

ST. ANSELM'S PARISH

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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, February 6th, 8:15 a.m.

John Hanna
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Wednesday, February 7th, 8:15 a.m.

Brian Oh
Requested by Angela Oh

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

John Hanna
Requested by Art & Margaret McManus

Friday, February 9th, 8:15 a.m.

Peace and Care of Creation
Requested by EcoAnselm



Please help the Good Shepherd meet the urgent need for the homeless and most vulnerable citizens.

Your donation makes an impact. You can place items in one of the two bins located at both entrances of the church. A list of urgently needed items can be found on the bulletin boards in the lobbies of the church.

CASSEROLES GROUP "B"

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge (Group B) will be collected on **Saturday, February 17th** from 4:00-5:00pm in the church parking lot.

St. Anselm's casserole ministry is truly that – a ministry! Meals are prepared by our parishioners and delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge downtown. The simple recipe is provided, along with a pan and lid. The commitment is 6 casseroles a year (one every other month based on your surname).

Several parishes contribute their own casserole recipes and, working together, provide the shelter with hot and nutritious meals to serve to the vulnerable each day. During the winter months, more casseroles are needed as more people seek refuge from the cold temperatures. If you would like more information, please email the parish office. Thank you to our parish casserole chefs! Your casseroles feed TEN hungry individuals each!

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14

There will be two opportunities to attend Mass on **Wednesday, February 14th**. The first will be at 8:15am, and the second at 7:00pm.



A premise of consequentialism is that actions bring about happiness or pain and so do **NON-ACTIONS** such as not doing something. **NOW** is the time to be proactive in protecting our planet.

Tiping Points in Social Convention

"We know from social scientists that the "tipping point" at which a way of thinking or behaving converts toward a "social norm" occurs when only **25% of a population supports the change**". hello@plasticfreejuly.org

If 25% of Saint Anselm parishioners respond to the call of Pope Francis to care for our common home, the outcome could be radical. If one in every four parishioners commits to caring and advocating on behalf of the environment, that collective shift in attitude would turn the tide in favour of eco-responsibility becoming "normative". Be among the positive difference-makers!

"Don't wait for leaders, do it alone, person to person" Mother Teresa

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- You offered quality care and companionship to over 2,800 vulnerable seniors;
- You invested in our Church's future by supporting 62 seminarians at St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in the 2023-2024 academic year;
- You helped sponsor 708 refugees on their journey to safety and freedom in Canada;
- You extended a helping hand to over 1,600 young parents and their children; and
- You provided accessible, dignified support to over 2,300 people with special needs and their families.

Thank you for living the Gospel by providing for those in need!

Tax receipts for donations received in 2023 will be mailed out shortly and should reach you by February 9th. Please keep your eye out and keep the receipt in a safe place. St. Vincent de Paul will issue their own receipts.

PANCAKE SUPPER – FEB. 13th FROM 5-7pm

Delicious fluffy pancakes, real maple syrup and supper WITH your fellow parishioners WITHOUT having to clean your kitchen afterward...(almost) PIRCELESS! To cover costs and to help provide the organizers with an accurate number of attendees, advance admission will be sold after Masses on February 3, 4, 10 and 11. Cash only - \$8/person or \$25/family. Please consider buying your admission in advance!

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Discipleship in Action



Clichés venerate the patience of Job. In reality, Job mourned boisterously, voicing loud protests and demanding answers from God. His greatest demonstration of patience may have been his refusal to retaliate against the so-called friends who plied him with

shallow explanations and pious platitudes when what he needed was someone to listen to his perspective and share his grief. Reading Job's whole story, we learn that God did not offer any self-defence or explain the suffering of the innocent. Job had believed in a theology of reward and punishment: Goodness is well-compensated; evil brings suffering and misfortune. Judged from that perspective, Job appeared to be among the worst of the worst. But he knew that wasn't true. Therefore, he dared protest and accuse God of injustice. While Job presented his case, God simply listened. When God finally spoke, it was to remind Job of whom he was indicting. Leading him to judge himself, God dared Job to defend his grounds for protest. Had he been there at the creation of the world? Had he sent the rains to make the earth fertile? Did he keep motherly watch over the birth of mountain goats or teach the eagle to fly? After his encounter with the living God who keeps loving vigil over all creation, Job resolved his own lament saying, "By hearsay I had heard of you, but now my eye has seen you." He had been moved from a strict law-and-order orientation to an open-ended relationship with God. Job's encounter with God's gratuitous love made all the difference. When he realized that everything he ever had was a gift, Job comprehended that no one can earn blessing, nor even claim the right to exist. His life, whether easy or arduous, was something he could never deserve, but

which he could decide to spend well or poorly. That sounds so obvious, yet we forget it so easily. Believing that we are entitled to what we have, we forget: Rather than own, we owe our lives.

Job offers a thought-provoking complement to Mark's depiction of Jesus' early ministry. While we meet Job reeling in utterly reasonable sadness, the Gospel introduces Jesus as an unstoppable healer who inaugurated his ministry by healing Peter's mother-in-law.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' open embrace to all who needed him is obvious. Fresh from healing the demoniac in the synagogue, Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and then allowed all those who came to him, seeking relief from whatever ailed them, to set his agenda. He, who had come to be all things to all people, fueled himself with prayer and went about doing good. In that deserted place where he quieted himself and communed with God, Jesus found the strength to adjust his attitude so that he was absolutely selfless. Given to God completely, he was able to give himself to others. It is important to note that Simon's mother-in-law provides us with an invaluable lesson in discipleship. Once healed, she rose from her sick bed and began to serve Jesus and all those who travelled with him. She has managed to go one step further than our friend Job. He came to revere God while she ministered to Jesus and his companions. Job and Simon's mother-in-law each offer us vital perspectives for dealing with the crises of our own time. Job shows us how to pray with gut-wrenching honesty to the God who always watches over us. She shows us how encounters with God lead us into service. Despite the excitement caused by his healings, and even though these demonstrated his divinely endowed power, they do not fully reveal Jesus for who he is. That revelation will come later, on the cross. For now, Jesus intends to be about the business of preaching. "for that is what I came out to do," he affirms (v.38). Indeed, and as will be revealed on several occasions throughout the Gospel, the miracles of Jesus will be secondary to his message: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." The call to share the Good News is sent to all and challenges us to pray, act and follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ. Are you ready?

BOOK CLUB FOR LENT

The next book club will meet twice – Tuesday, February 27th and Tuesday, March 5th at 10:00am in the church. We will be discussing the play "Doubt" by John Patrick Shanley.
 To join, please call or email the parish office.

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