

Around the Parish

The Fundraising Committee is seeking new members to come and be apart of this vibrant group. Meetings are held on Wednesday's at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Come and share your ideas and offer suggestions on ways we can continue to keep St. Anselm's the Number One Cathedral in the East. See you there!

Coming soon.... Fish Fry Fridays!!!!!!

The Archdiocesan Youth & Young Adult Office presents:

A Fundraiser Event (Adult only) - Sip 'N' Paint - Saturday, February 24, 2024—7:30pm – 10:00pm Holy Family Parish - To purchase tickets, contact The Youth Office at 322-8919 or 422- 5690.

Some things to remember for Lent

Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

Prayer for the Week

Lord God, I pray for a good week this week. More than that, I pray for a blessed week. May I be a blessing to each person I encounter each day. And may I receive your blessing through others as well. I pray that I might see your loving hand at work throughout this week. In the name of Jesus, my Savior, I pray, Amen.

Jesus Heals a Leper

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:40-41

Based on Mark 1:40-45



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St. Anselm is a Catholic faith community centered in the Eucharist, seeking to live the love of God through worship, word and service.

“If you wish, You can make me clean.”

“Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.”
(CF. Psalm 31[30]:3-4)

February 11th, 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
2nd Reading 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1
Gospel Mark 1:40-45

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**February 18th, 2024**  
*1st Sunday in Lent*

1st Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15  
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22  
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15



**Most Rev. Patrick C. Pinder, S.T.D., C.M.G.**  
KC\*HS, Archbishop of Nassau.  
**Fr. Noël Clarke,** Parish Priest  
**Rev. Mr. Ricardo Demeritte,** Deacon

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS: 7.00am & 9.00am
WEEKDAYS: 6.15 am
Wednesdays - Adoration 5.30pm & Mass follows
HOLIDAYS: 8.00 a.m.
Bible Study: Monday 6.15pm
Virtual

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: by appointment

BAPTISMS
Call Parish Office to arrange

A WARM AND LOVING WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS
Please come again and if you would like to become a member, our contacts are listed above.

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*To our members, We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers!*

## Let us Pray

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease, realize that they are chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Amen.

Paul Barnett Sr., Rosemary Black, Guy-Phillipe Berlin, Donnalee Colebrooke, Jaqueline da Costa, Sonia Darville, Carol & Sylvia Edgcombe, Michael Farrington, Patricia Higgs, Hartman Johnson, Monique Johnson, Daphne Kerr, Edward Kerr, Patricia Knowles, Bernadette Rolle-Major, Ida Major, Dellareese McPhee, Drucilla Moss, Agatha Pratt, Martha Roberts, Kyandre Sands, Jayde Smith, Mable Smith, Lucinda Symonette, Anastina Wilson and Jacinta White, the imprisoned, the homebound, the hospitalized and persons in the Geriatrics Hospital.

(If you, or a member of your family ill, or if you know of a parishioner that is ill, please notify the parish office).

### Daily Scripture Reading

#### **12 February 2024 - Monday**

1st Reading: James 1: 1-11  
Resp Ps: 119: 67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76  
Gospel: Mark 8: 11-13

#### **13 February - Tuesday**

1st Reading: James 1: 12-18  
Resp Ps: 94: 12-13a, 14-15, 18-19  
Gospel: Mark 8: 14-21

#### **14th February - Ash Wednesday**

1st Reading: Joel 2: 12-18  
Resp Ps: 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17  
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 6:2  
Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

#### **15 February 2024 - Thursday**

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20  
Resp Ps: 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Gospel: Luke 9: 22-25

#### **16 February 2024 - Friday**

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-9a  
Resp Ps: 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19  
Gospel: Matthew 9: 14-15

#### **17 February 2024 - Saturday**

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 9b-14  
Resp Ps: 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Gospel: Luke 5: 27-32

**Happy Birthday Greetings to:** Tiana Rolle-Miller, Valentino Smith (**Today**); Phillandra Bain-Wood, Avianna Darville (**Mon**); James Seymour (**Tues**); Janiska Davis-Maycock, Monique Johnson (**Wed**); Lester Gittens, J'Shaun Richardson, Ashton Butler (**Thurs**); Adrian Williams, Winton Cooper, Kendino Rolle (**Fri**); Jason Symonette, Makai Penn (**Sat**); **and to all celebrating this week!**

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### Happy Anniversary

*Byron & Cherise Toote celebrating 14 years on Tuesday*  
*Vernon & Janet Davis celebrating 36 years on Tuesday*  
*Khalil & Latina Braithwaite celebrating 4 years on Tuesday*  
*Ricardo & Alexandria Taylor celebrating 21 years on Thursday.*

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### ~Commentators & Lectors~

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 11th February 2024

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| 7 a.m. | Barbara Turnquest | 1st Reader             |
|        | Dedrie Woods      | 2nd Reader/Commentator |

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| 9 a.m. | Kevin Fernander | 1st Reader/Commentator |
|        | Kavon Rolle     | 2nd Reader             |

#### 1st Sunday of Lent — 18th February, 2024

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| 7 a.m. | Arthur Seymour | 1st Reader             |
|        | Letitia Ellis  | 2nd Reader/Commentator |

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| 9 a.m. | The Youth |  |
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**Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the Ladies' Auxiliary Bake Sale last Sunday.**

## Reflecting on the Word

### Open to New Life

On the one hand, there are suffering human beings like Job, slaves longing for the shade.

On the other hand, there is God who cares about us, who heals the brokenhearted.

Leprosy was a terrible disease in biblical times. Highly contagious, it was fatal, since there was no cure for it. The law could do nothing other than exclude lepers from participation in the life of the community. There was more to it than that.

The Responsorial Psalm 32 is a reminder that in biblical times people often regarded sin as the cause of disease. Lepers were therefore sinners, and the community excluded them from its worship. In a theocracy such as Israel, exclusion from the temple was a fate worse than death. Jesus enters the scene as the healer of lepers. Those, for whom the law offers no hope, find in Jesus their savior, their key to re-entry into the human community. We have our own “lepers” today. They are the wretched people of the world’s slums, the ones dying of Covid-19, the ones sitting on death row. The law of society has nothing of hope to offer them. Their only hope is in the “great prophet who has appeared among us,” and in those followers of Jesus like Paul, “seeking not my own advantage, but that of the many.” The mystery of the human condition is such that, in one way or another, all will face pain, reversal, and, ultimately, the mystery of death itself. Seen through the eyes of faith, however, this mystery is not closed in upon itself. Through sharing in the cross of Christ, human suffering and pain have a redemptive meaning and goal. They have the potential of opening a person to new life. They also present an opportunity and a challenge to all, calling us to respond to suffering just as Jesus did—with love and care.

~U.S. Bishops, 1987, *The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response*~

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### Special Dates to Remember

**Ash Wednesday** - Wednesday, 14th February - Masses at 6:15 a.m. and 7:00p.m. in the Main Church

**Stations of the Cross** - Friday 16th February - 7:00 p.m. (none on 23rd due to Mission)

**RCIA Rite of Sending** - (1st Sunday of Lent) February 18th, 9am Mass

**RCIA Rite of Election** - February 18th, at 5:00 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

**Archdiocesan City-Wide Mission** - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd, 7:00 p.m. nightly at Loyola Hall. (THE BUS LEAVES THE PARISH GROUNDS AT 6.15 P.M.)

**Stations of the Cross** resumes on Friday 1st March 7:00 p.m. and every Friday during Lent.