

# *St. Anselm Catholic Church*

## **April 21, 2024**

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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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– 4th Sunday of Easter Yr B**

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter – *the Good Shepherd Sunday* – in all three cycles of the Lectionary readings, the gospel is from the Johannine allegory of Jesus as both Door to the sheepfold and Shepherd (John 10). Then, until Pentecost, the gospels switch from appearances of the risen Jesus to selections from the farewell discourses in John 13 to 17.

In the days of Jewish civilization, the figure of the Shepherd was familiar: Abraham, Moses, and King David were all shepherds. Thus, biblical civilization, especially in the Psalms, and in the book of Exodus, recounts the Jewish experience of a God that leads His people to pastures, defends them from enemies, leads them to safety through the dangers of the desert and guides them toward the fulfillment of His promises in the Promised Land.

In the Gospel text for this Sunday, Jesus twice describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows the sheep and gives his life for them, contrasting Himself with unfaithful leaders in Israel (cf. bad shepherds in Ezekiel 34) who abuse and neglect the flock. Jesus emphasizes that HE is the true Shepherd, who – unlike the mercenary – is present to his sheep in good and bad times, in the daytime and at nighttime, in sickness and health, from cradle until they are fully grown.

A good Shepherd is a dedicated guardian of the salvation of souls (1 Peter 2:25) and acts like Jesus, who says, "I am the gate," since true shepherds did lie across the gate to prevent intruders and wolves from entering. Instructively, today's Gospel passage also describes the behavior of the sheep, who are called by name to follow their Shepherd. The following is the result of a call ("He calls his sheep by name"), implying a sense of belonging (the sheep are his) and requiring listening ("hear his voice"). Part of the sheep's safety requires their *rejection* of any other shepherd and strange voice ("a stranger will they not follow but will flee from him").

There is a particular need and longing for good shepherds, particularly in our Catholic Church today, where there is so much confusion about the true doctrine of the Church and morals. For political expediency, bishops, and priests are afraid to teach the faith in all truth and clarity. We have become ambivalent for fear of the media, public opinion, and political correctness.

In the week ahead, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, asking God for shepherds who care for the well-being of God's children and not personal gains. We ask God's forgiveness for bad shepherds and healing for those sheep wounded. We also remember that we are all called to be shepherds in our little ways as parents, spouses, sisters, and brothers, one to the other after the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd; amen.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Apr. 22</b>	8:30am	Holly James (D)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>	8:30am	Edward Tarrant (D)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>	8:30am	Claire Muller (INT)
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Apr. 25</b>	8:30am	Zachary Wilhelm (D) Stephen Clark (D)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>	8:30am	Irene De La Torre (INT)
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	5:00pm	Our Newly Confirmed
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Vincent Boyle (D) Emmeline Vita (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, Arlene Hansen

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Jerry Thompson, Jay MacMahon

**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:** Opt for organic garden solutions (vinegar, soap) over herbicides and pesticides which threaten bird life. **Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, III. Ecological Conversion, ¶221:** We must stay attentive to each creature as it reflects something of God and has a message to convey to us. Christ became part of the material world and, risen, is present to each being, surrounding it with his affection and penetrating it with his light. God wrote into creation an order and dynamism that human beings have no right to ignore. Jesus says of the birds of the air "not one of them is forgotten before God" ( Luke, 12:6).

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](mailto: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.

### National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage St. Junipero Serra Route

Walk with Jesus Across the Golden Gate Bridge!  
**Sunday, May 19 -11:00am** Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption- 1111 Gough St.  
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 Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge.

### Monday, May 20, 2024 don't miss the Eucharistic procession in downtown San Rafael, followed by a celebration and hosted dinner at St. Raphael Parish.

Walk the Eucharistic procession to St. Raphael Parish. The Walk will begin at St. Sebastian at 1:30 and head to Albert Park— 151 Andersen Dr., San Rafael. The procession will leave Albert Park about 2:45-3:00 and head to St. Raphael Mission.

Depending on the pace of the procession, it will arrive at the Mission around 3:15.

Contact: Sandra Kearney | 415-614-5505  
[kearneys@sfarch.org](mailto:kearneys@sfarch.org)

For Updated Information go to <https://www.sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/>

**"Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves. Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love." ~ Pope Francis**— The Marin Organizing Committee (MOC) Team invites you to join them on **Thursday, April 25, 7pm at the United Methodist Church, 9 Ross Valley RD, San Rafael.** Our activities give us an opportunity to manifest God's love. We will provide an update on the work we are doing in the areas of: improving wages of In Home Supportive Services caregivers; supporting the Fairfax – San Anselmo Children's Center and working to provide additional Affordable Housing.

**Email Warning:** Please note, Fr. Gabriel's email, as well as other St. Anselm staff members' email, has been hacked. This seems to be an ongoing problem. Do not answer any emails requesting financial support of any kind, especially gift cards, or personal information. Always check what email address the communication was sent from. If it is not Father's email address from the Archdiocese, disregard. Please refer to the front cover of the Bulletin for staff emails. When in doubt, delete the email or reach out by calling the parish office or by sending an email to [info@saintanselm.org](mailto:info@saintanselm.org) with questions.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)

### Our Monthly Food Drive is THIS WEEKEND

**April 20-21.** 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-\$3,622

(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:

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** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



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