November 24, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
--- Psalm 122:1

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St. Anselm’s Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals and clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, and seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Emmanuel, a name that means “God-with-us”. He journeys with his people, leading us through the wilderness of our life, into death and beyond. It was when he was hanging on the cross that he was recognized by the thief, who asked to be admitted into his kingdom. The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer at today’s Mass describes Christ as wanting to present to his Father “an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.” This world today as we see it is quite different from that. But, wherever we see love, compassion, forgiveness and hope we are seeing the kingdom of God struggling to grow and flourish and establish itself. That is why we pray every day, “Thy kingdom come.”

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but because it falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the Sunday takes precedence. The obligation to attend Mass does not transfer to December 9th.

ATTENTION LECTORS- Please pick up your 2020 Workbook from the back of the church. Please take the one with your name on it. Thank you for your continued dedication to such a vital ministry in our Parish.

LITTLE BLUE BOOK- Next weekend is the 1st Sunday of Advent. The “Little Blue Book” will be put in the back of the church (11/30-12/1). Please take one home and read the daily stories and reflections for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. What a beautiful and simple way to truly grasp the “Reason for the Season”.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2019- 1568
Collection: $6,683
2nd Collection-Building & Maintenance:$1,396
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625

Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
November 24– Campaign for Human Development
December 1– St. Anselm School

RESTART- When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.--Anonymous
A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We are gathered here as Your family, O Lord.
As a family of faith and love,
we give You thanks.
As Your guests at the table of life,
we are grateful that You have set a
place for us.
As Your children,
we strive to follow You in all we do.
As servants to Your will,
we acknowledge the gift of Your
understanding and mercy.
As Your stewards,
we are filled with wonder in the
presence of Your mighty deeds and
accept our responsibilities in Your
service.
As Your heirs,
we are humbled by the bounty You
have given us, for each beat of our
heart and each breath that we draw,
is ours only through Your grace.
And, as Your family, we shout Your name
and give You all glory and honor, praise
and thanks. Amen
**St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events**

**And “Save The Date”**

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**EVENT DATE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th 11:00am - 1:00pm**

The PTG Sponsored **Gingerbread House Workshop and Wreath Sale** is back! Due to high demand from last year, we are offering a plan ahead option where you can pre-order your holiday wreaths and gingerbread houses. These festive items can be used for decorations in your home and make wonderful holiday gifts for friends, family and clients! This event gets you in the holiday spirit and is a wonderful way to support our school. Preorder forms will be available as of Monday, November 4th in the church and school office as well as the website through the school.

**Dates for your Calendar:**

- **Dec 5**: Christmas Market at St. Anselm School where you can preorder Gingerbread House Kits and purchase holiday wreaths.
- **Dec 7**: Gingerbread Workshop at Parish Hall 11:00am -1:00pm
- **Dec 6**: Pre-ordered Gingerbread Kits will be available for pick up after 3:00pm at the Parish Hall

**For New St Anselm families, here is some additional information:** On Saturday, December 7th we transform the Parish Hall into a gingerbread house workshop. You can book a spot for your kids to create their holiday masterpiece and keep the mess out of your kitchen! Come and sip coffee or hot apple cider and listen to Christmas music as your kids work away.

The Gingerbread House Kit includes the following for $50: a beautiful gingerbread house sourced from a San Francisco Bakery, a bucket of decadent frosting from M&H Bakery, large assortment of the perfectly selected candies to decorate the entire house. The entire kit comes wrapped beautifully with holiday ribbon.

Our wreaths are sourced from Oregon, amazing quality and they come with a hand-tied holiday festive ribbon. Wreaths are $30 for one, $50 for two.

Any Questions, please contact Angela Quinlan at angmquinlan@gmail.com. Thanks again for your support!

St. Anselm School Gingerbread House Committee
Children’s Mass on 11/17- Special thank you to our Parish Religious Education teachers, Meghan and Susan, for preparing our Kindergarten and First Graders. The children did a wonderful job as greeters, readers, gift bearers, and singers. Each 3rd Sunday mass is hosted by a new class grade. Our next mass, 12/15, will be led by our First Communion Program. However, all other children are welcome to help and take on an active role. Please contact Natalie at Dre@saintanselm.org or have your child meet us in the church for rehearsal at 9am on 12/15.

The parish also offers an opportunity for all children to sing at the 1st Sunday 10am mass. Please contact erinhurleymusic@gmail.com if your child would like to help sing at these masses.

Saint Festival 11/17- Special thank you to our Youth Ministry and adult helpers for making our Saints Festival a success. The Hall was beautifully transformed into a festival filled with saint inspired game booths. The children from our community had a great time learning about the different saints and loved winning their prizes.
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