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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 25th, 8:15 a.m.

Yvonne George

Requested by the Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 26th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Pieri and MacDonald Families

Thursday, February 27th 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family
Requested by

Friday, February 28th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed

Requested by a Parishioner

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.



Please help the Good Shepherd meet the urgent need for the homeless and most vulnerable citizens. Please see the Wish List for Items the Good Shepherd is requesting posted at the entrances of the church. You can place items in one of the two bins

located at both entrances. Your donation makes an impact. **Thank you!**



Saturday, February 22 is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle.

"The pastoral and teaching authority conferred by Christ to the Apostle Peter ... is at the heart of today's feast."

www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-06/pope-francis-angelus-solemnity-peter-paul-rock.html

There is great HOPE in the example of Peter. "In his Angelus Prayer on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis reflected on the example of the Apostle Peter, saying he points a path to Christ in his generosity and in his weakness." Francis explains it is God who "makes Peter strong with His grace".

www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-chair-of-saint-peter-the-apostle.html

Pope Francis is applauded globally for his work towards integral ecology. He holds a special place in the hearts of all who care for Creation. Francis asks for our prayers. Join us in prayer that Saint Peter, as the patron saint of popes and of Rome, may guide, protect and sustain Pope Francis in his pastoral and teaching endeavours on behalf of the Holy Mother Church and on behalf of "our common home".

Thursday, February 27th is Election Day. EcoAnselm urges you to consider the Climate Action Plans of candidates. In discerning your vote, investigate the strategies each candidate has in mind for addressing access to clean water for all Ontarians, breathable air, extreme weather preparedness, agriculture and food security, protection of trees and resilience of Ontario ecosystems, ...

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our drop-in program during the 11am Sunday Mass welcomes children currently in JK, SK or Grade 1 to join our leaders in the parish hall. Children who are currently in Grade 2 (preparing for First Communion) or older should remain in church during Mass.



Support St. Anselm's Parish

Please consider supporting the parish by making a one-time or monthly donation. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to contribute.

Tax receipts for one-time or monthly donations will be issued.



Thank you for supporting our parish!



SCAN ME

Group A casseroles will be collected on Saturday, March 15th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot.

JOIN US AFTER THE 11AM MASS next Sunday, March 2nd for Coffee Sunday in the Millwood Lobby. Thank you to Pablo and his team for organizing this gathering.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5

There will be two opportunities to attend Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:15am Mass, as well as in the evening at 7:00pm.

**1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25
1 Cor:15:45-49**

**Psalm 103
Luke 6:27-38**

LOVING OUR ENEMIES



Today's story from 1 Samuel recounts the second time David refused to assassinate Saul, the manic king of Israel. In the first story, David caught Saul in a very embarrassing and vulnerable position. In both incidents, David refused to murder the man who alternately would either try to kill him or refer

to him as his own son. Although David spared Saul's life out of respect for his divinely appointed office, he was not fool enough to accept Saul's invitation to join his camp. David became king only after Saul was killed in battle by another enemy. This tale about David and Saul creates a backdrop for Jesus' teaching about love of enemy. Both Luke and Matthew record this sermon — Matthew situates it on a mountain, Luke on a plain — and each approaches it differently. Matthew continually connects Jesus' teaching to Israel's traditions; Luke seems to focus more on relationships and the world they create. Remember, Luke is the evangelist who records stories like the good Samaritan and the prodigal son. What we could easily miss in this section of the Sermon on the Plain is Jesus' backdoor critique of what we might call "good communities." Jesus' words here might be aimed directly at those of us who are members of a great parish with nourishing worship and generous social services. Today, Jesus looks at us and seems to say, "What credit do you expect for loving those who are good to you? The Mafia is famous for doing that much — in fact, they may well outdo you in caring for their own!"

Jesus suggests that we lend to those from whom we don't expect repayment. That might be charitable but think about the other side: receiving without a way of

repaying seems demeaning and, perhaps, downright embarrassing. We want things to be fair. By that we usually mean equal: you lend me \$50, I agree to repay \$50. You are kind and I am just. Our system presumes that "equality" keeps us parallel, as if on a precarious teeter-totter. Striving for that goal, we end up paying so much attention to the balancing act that we can hardly attend to anything else. On the other hand, lending without expecting repayment probably means we are lending to those who need it most. This is where Jesus is leading us. He bases his advice on the belief that humanity will be happiest living as a family that shares a common home. He knows that one who lends without expecting anything back believes that the goods of this earth are for the common good. Following that logic, those who have more at their disposal can and should exercise the freedom to dispose of their goods with the understanding that people in need have a basic human right to the surplus of the wealthy. That's not communist, it's the teaching of St. John Chrysostom, among others. If this is not challenging enough, Jesus doubles down on the topic of loving our enemies. In our first reading, David rejected his chance to murder Saul out of respect for God who anointed Saul to be king. Jesus asks for more than that when he says, "Do good to your enemies." This leads into what Pope Francis calls the hard work and craftsmanship of building peace. (*Fratelli Tutti*, Paragraph 217). According to Francis, peace among those who have been enemies, be they the perpetrators or the victims, "is a patient effort to seek truth and justice, to honour the memory of victims and to open the way, step by step, to a shared hope stronger than the desire for vengeance." Francis gives us details that concretize Jesus' call in the Sermon on the Plain. There is no getting around it: Jesus demands a great deal of those who would be his blessed, happy disciples. A lot of us have what we need and more. All of us have known some kind of PG-13 drama in life. Today's Gospel interrogates our conscience. Which is harder to give up, our excess goods or our resentments? Do we care enough about the poor to forfeit some comfort? Are we willing to try to understand people with whom we strongly disagree? The challenge of today's Gospel is to believe that the alternative Jesus offers is possible. Francis suggests that the way into that possibility is to cultivate shared hope. That implies that we contemplate Jesus enough to begin to share his vision of the world, a vision he described as the reign of God.

SAVE THE DATE – St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Up truck will be in the church parking lot on **May 10 & 11** to accept your gently used clothing, shoes and textiles such as towels and bedding. Please keep the collection in mind if you are organizing your home in preparation for spring.

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