

St. Anselm Catholic Church

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



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Sunday Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm
Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 8:30am, Rosary 8:00am

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

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(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 1st Sunday of Lent
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Beloved Parish Family of St. Anselm,

We are celebrating the first Sunday of the Lenten season that encourages Christians to set out on a path of preparation for Easter. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus, after being baptized in the river Jordan and impelled by the Holy Spirit, withdrew for 40 days into the Desert of Judea, where he overcame the temptations of Satan (cf. Mk 1: 12-13). Christians also enter the Lenten desert in Spirit to join Jesus in the "fight against the spirit of evil."

The image of the desert is a very eloquent metaphor for the human condition. The Book of Exodus recounts the experience of the People of Israel who, after leaving Egypt, wandered through the desert of Sinai for 40 years before they reached the Promised Land. During that long journey, the Jews experienced the full force and persistence of the tempter, urging them to lose trust in the Lord and to turn back. Nevertheless, at the same time, thanks to Moses' mediation, they learned to listen to God's voice calling them to become his holy People. We all experience some desert in our journey of life in one way or another: sickness, crisis, emptiness, loss, and disappointment.

St. Mark's brief narrative of the temptation of Jesus has two vital ideas: (1) no matter how filled with the Spirit we may be, we are not immune from the temptations of the evil one. Moreover, (2) sometimes, as a person seeks to grow spiritually, there are dry periods, periods when a person feels as if God has abandoned them- a desert period. In meditating on this biblical passage, we understand that to live life to the fullest in freedom, we must overcome the test that this freedom entails, that is, temptation. Only if he is freed from the slavery of falsehood and sin can the human person, through the obedience of faith that opens him to the truth, find the whole meaning of his life and attain peace, love, and joy.

For this reason, Lent is not only about doing charity to others, but also a favorable time for a diligent revision of life through recollection, prayer, and penance. I invite you, beloved brothers and sisters, to the beautiful devotion of the Stations of the Cross, which I will lead in our Church in the evening of each Friday of Lent.

Lent invites us to remove some distractions that clutter our lives and focus more on Jesus and our faith. The scene of Jesus going to the wilderness for 40 days to reflect and pray is a powerful image of this invitation. One sure way to help in this reflection is the sacrament of penance with an *examination of conscience*. I just saw my Spiritual Director for confession last Tuesday. During weekdays of Lent, before or after Mass, you are welcome to approach me for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will be available.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Feb. 19	8:30am	Linda Heilmann (D)
Tues.	Feb. 20	8:30am	Norma Cavagnetto (D)
Wed.	Feb. 21	8:30am	Pascual Family (D)
Thurs	Feb. 22	8:30am	
Fri.	Feb. 23	8:30am	
Sat.	Feb. 24	5:00pm	Donna Przybski (D)
Sun.	Feb. 25	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Claude Wundrow (D) Nelly Martino (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: Linda Heilmann, 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

THANK YOU **Beautifying our Church-** We would like to offer a heartfelt St. Anselm **THANK YOU** to parishioner Dennis Thompson (Jerry Thompson & Sons Painting) for answering the request to patch and paint a

"spot" on our Church ceiling. Dennis' crew members not only repaired that specific "spot", they took the time to patch and paint many unsightly blemishes in the ceiling throughout the Church-**what a gift!**

We would also like to thank our weekday morning Mass goers who "went with the flow" and attended Mass in Centennial Hall while the work was being done. God Bless.

Green Tip: Take time to look at the Pastoral Statement by the California Conference of Catholic Bishops: "God Calls Us All To Care For Our Common Home" (cacatholic.org).

Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.5 – Lines of Approach and Action, V. Religions in Dialogue with Science, ¶200: Technical scientific solutions to climate change will fail to solve the serious threats to our planet if they are disconnected from a moral compass. We must be ever open to God's grace and be constantly challenged to live consonant with our faith about love, justice and peace.

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. 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

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.

Evaluate Supervisorial Candidates- On Monday, Feb. 26th, candidates for Marin County's District 2 Supervisorial seat (currently held by Katie Rice) will gather at **St. John's Episcopal Church, 14 Lagunitas Rd, Ross at 7pm** to hear the concerns of our community and we will be able to hear the candidates' response to those concerns. Candidates Brian Colbert, Heather McPhail Sridharan and Gabe Paulson have already agreed to join members of MOC (Marin Organizing Committee) teams to become informed about issues and then share their views. The March 5 primary is important as we look to the national scale but, perhaps even more so, is making the decision as to who will represent your views on how Marin responds to the critical issues before us locally. To register, please go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/Feb26MOC>.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: \$3,350
(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

"You should always trust in God. And the best way to demonstrate that trust is to ask, 'Where is God with me in this?' Keep asking until the question is answered."

**-Dick & Martha Lyles
Answer Your Call**

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.

Many helping hands are needed for Fr. Gabriel's celebratory reception. If you would like to help, please call the church office 415-453-2342 or Cathy Cunningham 415-847-7113.

Our Monthly Food Drive is 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.

Non-perishable donations such as tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta, chunky soups; and personal sanitary items such as diapers, toothpaste, shampoo are appreciated. Financial contributions for Ritter Center are also welcomed.

Volunteers are the heart of this ministry. If you would like to volunteer for a 2 hour shift visit our parish website: saintanselm.org, click on the Give & Serve button to find the Food Drive Volunteer schedule. If you have any questions, contact Pat Langley, 117plangley@gmail.com.

AAA 2024 Begins- Our 2024 Archdiocese Annual Appeal goal is \$77,276. Unfortunately last year we did not meet our goal, therefore, the difference had to be paid from our parish savings.

Through the Appeal, we support social justice, our schools, Marriage & Family Life, Clergy, and many other ministries. This year's theme is **"Love your neighbor as yourself."** *Matthew 22:39* Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider a gift to this critical ministry and the people who need and depend on it. You can donate on line at SFArch.org/AAA or by using a AAA Brochure/Envelope. Thank you very much.



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