

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

February 4, 2024  
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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**Parish Website:** www.SaintAnselm.org

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**School Website:** www.StAnselmSchool.com

**Sunday Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm

**Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am  
**Thursday 5:30pm but will change to 8:30am during Lent**

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:30am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, and  
Friday—8:00am-1:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00pm-4:45pm or By  
Appointment

**Baptism:** Preparation Class required. Please email  
dre@saintanselm.org or call the Parish Office ext.105

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Anytime upon request.  
Contact Pastor.

**Matrimony:** Six months notification required prior to  
desired date. Contact Pastor.

**St. Vincent de Paul Help Desk:** (415) 454-3303

**Cursillo Information:** Cathy Cunningham  
(415) 453-7174

**Eucharist for Homebound:** (415) 453-2342

**CYO Website:** www.stanselmcyo.org

*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 everyday. We welcome, serve, and educate.*

**Father Gabriel's Reflection for the 5th Sunday Yr B**

Beloved Parish Family of St. Anselm

Health care and the onset of debilitating illness are crucial issues to us— a concern of the readings for this weekend. Job laments his endless suffering and sleepless nights. In the Gospel reading, Jesus continues to enter the world of the sick and suffering with healing touches and words. His presence brings healing just as it brought the man with unclean spirits in the Synagogue last Sunday.

In the first reading, we encounter Job, a prosperous and happy man. Suddenly, he lost everything; hostile tribes destroyed his cattle and his workers. His house collapsed and killed his children who were gathered for a meal all at once. Soon after, Job's health began to deteriorate, and his skin was covered with sores. When this book was written, God's people believed that if one is good, all will go well, and if not, all kinds of terrible things will happen to you. As a faithful Jew, Job struggled to figure out why he had to suffer even as a good man.

The Gospel reading narrates in compact form the healing of Simon's mother-in-law. Jesus grasps her hand, and helps her up. The fever leaves, and immediately, she begins to serve them (wait on them). At the heart of this narrative is a strong indication that the healing power of Jesus can be a liberation, leading to more excellent service to others.

Like Job, many of us continue to experience pain and challenges in our daily lives. Jesus intervenes to bring us spiritual and physical solace, inviting us all to bring his liberating presence to those in need. Like the crowds pressing in and bringing their sick for healing, our nation and cities are filled with people seeking help and solutions to all problems.

As Catholics, Jesus continues to bring his healing and liberating presence to us through the sacraments, the scriptures, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and personal prayer. As we receive healing and strength from God in our challenges, like Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus equally expects us to be his presence in the lives of others: the sick, the lonely, the aged, orphans, the poor, the homeless, the stranger and alien, those who grieve. People should be able to see us and remark like the guy cured of evil spirits in the Synagogue: I know who you are!

Notice how Jesus would withdraw to a deserted place by himself in prayer. Our source of strength and inspiration to carry out the mission of bringing salvation and help to others will always be contact with Jesus himself in our private prayer.

In a world filled with so much noise and confusing voices, we need quiet moments with God to discern his will for us. In the week ahead, let us commit to maintaining some good silence when we come to Church to be well-focused in prayer. Amen.


| <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>              |                |                             |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Mon.</b>                         | <b>Feb. 5</b>  | 8:30am                      | Bertha Hellendrone (D)                           |
| <b>Tues.</b>                        | <b>Feb. 6</b>  | 8:30am                      |  |
| <b>Wed.</b>                         | <b>Feb. 7</b>  | 8:30am                      | Linda Heilmann (INT)                             |
| <b>Thurs</b>                        | <b>Feb. 8</b>  | 5:30pm                      |  |
| <b>Fri.</b>                         | <b>Feb. 9</b>  | 8:30am                      | Jude Madden (D)                                  |
| <b>Sat.</b>                         | <b>Feb. 10</b> | 5:00pm                      | Robert Innes (D)                                 |
| <b>Sun.</b>                         | <b>Feb. 11</b> | 8:00am<br>10:00am<br>5:00pm | Sheila (D)<br>Parish People<br>Emmeline Vita (D) |
| <b>Sick Relatives &amp; Friends</b> |                |                             |  |

**As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill:** Jose Larraga, Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Steve Leland, Christopher Goward, Terese Marklinger, Allison Chichizola, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Fr. Neil Healy, Michael Cavagnetto, Louisa Walker, Al Dallara, Jordan Roggenbuck, Catherine Ward, Lori Schimm, Matt Hansen, Natalie Johnson, Jai Hayden, Joan Risch, Jim Sweeney, Michael Horst, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidre Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Duane Hultin

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Norma Cavagnetto, Norma Baumsteiger

**For Our Military:** Matthew Kerry O'Brien, Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, Daniel Lowe, and Rob Manifold

**"Our Prayer Petition group will gladly pray for your intentions; simply use the link on our Parish website (<https://saintanselm.org/>) or go to <https://forms.gle/9C3WH4mtng33qLmn7>"**



**Ash Wednesday is February 14th.** Masses are at 8:30, 12:00pm, and 7:00pm.

**Green Tip:** Reduce your carbon footprint by buying local seasonal foods that travel shorter distances from farm to table.

**Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.5 – Lines of Approach and Action, IV. Politics and Economy in Dialogue for Human Fulfillment, ¶196:** A lack of concern for the environment is the same as a lack of concern for the most vulnerable members of society.

## ST. ANSELM SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE-- UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lenten Reflections:** Join Deacon Bob Meave for the five Tuesdays leading up to Holy Week in reflections on the beloved parable of the Prodigal Son. The discussions will be anchored by the acclaimed book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Henri Nouwen., available at your favorite bookseller. It is recommended, but not required, that participants follow linked chapters in the book.

**Tuesdays, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, February 20 – March 19, Join us on Zoom. For more information and to register, contact Deacon Bob at [ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)**

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

1. Monday morning (8:30 am) and Friday evening (5:00 pm) prayer with Deacon Bob Meave. Contact Bob for the Zoom link. [ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com). This is a wonderful way to start and end your week!

2. Wednesday Afternoon Readings Discussion Group. Every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm Deacon Bob will lead a discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. This is a unique opportunity to explore what you and other parishioners take away from the Readings! All parishioners and lectors are invited to attend. **You may now attend in-person (Centennial Hall) or via Zoom.** Contact Deacon Bob to get a copy of the readings in advance and the Zoom link. [ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)

**Adoration and Praying the Rosary**– We now pray the Rosary before the daily 8:30am Masses, and we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on every First Friday of the month following Mass.



Ash Wednesday is relatively early this year – February 14<sup>th</sup>. During Lent, **all weekday Masses** will be at 8:30 am (Monday to Friday).

Father Gabriel will offer the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays of Lent in the evening at 7:00pm followed by a get-to-know Fr. Gabriel opportunity in the Hall on the first Friday of Lent, February 16.

### Catholic Men's Conference

St. Pius Parish, Redwood City

**Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 8:00am, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City**

Contact: Ed Hopfner | 415-614-5547 |

[HopfnerE@sfarch.org](mailto:HopfnerE@sfarch.org)

Event Website and to Register: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/catholic-mens-conference/>

Saturday, March 9, is the Bay Area Catholic Men's Conference. Keynote speaker is Jesse Romero, retired LA sheriff, 3-time World Police Olympics boxing champion, and former U.S. Middleweight Kickboxing Champion. Other speakers are Melkite priest, Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo, and Scott French, MD. Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate Mass. Confessions will be available. Registration is \$50 (fathers are encouraged to bring their teenage sons, \$25/each). Go to the event website for more information and to register or contact Ed Hopfner.

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

The Order of Malta San Francisco Location is hosting the World Day of the Sick Mass and Anointing of the Sick at St. Dominic's Church, 2390 Bush St. on February 10, 2024 at 11:00am. Light lunch and desserts provided by Malta. Food with Friends will follow the Mass.

Questions: [cherylgiurlani@gmail.com](mailto:cherylgiurlani@gmail.com)

**LITTLE BLACK BOOK**- The "Little Black Book" is in the back of the church. Please take one home and read the daily stories and reflections for the Season of Lent. The Book begins, February 11, the First Sunday before Ash Wednesday. What a beautiful and simple way to truly grasp the meaning of our Lenten Season and assist us in our preparation for Easter.

### Please Support **Gabriel Project** Helping Women in Need

In today's world Catholics are called to support unborn children and their mothers so that no woman feels she has no choice but abortion. Do you know someone facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy? Have them call 1-800-910-2848 or visit [sfarch.org/gabrielproject](http://sfarch.org/gabrielproject).

### St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: \$3,997

(plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)

2nd Collection: N/A

**Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling.**

Special Collections:

February 18– Building & Maintenance

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