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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, March 4th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Living and Deceased Members of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Wednesday, March 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Anton Melchers
Requested by the Family

Thursday, March 6th 8:15 a.m.

Anne Kostovcik
Requested by Mel Kostovcik

Friday, March 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Mary Bar
Requested by Brian and Beth Coates

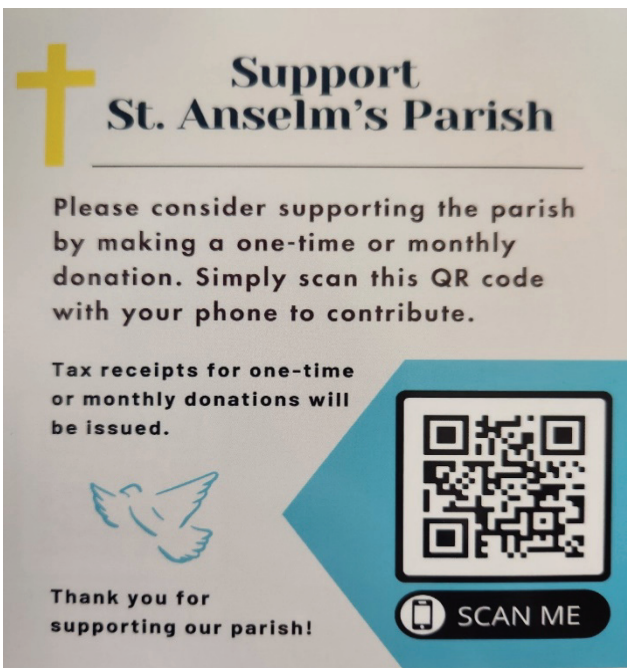
BOOK CLUB FOR LENT WITH FR. TOM

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.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD


Our drop-in program will be on hiatus for March break (March 9 and 16) and will return March 23.



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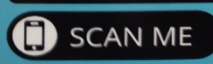
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EcoAnselm requests your prayers for Pope Francis and for each person providing care for him.

Did you know that Francis wrote a letter to YOU? LAUDATE SI (LS) is a letter Francis addressed to "All People of Good Will". His letter is an "urgent plea" to CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME. LS (2015) is available FREE online through the Vatican website (search: Vatican / encyclicals / Francis / Laudato Si).

This SUNDAY, MAR. 02, EcoAnselm, Saint Anselm's Ministry of Integral Ecology, is grateful for the opportunity to join our PARISH COFFEE SOCIAL. You'll find our table in front of the EcoWall in the Millwood lobby. Stop by, meet members of EcoA and view a display of diverse ecology-related suggestions for LENTEN READING. If you missed the chance to get your personal copy of Pope Francis' letter, EcoA has a limited number of copies available "at cost" (\$10). As well, "LAUDATO DEUM", Francis' 2023 follow-up to LS, will be available. Visit our green table. We welcome your feedback, your prayers and your ideas for how our parish can come together to better care for our planet as an expression of our Catholic faith. Remember, "Care of Creation is an integral part of our Catholic mission." *Fr. Prakash Lohale, Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Arch Toronto*

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 14

All are welcome – hosted by St. Cuthbert's Church at 1399 Bayview Ave., beginning at 2:00pm.

<https://wdpcanada.ca/world-day-of-prayer/what-is-wdp/>

Abundance of the Heart

Luke 6:39-45



The Gospels for the past few weeks and for today have come from the Sermon on the Plain, pulling together a collection of Jesus' sayings, sort of a mini-Book of Wisdom, although with greater challenges than most proverbs offer. In the

first part of what we hear today, Jesus uses sight as his primary metaphor. He starts by talking about blind people, then conjures up the image of an eye doctor who can't get near a patient because he's got a log sticking out of his eye. Jesus is talking about how and what we see — all the while providing a commentary on how ridiculous we appear when we assume that we see rightly. Suppose we considered Jesus' idea from a different perspective. What if we asked a blind person about what Jesus said? We just might get the response that a person born blind is the best teacher of the blind; one needs to be blind to understand the challenges blind people have to overcome. For example, a sighted teacher might talk about a white cane; the non-sighted teacher realizes that the learner has no concept of whiteness. This leads back to what Jesus taught in the Gospel of John 9: "I came into this world so that those who do not see and those who do see might become blind." We need to admit our own areas of blindness. That, as they say in addiction programs, is the first step. New Testament readers understand that Jesus' parable about blind people actually had almost nothing to do with physical eye problems. Using a popular literary technique of the time, Jesus made two statements about sight to reveal what he wanted to say about the topic he addressed in between the two: he was really talking about teachers and disciples. The second part of this reading complements the first. Good teachers, like good trees, are recognizable not by their size or the noise they make, but by how the fruit of their teaching nourishes others and how their lives illustrate the message they preach. In

our day, Jesus would be talking about where we look to find guidance about a life worth living — how to find and be fruitful trees. Jesus warned people about blindness and rotten fruit and tells us to remove the beam that blocks our vision. Today's readings suggest that we begin by speaking less and listening more. The very act of listening is an admission that we need to see through others' eyes as well as our own. We are all blind in some way; admitting it will lead us to wonder and make us care with and for one another. In the long run, that will be enough.

Today, let us turn our eyes forward to the time of Lent, which begins this coming Wednesday, March 5th with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent calls us to remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth. We remember that we are mortal beings. We remember that we are baptized. We remember that we are people on a journey of conversion. We remember that we are members of the body of Christ. Renewing our sense of who we really are before God is the core of the Lenten experience. It is so easy to forget and fall into habits of sin, ways of thinking and living that are contrary to what God wants for us. From the very beginning of Lent, God's Word calls us to conversion, to metanoia, to a change of heart. What is turning our eyes from Christ? How can we give up on the old ways to prepare for a new life in Christ? What can we give up in order to become the holy people God calls us to be?

WHAT TO GIVE UP . . .

- Give up complaining. . . . focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism. become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments . . .think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry. trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement. . .be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness. turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred. return good for evil.
- Give up negativism be positive.
- Give up anger. be more patient.
- Give up pettiness. become mature.
- Give up gloom. enjoy the beauty around you
- Give up jealousy. pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping. control your tongue.
- Give up sin. turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up. hang in there!

Lent calls us to new life in Christ, to give up our old way of being and become more Christ-like in our thoughts, words and deeds. These changes do not end when Lent is over. Let us pray that this time of Lent will truly be a time for us to make the changes that can transform our relationships with God, each other and within ourselves. **Happy Lenten Journey!**

For true repentance, that we will allow God's grace to turn our hearts toward God and enable us to put on the mind of Christ in making all our decisions...Lord, in your mercy...

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