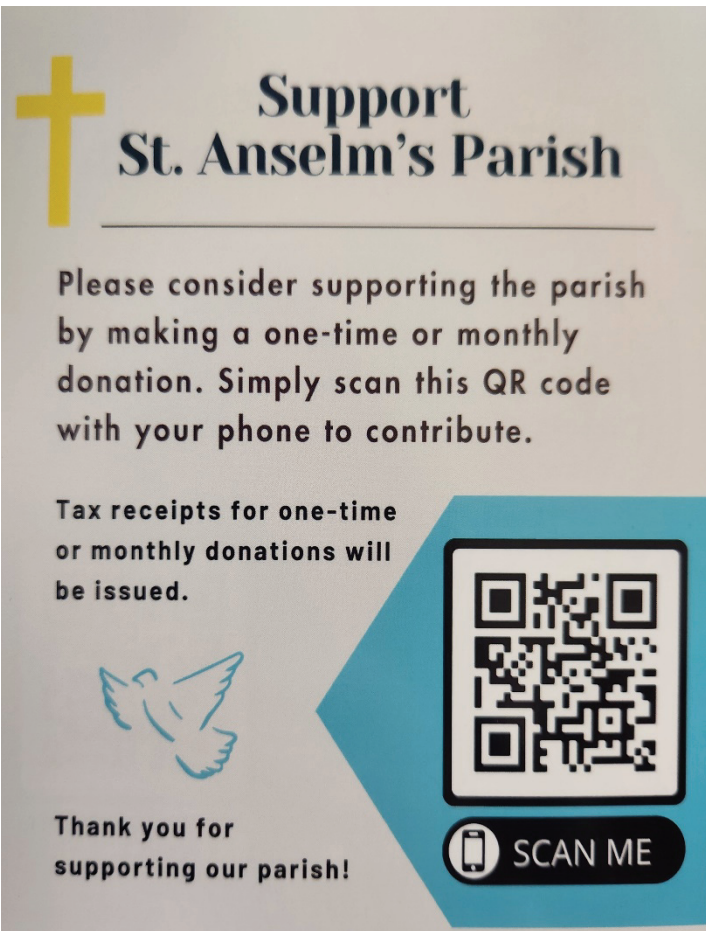
January 12th is the feast day of **SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS (1620-1700)**, first female Canadian Saint and founder of the first non-cloistered congregation of women in Canada, the Congregation of Notre-Dame, Montreal. Saint Marguerite teaches that “God is everywhere and is present in all creation”. (584)

Libby Osgood, ND, is a religious sister, professor of sustainable design engineering and author of: *Ecological Saints: Adopting a Green Gaze of the Life and Writings of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys*. Osgood applies six indicators for determining the classification of “ecological saint”. Other saints she presents as ecological include Saint Francis of Assisi, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Hildegarde von Bingen and numerous Celtic saints. Osgood argues that saints can be “sought as spiritual guides to illuminate a path, provide hope and inspire action” (569). Ecological saints, she argues, “become our inspiration and guides to be more attuned to the needs of the planet, working toward a hope-filled future.” (570) Osgood writes that by “reexamining well-loved saints through an ecological lens, devotees may be inspired to become more environmentally aware and motivated toward action. Osgood’s paper is available online: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/zygo.12889>

**ST. VINCENT
de PAUL
SOCIETY**

The Vincentians in our parish would like to take this opportunity to thank parishioners for their generous support of the Angel Tree and Family to Family initiatives once again this year. Gifts were distributed before Christmas, spreading Christmas cheer to those in need.


Are you interested in finding out about this outreach program? St. Vincent de Paul is always grateful for new members and the time commitment can be minimal. For more information, please contact the parish office or Yvonne at yvonne.gray@bell.net




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beloved. We don't think that makes a lot of sense. We go to great lengths to keep our loved ones from suffering – why does God allow it? Jesus' suffering begins immediately after he hears God's consoling voice at baptism. He goes to the desert to ponder what he has heard. He receives huge, slick temptations that beckon him to employ his newly discovered status as beloved in order to build up earthly power and honour. Directly and deeply contrary to his mission, of course, but God lets it happen. Why? God is like a parent watching his teenager's growing pains. Help all you can, but definitely do not try to stop the growing. Suffering and temptation confront us always, and they give us the opportunity to grow, to broaden our scope, to understand better what love is, to see that love does not mean God taking charge and making everything alright. Rather, it means God staying with the beloved, continuing to love and admire that special one, no matter what is grinding him down. So maybe this is what Jesus actually heard at the Jordan. Receive love that never runs away, never lets go, even in the desert, even on the cross.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

***"You are my Son, the Beloved;
With you I am well pleased."* Lk 3:22**



This Sunday marks the formal end of our Christmas season and the Baptism of the Lord ushers in the public life of Jesus. The final line of this Gospel reveals an intimate moment between Father

and Son as God addresses Jesus directly. Who would not want to hear these words over and over? The beloved of God! It is candy and circuses and ice cream and all your favourite things wrapped in the best Christmas paper with the biggest bow ever. God has settled upon you as his special one. Everything will be fine. Except that is not the real meaning of Beloved. There is another side of being loved by God and it is one that we do not readily accept in our own lives – God's toleration of pain and suffering in his

A Prayer of Love, Joy and Peace for 2025.

**My spirit hungers for your love,
O Divine Maker of hearts,
for the taste of your joy
and the aroma of your peace.
May this time of prayer
fill me with the whisper of your presence
and let me feel the touch
of your hand upon my heart.
How I long for the depths of your love,
to know your quiet constancy,
the feast of your friendship
that feeds me without end.
Oh, how my soul longs for you.
You elude all names we give you
and dwell beyond the grasp of brilliant minds.
Your essence pulses within every atom
yet extends beyond the far frontiers of space,
unscanned by the strongest telescopes.
Awaken me to your presence,
now, this moment, in my heart. Amen.**

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