

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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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 according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Gabriel's Reflection for Palm Sunday Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

With a growing multitude of pilgrims, Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover. Near Jericho, he had healed blind Bartimaeus, who called upon him as the Son of David, pleading for mercy. Having received his sight, Bartimaeus joined the group of pilgrims. At the gates of Jerusalem, when Jesus sat upon a donkey, an animal symbolizing the Davidic kingship, a joyful conviction spontaneously arose among the pilgrims: It is He, the Son of David! Thus, they greet Jesus with the messianic acclamation: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," and add: "Blessed is the Kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" (*Mk 11:9f.*).

In Saint John's Gospel, after the account of the entry into Jerusalem, there follows a series of sayings in which Jesus explains the essential content of this new kind of Kingdom. We can distinguish three different images of the Kingdom from these texts in which the same mystery is reflected in a few different ways.

First, during the feast, some Greeks among the pilgrims "wanted to adore God" (cf. 12:20). The true intention of these pilgrims – to adore God, corresponds perfectly to what Jesus says during the cleansing of the Temple: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations" (*Mk 11:17*). The true purpose of our coming to Church must be that of encountering God, adoring him, and thus rightly ordering the fundamental relationship of our life. Like the Greeks whose intent was: "We wish to see Jesus" (*Jn 12:21*), we have gathered here for the same reason: we wish to see Jesus.

In response to those people's request, Jesus said: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (*Jn 12:24*). Like a grain of wheat that has died and has risen, Jesus' Kingdom comes by way of the cross, and is universal. It extends "from sea to sea" – as the prophet Zechariah says (9:10) – in other words, it embraces the whole world.

Nevertheless, this is possible only because it is not a kingship of political power nor ideology but is based solely on the free adherence to love – a love which, for its part, is a response to the love of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for all. It means that no one can propose himself, his culture, his feelings, and his inclinations as an absolute. It means renouncing something of ourselves, and following the word of Jesus Christ in the Church. Only thus is peace created.

In the Synoptics, it is expressed in another way: "Not my will, but yours be done!" (*Lk 22:42*). This is the essential point in our prayer and in our life: trusting in God and believing that He knows the best for us. This is what the discipline of Lent is meant to achieve in us. Let us spend this week meditating on the Passion of our Lord, saying to Him, "*Not my will, but yours be done!*"

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Mar. 25	8:30am	Irene Platz (D)
Tues.	Mar. 26	8:30am	John Dohmer (D)
Wed.	Mar. 27	8:30am	Lois Lucas (INT)
Thurs	Mar. 28	8:30am 7:00pm	No Morning Mass Clergy
Fri.	Mar. 29	8:30am	No Morning Mass
Sat.	Mar. 30 Easter Vigil	8:00pm	Those Who are Receiving the Sacraments of Initiation
Sun.	Mar. 31 Easter Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Parish People Teresa Cunningham Gardner (D) Frederick Deeken (D) Rose Shaddock (D)

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, Elaine Innes, Marie Rawlings
For the Repose of the Soul: John Sisler, Mel Duggan, John Starr, Al Dallara,
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: Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, II. Educating for the Covenant Between Humanity and the Environment, ¶211: A person who can afford to consume more but regularly uses less heating and wears warmer clothes, shows an understanding of the duty to care for creation through daily actions. Avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, reusing items instead of discarding - all can be daily acts of love which express our own dignity.

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. **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!
4. **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



Easter Sunday is March 31-the 5th Sunday of March and the 2nd collection will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The Conference could not do its work without you and we thank you for your support. Your donations provide modest financial assistance to those in need in our community to help pay for rent, utilities and/or essential living expenses depending on the particular needs of each client. Easter is a time of rebirth and celebration. Easter also gives us the opportunity to look inward and examine our own hearts. This could be a good time to think, pray and see if you are called to share in this Ministry, perhaps as a working member of the St. Anselm's - St. Vincent de Paul Conference. If engaging in the community in this way speaks to you, please get in touch! Our cell phone number is (415) 686-3324 and our email address is svdp94957@gmail.com. We'd be happy to answer any questions and invite you to join one of our monthly meetings where you can learn more about what we do. We promise that if you feel called to do this humbling and meaningful work, your heart will be full and you won't be disappointed.

Thank you for considering the opportunity to join our St. Anselm Conference of St. Vincent de Paul and thank you also for your continued financial support. We are so appreciative of your generosity.

Your St. Anselm/ St. Vincent de Paul Conference team:
 Libby Carra, Gregory Doyle, Sharon Doyle, Bill Langley, Elizabeth Melone, Pat Miller, and Therese Pedemonte



Holy Week

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
 March 24-March 31**

PALM SUNDAY –Saturday 5:00pm Vigil ,
 Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

MONDAY-Rosary 8:00am, Mass 8:30am
TUESDAY– Rosary 8:00am, Mass 8:30am
WEDNESDAY– Rosary 8:00am, Mass 8:30am

HOLY THURSDAY–Rosary 8:00am, Liturgy of the Hours, No 8:30am Mass
 11:00am Living Stations of the Cross
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper– Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Centennial Hall until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY– No morning Rosary or Mass
 12:30pm Liturgy of the Hours
 1:00pm Meditations & Prayer
 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY– Confessions 10:00am-11:00am, **EASTER VIGIL** 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY– Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Our Monthly Food Drive is THIS WEEKEND March 23 & 24– 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.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
 1st Collection: \$3,306
 (plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)
 2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance:\$1,573
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling.
 Special Collections:
 St. Vincent de Paul– March 31
 Building & Maintenance-April 21
 Catholic Home Missions-April 28

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.



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