

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 3, 2024
Third 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

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.

Fr. Gabriel's Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

We are delighted to welcome the Archbishop of San Francisco, Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, to our Parish this Sunday to celebrate the 10 am Mass with us.

The First reading for this third Sunday of Lent is a famous and beautiful passage from the Book of Exodus, in which the sacred author tells of God's presentation of the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) to Israel. One detail makes an immediate impression: the announcement of the Ten Commandments is introduced by a significant reference to the liberation of the People of Israel. The text says: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Ex 20: 2).

Thus, the Decalogue is intended as a confirmation of the freedom gained. Indeed, at a closer look, the Commandments are the means that the Lord gives us to protect our freedom, both from the internal conditioning of passions and from the external abuse of those with evil intentions. The "nos" of the Commandments are as many "yeses" to the growth of true freedom.

A second dimension of the Decalogue should also be emphasized: by the Law he gave through Moses, the Lord revealed that he wanted to make a covenant with Israel. The Law, therefore, is a gift more than an imposition. Rather than commanding what the human being ought to do, it intends to reveal to all the choice of God: He takes the side of the Chosen People; he sets them free from slavery and surrounds them with his merciful goodness. The Decalogue is proof of his special love.

The Gospel recalls Jesus' driving merchants and money-changers out of the temple. Through the verse of a Psalm: "Zeal for your house has consumed me" (cf. Ps 69[68]: 10), the Evangelist provides a key for the interpretation of this significant episode. Moreover, Jesus was "consumed" by this "zeal" for the "house of God," which was being used for purposes other than those for which it was intended.

Reverence for God and his will was first place in Jesus' life, kindled his zeal for the house of God. Likewise, if we value our relationship with God, everything will fall into place. When God is forgotten, we make up our own rules; we make ourselves into our gods, and we want everybody to accept that. That is where Adam and Eve got into trouble; they wanted to make themselves equal to God and make their own rules. This is how they lost the happiness God initially gave them.

Reminding ourselves of the Commandments and the Cleansing of the Temple episode should prompt us to reflect on our relationship with God. How have we treated the Temple of God in our body and those of others? Are we resolved to cleanse it, or are we insisting on making our moral code because we want to be "free people?" We pray that the importance of our religious practices will help us to respect God and our neighbor.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Mar. 4	8:30am	Esther & Charles Vacca (D)
Tues.	Mar. 5	8:30am	Noreen Madden (D)
Wed.	Mar. 6	8:30am	Sean Madden (INT)
Thurs	Mar. 7	8:30am	Dorothy Gauld (D)
Fri.	Mar. 8	8:30am	Matilda Olivares (D)
Sat.	Mar. 9	5:00pm	Robert Innes (D) Caroline Foster (D)
Sun.	Mar. 10	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Mabel Wallace (D) Carmen P. Castro (D) Lynn Reavell (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, 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: Al Dallara, 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

"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>"

Green Tip: Value need, over want, when purchasing.

Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, I. Towards a New Lifestyle, ¶205-206: No human system can suppress our ability to respond to God's grace at work deep in our hearts. We can change consumeristic habits by prayerfully remembering that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic act.

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, Now –March 19.** **Join us on Zoom. For more information and to register, contact Deacon Bob at ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com.**

Extraordinary Ministers- There will be a mandatory training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on **Sunday, March 10**, after the 10 am Mass. We will meet in the church.

BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS: If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Rectory so that arrangements can be made for an Extraordinary Minister to bring you Holy Communion. Homebound includes anyone who is unable to attend Mass on an ongoing basis or anyone who is temporarily unable to go to Mass due to, for instance, a surgery, illness or injury.

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2nd Collection: N/A

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Special Collections:

St. Anselm School- March 3

Catholic Relief Services- March 10

Building & Maintenance- March 17

St. Vincent de Paul- March 31

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Please join the Pope in praying... **For the new martyrs** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

THANK YOU

Fr. Gabriel would like to thank all of the helpful angels whose work and labors of love are done silently and go unnoticed. A lot goes on behind the scenes of keeping a parish running and we could never do it without the generous giving of our parishioners' gifts of time and talents. May God Bless You.

Women's Retreat with the Dominican Sisters (2024)

Date: Saturday, March 16

Location: Marin Catholic High School

675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.

Kentfield, CA 94904

Time: **ALL RETREATANTS -- 9:00am-3:00pm**

(Check-in begins at 8:45)

DISCERNMENT extended event -- 3:00pm-6:30pm

(for unmarried young women from 18-29 who are interested in learning more about religious life - includes dinner)

**** Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided ****

**** Lunch will be provided ****

**** Contact us: srpeterjoseph@marincatholic.org (Register by March 9)**

Save the Date: National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage: St. Junipero Serra Route

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:00am

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral – 1111 Gough St.

Contact: Sandra Kearney | 415-614-5505 |

kearneys@sfarch.org

More Information: <https://www.sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/>

Join us for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route. Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for 11:00am Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge.



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