

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 13th, 8:15 a.m.

John and Rosa Paglialunga
Requested by the Family

Wednesday, February 14th, 8:15 a.m.

Bill Aust
Requested by the Family

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

Maureen Kirwan
Requested by Theresa Ryan

Friday, February 16th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Faithful Departed
Requested by a Parishioner



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. **PLEASE NO CLOTHING AT THIS TIME.**

CASSEROLES GROUP "B"

Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Refuge (Group B) will be collected **NEXT 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.



Saint Valentine's Day

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and it will decide everything.

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<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/prayers-by-st-ignatius-and-others/fall-in-love/>

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

SHARELIFE

St. Anselm's parishioners raised **\$85,546.00** for the ShareLife campaign in 2023. Thank you to all who live the Gospel by supporting the good works of ShareLife through a sacrificial monetary offering.

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!** Admission is \$8/person or \$25 for a family and is available for purchase upon entry to the parish hall on the evening of February 13th.

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Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm 32
1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 Mark 1:40-45

The Freedom to Love



In the action-packed Gospel of Mark, the first chapter ends with a fourth account of Jesus' healing activity. This time, after the stories of freeing a demoniac, restoring Peter's mother-in-law and healing people sick "with various

diseases," we hear the precise and interesting words of a man's request for healing and unusually emotional language on the part of Jesus. The man approached Jesus and said, "If you choose, you can make me clean." First of all, those words were a proclamation of faith. The people of that time knew that while there were treatments for many ailments, curing leprosy required divine intervention. Thus, when the leper spoke to Jesus, he expressed belief that Jesus could choose to wield divine power.

We might ask why this man seemed to raise a question about Jesus' desire to heal. When we hear him say, "If you choose," we hear the cry of someone who, it seems, has prayed and not heard an answer. The leper calls on Jesus in a way that both asks for compassion and recognizes his own powerlessness — a depressing powerlessness that can be understood only by someone as stricken and marginalized as he was. While our translation says that Jesus was "moved with pity," other reliable manuscripts say he was "moved by anger." Following the principle of interpretation that suggests that the more difficult

saying is more likely the original, this portrays Jesus the healer as someone fiercely affected by the suffering he sees before him: both the by ailment and its social results. In response to that suffering, he violates society's taboos regarding leprosy. Jesus reaches out and touches the man with the command: "Be made clean."

The great father of the church John Chrysostom saw in this a wonderful reversal. Though the wisdom of the day knew that such a touch would make Jesus unclean, in reality, the opposite was true: *That touch cleansed*. In social terms, the touch symbolized as much as it accomplished. By touching the man, Jesus broke the barrier of isolation that had trapped him. He very really brought him back to the land of the living, the world of social relationships. Not only that, but by his touch, Jesus stripped the taboo of its power. A taboo functions subtly and maintains its force through fear. It is not reasoned, but almost reflexive. When Jesus flaunted the taboo against touching the person with leprosy he toppled the conventional wisdom of his day. His touch made a public statement that the one standing before him was a person who had leprosy, not a leprous creature. When Jesus broke the taboo, he stripped it of its unquestioned omnipotence. As in all of his dealings with people in need, he demonstrated the primacy of the person over any considerations of physical condition, nationality or gender. In the long run, Jesus not only healed the man, but gave people a vision of evangelical freedom: the freedom to live St. Augustine's advice to "love and do what you will." As he touched the man, Jesus acted out a living parable of the Incarnation. Philippians 2 describes Christ as the one who emptied himself, coming in human likeness. In this incident, as in so many others, Jesus emptied himself of false dignity and self-protection, all on behalf of someone in need. That touch identified Jesus with the victim; it made him one with the sufferer. That was the freedom Jesus had, and simply by expressing it, he invited others to do likewise. Thus, this healing miracle not only brought a person to daily life but extended the offer of freedom to any who would accept it. We are called to live our Christian vocation in the radical freedom that springs only from love. Jesus touched the man with leprosy. Likewise, we can claim the freedom to reach out to everyone our society treats as an outcast, doing it always for the greater honour and glory of God.

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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