

St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 28, 2024

Fifth 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– 5th Sunday of Easter Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

A frequent question these days is, "Just what does it mean to be a Catholic?" The readings this Sunday and the next provide a decisive answer. John 15 uses the symbol of the vine and the branches to describe the intimate union between Christ and his followers: "I am the vine; you are the branches . . . Without me you can do nothing."

For us Catholics, the most important means of remaining in Jesus is through the correct understanding and worthy reception of the Eucharist. "The bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Church assures us, not by a twentieth-century interpretation but by an ancient abiding tradition, that the Eucharist is truly the body of Christ we receive in communion. Perhaps it is appropriate to refresh our knowledge of the Catholic understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324 says, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

Mainly applicable to Jesus as the vine and we the branches, CCC 1325 notes: *The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.* Thus, the vine must be both nurtured and pruned to bear fruit that will lead to full discipleship, and unfruitful vines wither and are used only for firewood. This highlights one of the most distinctive Johannine theological concepts, "abiding – remain – stay," which appears over 40 times in the gospel.

Doctrinally, Catholics agree with, and assent to all the Catholic Church teaches and holds in receiving Holy Communion. When we say "amen" when offered the Holy Eucharist, we acknowledge that we believe everything the Catholic Church teaches. This is the reason why those who are not Catholic cannot receive Holy Communion at a Catholic liturgy. Protestants, for example, reject what the Catholic Church teaches about the sacraments, the role of the Pope, Mary, and the saints. Therefore, it would be contrary to the purpose of the sacrament for someone who is not Catholic to receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.

Jesus, our vine, invites us to be joined to him through the Eucharist, the sum and summary of our faith. This is our Catholic faith; it is not about exclusion or inclusion. "I am the vine; you are the branches . . . Without me, you can do nothing." May we find peace and fulfillment in the Eucharist. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Apr. 29	8:30am	Barbara Swift (D)
Tues.	Apr. 30	8:30am	Eric Neff (D)
Wed.	May 1	8:30am	Sheila Frohling (D)
Thur.	May 2	8:30am	Tippy Peck (INT)
Fri.	May 3	8:30am	Chris Deeken (D)
Sat.	May 4	5:00pm	Albert & Anne Modic (D)
Sun.	May 5	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius (D) Carol Picozzi (INT) Parish People Dolores O'Halloran & Family (INT)

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, 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, Mary Ellen Goepp

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: Instead of purchased objects, give people the gift of your time, attention and care.

Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, IV. Joy and Peace, ¶222: Christian spirit-uality proposes a growth marked by the capacity to be happy with little. Simplicity of lifestyle liberates us spiritually from what we possess and allows us to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us.

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

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 around 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

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

Confirmation: On April 27, at the 5:00pm Mass, 27 of St. Anselm's young men and women received the Sacrament of Confirmation. To prepare for their final Sacrament of Initiation, the Confirmand participated in a retreat and individually expressed their desire to be an active member of the Church. Their parents, sponsors, and teachers, attested to their readiness and were happy to present them to Rev. Stephen Howell, Vicar General, Archdiocese of San Francisco. Please keep them in your prayers.

Prayer for Our Confirmands

Heavenly Father,

We raise our confirmands to you, Blessed Lord, for your care. We rejoice in their faith journey and ask you to be their guide, guardian, and help. Let them feel the love of their church family as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Reveal to them your plan – your good, perfect, and pleasing will – for their lives. Surround them with your Holy Spirit instilling in each the confidence only you can provide.

Gracious God, help us to live as your role models for our youth. Give us the wisdom, strength, and courage to walk uprightly, to do your will, to reflect the love of Jesus in all circumstances. Help us make good choices. Let us continue to grow in faith, to commit to the study of your word, and to share the good news of the Gospel with these young men and women.

You have richly blessed our church family and we are grateful for all you have done. We give you honor, glory, and praise. Let our worship be pleasing and our works be fruitful so we can expand your kingdom here on earth. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Happy Feast Day, St. Anselm! April 21 is the Feast Day of our parish's patron saint, St. Anselm. To celebrate this special day, parishioners gathered in Centennial Hall, following the 10:00am Mass, for refreshments and fellowship. We would like to offer a heartfelt St. Anselm THANK YOU to the Eliasson family for making our Hall look so festive which added to the joyfulness of the day.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

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(plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)

2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance:\$1,482

Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling.

Special Collections:

Catholic Home Missions-April 28

Catholic Charities-May 12

Building & Maintenance-May 19

Catholic Communications-May 26

Each year, the Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Please join the Pope in praying...**For the formation of religious and seminarians** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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