

St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy



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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 2nd Sunday of Easter Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

The Gospel passage for the second Sunday of Easter (also called Divine Mercy Sunday) tells of *the twofold appearance of Jesus to the Apostles*: on Easter day itself and eight days later, as the Apostles locked themselves in a room for fear of the Jews. Three times in the Gospel, we hear the risen Jesus say: *"Peace be with you!"* (Jn 20:19.21.26), indicating three aspects of God's mercy towards us: *those words give joy, grant forgiveness, and offer comfort in every difficulty.*

First, God's mercy gives us the joy of being forgiven freely. When, on the evening of Easter, the disciples see Jesus and hear him say for the first time, "Peace be with you," *they rejoice* (v. 20). They were locked behind closed doors out of fear that they had hit rock bottom. The words, "Peace be with you," revives them and makes them new people, purified by utterly unmerited forgiveness. The joy God gives is indeed born of forgiveness and transforms us.

Peace be with you! The Lord says these words a second time, showing the disciples his hands and his side, which bear the marks of the Passion, and tells them: *"As the Father has sent me, even so, I send you"* (Jn 20: 21). Immediately afterward, *"he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained"* (Jn 20: 22-23). These words stand at the origin of the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we receive Peace and healing for our souls.

Peace be with you! The Lord says these words a third time when, eight days later, he appears to the disciples and strengthens Thomas' failing faith by allowing him to *touch the marks left by the Passion* and inviting him to turn from disbelief to the fullness of Easter faith. To "see" the divine reality of the Lord Jesus, who died and rose for us, like Thomas, we must be joined to the Lord in the life of prayer. In the Gospels, we read that despite His busy life, *Jesus would withdraw* for long periods in solitude and prayer (cf. Mt 14:23; Mk 1:35; Lk 6:12; 9:18; 11:1; Jn 6:15;). In our moments of solitude and silence dedicated to prayer, we, like the apostolic community of Jerusalem described in the Acts of the Apostles, will receive the light to become of one heart and mind in our liturgical celebrations, as well as in our apostolic activity and our witness of charity.

Indeed, what Easter means is that Jesus of Nazareth, who claimed throughout his public life to be speaking and acting in the very person of God and who was brutally put to death by Roman executioners, rose bodily from the dead, offering comfort and Peace to His disappointed followers in His appearances. We who believe in Him have hope for a new life in our pains, sorrows, disappointments, and challenges. He continues to tell us *Peace be with you!*

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Apr. 8	8:30am	Tommy DeVoto (D)
Tues.	Apr. 9	8:30am	John McNamara (D)
Wed.	Apr. 10	8:30am	Melvin J. Duggan (D)
Thur.	Apr. 11	8:30am	Ruth Olsen (D)
Fri.	Apr. 12	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Sat.	Apr. 13	5:00pm	Joe McGarry (D)
Sun.	Apr. 14	8:00am	Helen Holodniak (D)
		10:00am	MaryAnn Hatt (INT)
		5:00pm	Nelly Martino (D) Lilianna Rosa Sanchez Rowan (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, Elaine Innes, Marie Rawlings

For the Repose of the Soul: Ben Fletcher, 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>"

ST JOSEPH DEFENDER OF LIFE

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Pray daily: through June 2024, when a decision is expected from the Supreme Court with regards to chemical abortions. USCCB

Beloved Parishioners of St. Anselm Church, in the spirit of collaboration, I am announcing to you my intention of constituting a Parish Pastoral Council per the provisions of Canon 536 §1 and §2 of the Code of Canon Law to assist me in fostering pastoral activity for the good of our parish. The Pastoral Council will be governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop. Like the leadership of other Church Committees, its term terminates with the exit of the Pastor who constitutes it.

1. Kindly submit your suggested names for membership in the Council to me via wankar.gabriel@sfarch.org
 2. Over the next few months, I will follow up to individually interact with and seek the consent of those suggested.
 3. Next, I will constitute and inaugurate the Parish Pastoral Council (Likely of Five members).
- Kindly keep our parish and me in your prayers as we go through this critical stage of our parish life.

Fr. Gabriel T. Wankar – Pastor.

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

Thank You! A warm St. Anselm thank you to the volunteer angels who worked their magic in making our Church so beautiful for our Easter Mass celebrations. Every deed was truly a labor of love– from the changing of the altar linens, to the polishing of the wood, the hanging of the wreaths and the placement of the flowers. Thank you to Cathy Cunningham, Ann Carroll, and Bess Nuzzo. Special thanks to our parishioner/florist Teresa Stoner and our parish “Flower Ladies”, Kathy Civetz, Patty Miller, and Kathy Easley!

Welcome! We are delighted to have had nine people receive sacraments of initiation at our Easter Vigil this year. The nine included four adults and five children. May we welcome them into our parish as new Catholics who are eager to learn and live the faith. Let us keep them in our prayers. If you have considered becoming Catholic and would like to learn more, call our Director of Religious Education, Dan, at 415-874-7465.

Easter Flowers Donated In Memory Of:

Msgr. James Flynn, Fr. MacDonald, Norma Cavagnetto, Dan Moriarty, Dr. & Mrs. Paul Crudo, Mrs. Jung Chae, Amy & Luke Kantowitz, Babe & Henry Bondesen, Julio T. Vitolo, Nancy Rose, Sanjay Verma, Angela Minnecola, Joseph Minnecola, Edith Frascone, Marie Rawlings, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Weed, Marie J & James Martin, Jessica Royer, Tom Cieply, Lil & Joe Egan, Marilyn & Zig Cieply, Karyn & Nick, Marco Mennucci, Margaret Tipton, Rose Shadduck, Joseph McGarry, Joan & Bill Devine, Wilfred & Catherine Cunningham, Teresa Cunningham Gardner, Teresa Massavelli, John Amond, Colin Edward Schreck, John & Linda Heilmann, Al Dallara, Patricia Riley Burke, Muller Family, Kollerer Family, Wundrow Family, Phelan Family, Dorothy & John Sumnick, Alice & John Farinacci, Terry Scott, Richard Petrocchi, Alfonso & Nelly Martino, Fred & Norma Baumsteiger, Janice Baumsteiger, Diane Baumsteiger, Jim & Julia Gould, Herminia Sobral, Hilarion Salbeck, Jane Salbeck, Robert D. Orlandi, Trena Orlandi, Paul & Iva Kempf, Richard Katerndahl, Gastaldi Family, Nissen Family, Sheila Frohling, Joan & Ted Penney, Matt Balano, Art Balano, Ann & Roland Norlin, Josephine & Chris M., Fred & Norma Abballo, Dan & Juliana Abballo, Randy Pashilk, James & Jacob Hatt, Helen Holodniak, Doris Stella Mae Besselman, Mr. & Mrs. Gerold Barnitz, Geroldine Barnitz Cruz, Marie Cruz, Don Orlandi, Lee & Al Abballo, Marie Louise Roucayrol, Frank Molinari, Aida Molinari, P.G. Molinari, Marina Molinari, Annetta Boalino, Dolores & Ernest Matteson, Dot & Frank Carmichael, Concetta & Paul Catinella, Pat & Bob Thurlow, Boots & Walley, Judy Donaldson, Gordon Smith, Celia Smith, Craig Smith, Edna Smith, Bari Ann Kelleher, Barbara Kelleher, Annie Williams

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 1st Collection-Easter: \$17,052
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 2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul: \$4,110
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling.
 Special Collections:
 Building & Maintenance-April 21
 Catholic Home Missions-April 28

Each year, the Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Please join the Pope in praying...
For the role of women
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