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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 11th, 8:15 a.m.

Yvonne George

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, March 12th, 8:15 a.m.

Mickey Byrne

Requested by Theresa Ryan

Thursday, March 13th 8:15 a.m.

Karen Dion

Requested by her Family and Friends

Friday, March 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore & Rosaria Buffa

Requested by the Family

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 NEXT Saturday, March 15th from 4-5pm in the church parking lot. Please call the parish office or email yvonne.gray@bell.net if you need a pan/lid or would like information on how to join this parish ministry.



Saturday, March 08 is International Women's Day (IWD 2025). A report from the United Nations explains that gender inequality and climate change are interconnected: "The climate crisis is not "gender neutral". Women and girls experience the greatest impacts of climate change, which amplifies existing gender inequalities and poses unique threats to their livelihoods, health, and safety." There are SIGNS OF HOPE: data and research also reveal direct links "between women's empowerment and effective global climate action". Learn more at: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/explainer/2022/02/explainer-how-gender-inequality-and-climate-change-are-interconnected>

LENT 2025 began on Wed., March 5th. Lent offers a six-week period of reflection and opportunities for grace, reconciliation and renewal. Lent is an ideal time to discern ways in which to reconcile with Mother Earth. Traditionally, we consider forms of fasting and abstinence (such as "fasting" from single-use plastics). We can also consider resolutions that are based on strengthening our resolve to protect our common home, being intentionally grateful, or sowing seeds of hope by lifting the spirits of others. <https://catholicmoralthology.com/len-and-the-environment/>

As Pilgrims of Hope throughout Lent, "may our journeying ANIMATE THE PEACE that Pope Francis prayed for as he introduced this Jubilee Year". ignatiansolidarity.net/len-2025

BUNDLE UP WEEKEND COMING MAY 10 & 11
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.

A graphic with a yellow cross on the left and the text "Support St. Anselm's Parish" in a serif font. Below this, it says "Please consider supporting the parish by making a one-time or monthly donation. Simply scan this QR code with your phone to contribute." There is a QR code in the center-right, and below it is a blue button with a white smartphone icon and the text "SCAN ME". At the bottom left, there is a blue dove icon and the text "Thank you for supporting our parish!".

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
PAUSES FOR MARCH BREAK (MARCH 9 & 16)

Our drop-in program during the 11am Sunday Mass will welcome children currently in JK, SK or Grade 1 to join our leaders in the parish hall once again on Sunday, March 23rd.

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13

Psalm 91
Luke 4:1-13

TAKE TIME



Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell the story of the temptations of Jesus following his Baptism. When we think about the reality of Jesus' temptations, scholars tend to suggest that this is a story the evangelists would not have invented. It must have come from something Jesus

shared with his disciples about his own experience. A key to Luke's telling is that the devil introduces the first and third temptations with the challenge, "If you are the Son of God." That reminds us that Jesus' desert sojourn began immediately after his baptism where he heard God proclaim, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Between the baptism and this scene, Luke recorded Jesus' genealogy, a list that begins by saying that Jesus was thought to be the son of Joseph and takes the lineage all the way back to Adam — whom Luke also calls a son of God. Luke seems to imply that Jesus' struggle to understand and live the vocation of being son of God was both unique to him and applicable to all the descendants of Adam. Luke adds one distinctive detail to his version of the temptations. While Mark and Matthew end this scene with angels ministering to Jesus, Luke says that the devil "departed from him until an opportune time." It is interesting to note that Luke depicts angels at Jesus' birth and not again until his agony in the garden, but in Luke 22:28 Jesus tells his disciples, "You have stood by me in my time of trials." Luke presents the temptations as Jesus' struggle to live as a faithful son of God. The challenge to turn stones to bread focuses on self-preservation. It was not simply a question of hunger, but the purpose of his life: would he live self-assured and comfortable or risk security for service and rely on a community of faith? Because Jesus understood how prioritizing his own needs and desires could undermine his mission, he would later send his disciples out on mission without provisions, ready to rely on the power of the Gospel alone. The bargain the devil offered Jesus with all the kingdoms of the world implied accepting the methodology of the powerful: fear and coercion and a rule book that says it doesn't matter if might makes right because might can trump everything else. Finally, if Jesus wasn't going to live for himself alone and wasn't going to seek power over all else, perhaps he should just say, "Whatever happens

must be God's will. If I am not supposed to die today, the angels will save me even if I jump off the temple tower." Jesus responds with a resounding no.

We believe that the man named Jesus of Nazareth was a human being in every sense of the word. Luke tells us that his time in the desert previewed the confusing situations about which he would have to discern and the hard choices he would have to make as he lived out his vocation as a unique son of God. We could read many of Jesus' interactions with his disciples as parts of the conversations in which he shared his own temptations to encourage them in their struggles to live as pleasing daughters and sons of God. Anyone who lives with passion, anyone who becomes deeply committed to the cause of Jesus will be tempted in the same ways he was. The trickiest thing about the temptations is that they arrive in the camouflage of good ideas, even as ways to advance the reign of God. The devil is an expert at disguise: slicker than fake news and much subtler than our ads that claim absurdities like the idea that love is contained in a particular make of car. We can be grateful to Luke for telling us that temptation was not a one-time event for Jesus any more than it is for us. With that in mind, today's Gospel invites us into our 40 days of Lent as a time to contemplate and learn from Jesus' decisions about how to be a faithful Son of God. He did it to show us how to do the same. All of this could simply remain on the level of interesting theology illustrated by a good story, but that's never the intention of our Liturgy of the Word. The word dwells in us to form our thinking and inspire our living. Lent is our time to allow divine love to touch us so deeply that we begin to see like Jesus did, and thus act in his name. Time is the only sacrifice God asks of us now, and God will reciprocate in wonderful and unexpected ways.

SHARELIFE 2025 PARISH CAMPAIGN

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Maria, a 64-year-old newcomer to Canada, arrived seeking a fresh start but found herself struggling to find both stable employment and affordable housing. Through your support of ShareLife, she received personalized guidance at Catholic Crosscultural Services that helped her secure both a job and a home. She found stability and peace of mind, giving her the strength to embrace her new life.

Now, she's a guiding light for seniors, helping others access the support that changed her life. This Lent, you can walk the same path as a testament to resilience and the transformative power of community.

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