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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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Mass  for Intentions Week

Tuesday, February 18th, 8:15 a.m.

Agatona Castillo

Requested by the Morton Family

Wednesday, February 19th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Kostovcik

Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Thursday, February 20th 8:15 a.m.

Fred Kirvan

Requested by the Family

Friday, February 21st, 8:15 a.m.

For Peace and Care of Creation

Requested by EcoAnselm

BOOK CLUB FOR LENT WITH FR. TOM

Our next book club meetings will take place on **Thursday, March 27 and Thursday, April 3 at 10am.** The book being discussed is "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan. All are welcome to join. Please call or email the parish office if you intend to participate.



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

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Rosary Apostolate



Our Lady of the Rosary requests that we pray the Rosary daily.

When we pray the Rosary, let us pray for peace, for care of creation, that we collaborate to find solutions to our complex problems, and for good leadership in the church and in government. Let us pray that we will act to heal creation and heal the world.



MONDAY, FEB. 17th is FAMILY DAY. Pope Francis explains that the family unit is at the heart of "human ecology". In *Laudato Si'*, Francis emphasizes the need to preserve not only the "natural environment" but the "human environment".

Francis teaches that the best start for cultivating healthy relationships is from within the family: "I would stress the great importance of the family. ...In the family we first learn how to show love and respect for life; we are taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures. In the family we receive an integral education, which empowers us to grow harmoniously in personal maturity. In the family we learn to ask without demanding, to say "thank you" as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control our aggressivity and greed, and to ask for forgiveness when we have caused harm. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings." (213) "13.The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan..." www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.



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Jer 17:5-8

Psalm 1

1 Cor 15:12-16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE



Today's readings illustrate what might seem to be a similar contrast between Jeremiah and Jesus. Jeremiah, so gloomy that his name became synonymous with bitter laments, tells us to trust

nobody who comes in flesh and blood. Jesus takes a different tack — not exactly the opposite, but what Pope Francis might call a "contraposition," a way of thinking in which people allow what seem to be contradictory visions to stretch and broaden their point of view. Jesus looks at the world and its fickle, fallible people and, rather than say, "Trust no one," he affirms those who take an uncommon approach to life. Fully aware that he may be speaking in riddles, he says, "Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated." Speaking then and now to a humanity that tends to equate good fortune with God's blessing, Jesus draws the map to happiness by a different route. His description of blessed happiness reorients our imagination. At their core, the beatitude-contrasts Jesus presented illustrate the distinction between ill-begotten assumptions about self-sufficiency and an embrace of our need for others. Jesus' "Beatitudes" describe the happiness that can be known only by people who so prize the common good that they are scandalized by poverty and indifference. Such people understand that we human beings need each other so much that the only wealth that matters in the long run is the richness of loving relationships. They are convinced that when even one person goes hungry, our very humanity suffers hunger. The people Jesus describes as genuinely happy are those who know the solidarity of weeping with others. While they may be mocked and mistreated, that sort of misery counts for little

compared to the peace of living with integrity or the living witness that goodness is possible, no matter what. For such people, poverty creates blessed interdependence, hunger is a call to action, weeping together creates community, and persecution is a sign that your community is succeeding in being a real threat to the powers of evil.

Jeremiah warned his readers to trust no living person, but to put their trust in God. Jesus proclaimed his contraposition, explaining that we can encounter the reign of God, God's active presence among us, in a community of flesh and blood people. Not only that, but we are invited to be those people in our moment of history. Both Matthew and Luke record Jesus' Beatitudes, adjusting their precise wording to their communities. Luke's community was probably diverse in social, economic and perhaps ethnic background. Luke, like Paul, saw the coexistence of genuine wealth and true poverty in a Christian community as a scandal. Therefore, rather than speak of poverty "of spirit," he emphasizes material poverty as a condition of blessedness that calls forth the dynamics of the reign of God and warns that passivity in the face of others' needs leads to everlasting woe. Today's readings invite us to take a leap of faith and believe in the paradox of the Beatitudes. Jesus is God's expression of full solidarity with humanity. Every word Jesus spoke and every deed he performed invites humanity to share in the blessedness of the divine community called the reign of God. As Elizabeth said to Mary in the Gospel's first beatitude, blessed are those who believe.

For growth in faith, that we may recognize our need for God in every part of our lives and deepen our trusting reliance upon God who provides all that we need for life and wholeness...We pray...

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