

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

February 11, 2024  
Sixth 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 will now be 8:30am**  
**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 6th Sunday Yr B**

Beloved Parish Family of St. Anselm, *who are the Lepers of today?*

Leprosy has pretty much been eradicated from contemporary society, but in Jesus' day, it was the most dreaded of all illnesses (like Covid-19 or HIV/AIDS). Excerpts from Leviticus 13 describe the social stigma attached to lepers as "unclean," forcing them to live at the margin of society. Today, ancient Jewish purity laws sound confusing and are often the source of anti-Semitism. Leprosy at the time was an incredibly tragic condition that isolated people from loved ones and society.

The episode in today's Gospel is altogether extraordinary. The leper was out of line when approached Jesus to seek a cure. He had no business leaving his place of exile to go where people gathered. Jesus not only welcomed the man; he reached out and touched him. This poor, disfigured person did not repulse him. Indeed, anyone who touched a leper was rendered Leviticallly unclean, which meant that he was unfit for worship. Jesus implicitly rejected such legislation and declared that charity is higher than any law.

In a health-obsessed culture in which the ancient attribution of illness to sin is now modernized by attributing it to a faulty lifestyle, the story of Job, a righteous sufferer, breaks the link between suffering and guilt and permits people to lament before their God. A Jesus who enacts God's reign among his time's broken and marginal people is an enduring challenge for contemporary society and the Church.

In an atmosphere of relativism and ambivalence, the interpretation and understanding of marginality can be very interesting. In the Catholic world, for example, the catch words today are mercy, inclusion, welcome. Yet, some Catholics are very hostile to other Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass, and vice versa, while at the same time, preaching cooperation with Muslims and other faiths – quite interesting.

My experiences as a priest born and raised in Africa have enabled me to see the compassionate words and touch of Jesus in those people here who try to make me feel welcome rather than focus on my mannerisms and different mentality. I see the words and touch of Jesus in those who see legal immigrants from other nations not as social danger and a threat but as fellow humans who are running from war and want to find a better life just like all others who came from Europe or anywhere.

In our day, miracles of healing are often a compassionate word or touch and welcome to all by the family of the Church. As we begin the holy season of Lent in the coming week, let us pray that modern lepers will have the courage to shout for help and that we all will have the courage of Jesus to break loose and help them, especially those burdened by the leprosy of sin, Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	8:30am	Lois Lucas (INT)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	8:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Christopher Allen Cook (D) Joe McGarry (D) Parish People
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	8:30am	Michael Coane (INT)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	8:30am	Sean Coffin (INT)
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	5:00pm	Colin Edward Schreck (D)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Feb. 18</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Nelly Martino (D) Matthew Finzen (D) Parish People

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**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, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidre Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Duane Hultin, John Sisler

**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

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564 Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024 YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor. Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023. For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at [RCASFinquiries@omniagent.com](mailto:RCASFinquiries@omniagent.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday. \*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org> and follow the links for Chapter 11 Filing\*\*

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

1. **Praying the Rosary**- We pray the Rosary before the daily 8:30am Masses.

2. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**-We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 Mass every First Friday of the month. Fr. Gabriel is available for confessions during the hour of Adoration.

3. **Stations of the Cross**- During Lent, Fr. Gabriel will lead the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays at 7:00pm.

4. **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!

5. **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)

**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).**

2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference at St. Dominic Parish, Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 9:00am-3:30pm  
2390 Bush St., San Francisco

Register for ticket(s) contact: Mary Powers | 608-205-2106 | [powersm@sfarch.org](mailto:powersm@sfarch.org)

Join the Archdiocese of San Francisco, along with St. Dominic's Catholic Church, for the 2024 Archdiocesan Women's Conference. The theme this year is: Blessed Art Thou: Women of the Eucharist in the Modern World. The day will begin with Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, followed by talks given by Gloria Purvis, speaker at the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress. The conference will also include time for Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lunch will be provided. Registration information is above.

### St. Anselm Church Stewardship

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(plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)

2nd Collection: N/A

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Special Collections:

February 18- Building & Maintenance

**"When we turn our hearts and mind back to God with a disposition of peaceful trust, we find Him waiting for us."**

-Dr. Gregory Bottaro  
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## Father Gabriel's Installation as Pastor of St. Anselm

*You are Cordially Invited to the Installation of our New Pastor*

*Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will formally install Father Gabriel Wankar as the 13th Pastor of St. Anselm Church on Sunday, March 3rd, at the 10:00am Mass. Join us for the Mass and a Reception in Centennial Hall.*

**The February Food Drive** will be February 24&25; the Ritter Truck will be in the church parking lot next to the rectory. Our wonderful volunteers will accept donations before the 5pm Mass Saturday and Sunday from 7:30am until 5:15 pm. See more details in next week's Bulletin.



### Lent Begins on February 14

Ash Wednesday is February 14, and Easter is March 31. Our Ash Wednesday Masses will be at

8:30am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm. Our weekday Mass schedule during Lent is Monday-Friday at 8:30am. Fr. Gabriel will offer the Stations of the Cross on all Friday evenings, during Lent, at 7:00pm followed by a get-to-know Fr. Gabriel opportunity in the Hall on the first Friday of Lent, February 16.

As we approach Lent, be aware of the following:

**-Lenten Regulations: -Abstinence:** Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY. **-Fast:** Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two days, the law of fast allows one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.



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