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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon;

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.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.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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St. Anselm's School

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Mass for Intentions Week

Tuesday, December 2nd, 8:15 a.m.

David Pieri

Requested by Michael and Catriona Pieri

Wednesday, December 3rd, 8:15 a.m.

Franciszek Kalita

Requested by the Family

Thursday, December 4th, 8:15 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Ford, Dyer & Ashmeade Families

Requested by Barbara Ford and Family

Friday, December 5th, 8:15 a.m.

Agostino (Gus) Puopolo

Requested by the Puopolo Family

COFFEE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30th

Please join your fellow parishioners in the Millwood lobby after the 11am Mass for coffee to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season! Thank you to Pablo for organizing this gathering.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS

ACTIVITIES 2025



The Angel Tree is now up in the Millwood Lobby!

Angel requests: 1) Gifts for distribution by Catholic Children Aid

2) Gift Cards for residents of Mary's Home, and St. Francis Residence

Popular items - sports (basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls for both boys and girls). Lego, crafts, ethnically diverse dolls, Teen toiletries, School back packs, lunch bags (variety for boys/girls/teens).

Please note: No stuffed animals, no guns/weapons.

Return gift, ideally in a gift bag, with *Angel*,
unwrapped by latest Dec 7th

Gift Cards to be returned to the collection basket in an envelope marked SSVP

Or

Donate to bring seasonal joy to needy households with extra food cards for Christmas. *Tax receipts will be issued by St. Vincent de Paul so please include your full name and address.*

Please contact the office should you have any questions regarding these initiatives.

SHARELIFE – YOUR GIFT WILL BE MATCHED

Your gift to ShareLife will double in value! NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. ShareLife-funded agencies and Food Security Grant recipients are responding to families facing difficult situations, comforting seniors with fellowship, distributing meals to our neighbours in need, and so much more. Your sacrificial gift this Advent makes this support possible. You offer immediate relief, restore hope, and remind your brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not alone; that there is a family of faith who cares deeply for them. We are over 90% of the way to meeting our 2025 parish goal at St. Anslem! Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate



OPEN YOUR EYES TO ADVENT

Advent begins on Sun., Nov 30 and concludes on Dec. 24th. This is a time to **OPEN OUR EYES, MINDS and HEARTS** in readiness of the arrival of the Christ Child. Pope Leo XIV asks that we turn our care for the earth and for others into **ACTION**

(Raising Hope Conference, Oct 2025).

“RECYCLING FOR SIGHT is the motto of the Canadian Lions Eyeglasses Recycling Centre (CLERC). CLERC provides a perfect opportunity to **ACT** on behalf of **INTEGRAL ECOLOGY** – i.e. caring for the earth and those in need. EcoAnselm is collecting good-condition prescription **EYEGLASSES** for donation. CLERC will polish and repair as needed, determine and label exact prescriptions and provide free shipping to missions in 104 countries. To ensure correct prescriptions and eye care, missions with eye-specialists on service are eligible to receive eyeglasses. Glasses are donated directly to recipients free of charge. Detailed information and a collection box are located in the **MILLWOOD LOBBY**. Kindly support this Advent effort to be witnesses of care through the **PRECIOUS GIFT OF SIGHT**. Read about CLERC: <https://clerc.ca/>

Isa 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

What Time Is It?



Psalms 122

Matt 24:37-44

In December 1973, singer and songwriter Jim Croce's "Time in a Bottle" topped the music charts and remained at No. 1 for a few weeks into the New Year. His memorable words were originally written for his son A.J., but they continue to speak for anyone who has loved another person and longed for more time with them: "If I could save time in a bottle, the first thing that I'd like to do is to save every day 'til eternity passes away just to spend them with you. If I could make days last forever ... I'd save every day like a treasure and then, again, I would spend them with you. But there never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do once you find them. I've looked around enough to know that you're the one I want to go through time with." Sadly, when Croce's song achieved its No. 1 status, his time had already run out. He had died three months earlier at the age of 30 in a plane crash. His words live on, however, to inspire and challenge our own outlook on time and the use we make of this gift from God.

As we stand on the edge of this new liturgical year, with Croce's song ringing in our ears, we look also to the sacred texts for food, for courage and for the impetus we need to take hold of God's gift of this time, this day, this moment, however long or short it may be, and use it to make a difference in our own life and in the lives of those whose time we share. Time was certainly on his mind as Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus in Rome. Because of his ministry for Christ and the Gospel and the fierceness with which he confronted any obstacle, Paul often found himself robbed of his time. His several incarcerations sharpened his sense of urgency. So did his eagerness to experience the second coming of Jesus. Therefore, he encouraged his readers to make the best use of the time they had in order to prepare wisely and well to welcome the coming Christ. Paul's words and the seriousness of his challenge continue to remind us that, while the trappings of Christmas focus on the child Jesus, the truth is that we await and prepare for the adult, risen Christ. For that reason, the sacred texts for Advent will not focus solely on the baby Jesus, whose humble beginnings may stir our

sentiments and evoke our sympathy, but on the Lord Jesus Christ, whose appearance will stop the clock and require each of us to give an account of how we have used the time we were given. In today's Gospel, the Matthean Jesus offers some suggestions regarding the usage of time. Jesus underscored the suddenness and unexpectedness of his appearance but he did not advocate doing anything out of the ordinary or anything other than performing one's daily tasks in a manner that shows we are ever ready to welcome the hour of the Son of Man. Isaiah, in today's first reading, also offers some suggestions on the use of one's time. His advice acknowledges the importance of ongoing spiritual nourishment and of expressing that spirituality in a practical manner. By taking God's word to heart and by continually returning to that word as a reservoir from which to draw strength, courage and inspiration, believers become prepared for what may be the heaviest and hardest work ever undertaken by human beings: cultivating and sustaining peace among us. As he puts forth this Advent challenge, Isaiah speaks of deconstructing weapons of war and creating from them implements for the edification and nourishment of humankind. While most of us may not wield swords and spears, we have sufficient weaponry in our arsenals to destroy one another. We have words and looks and attitudes that cut deeper than any sword. We have anger and resentment and prejudices that build unscalable walls and unbreachable barriers between us. We have pride and selfishness that insist on making our way and our time the top priority in so many situations. We also have apathy and insensitivity that blind us to the needs of others. These are the weapons of war that must be disarmed before peace can grow and before our time is spent.

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