

The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign

Secure the Future Give Now

St. Anselm Church
Ross, CA

Dear Parishioners,

For over 115 years, we have gathered in St. Anselm Church to celebrate life events: Baptisms, First Communions, Reconciliations, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and School Activities. This beautiful facility now needs our assistance.

As with all physical structures, our church requires considerable repairs and maintenance beyond the scope of the daily, monthly, and yearly projects.

Approximately 6 years ago our Finance Council invited a group of parishioners and professionals skilled in the areas of architecture, construction, and facility maintenance to evaluate the needs of our church structure. Due to Covid 19, we have been on hold for the past 4 years.

The results of this study showed that there are significant repairs that should be addressed. The most critical repairs are: The bell tower and the bell tower concrete foundation; waterproofing paper behind the stucco throughout the church exterior walls which has disintegrated over multiple decades leading to excessive water damage and rot to the wood frame structure.

It is estimated that the total repairs will cost approximately \$3,500,000. We initiated the capital campaign over 5 years ago, typically called the "Silent Campaign". Covid-19 put a hold on all fundraising efforts. In 2021 a long-time parishioner passed away and donated \$1,000,000 to St. Anselm Church. As of June 2024 we have \$2,000,000 committed to the Restoration Campaign (57%). Our goal is to raise the balance which is \$1,500,000 (43%).

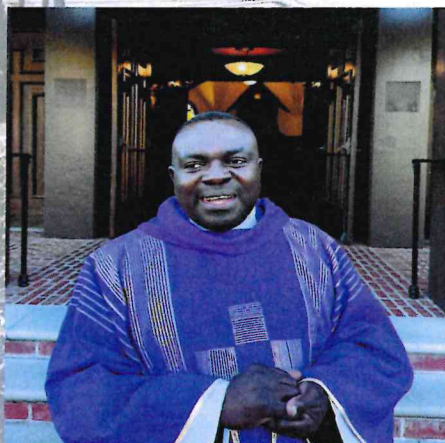
Our Catholic faith, this Church, and this Parish, require a commitment from each and every one of us. Giving money in the Sunday collection or electronically is not simply a contribution – it is an obligation for the sustainability of our parish community.

It is incumbent on each family to decide what their commitment will be. Can each of us seek to reallocate monies within our personal budgets to go towards St. Anselm's and its long-term sustainability?

You are a blessing to this faith community. The parish thanks you and needs your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Gabriel Wankar, Pastor



Frequently Asked Questions

Will the Church be closed for construction?

Proposed construction is scheduled from approximately August through the early part of 2026. During construction weekend Masses and Sacraments will be in the church. Daily Mass will be held in Centennial hall.

Can I make a pledge? If so, how long can my pledge extend?

Yes, we welcome pledges to be redeemed by October 2025. Cash donations, Stocks/Securities, and IRA proceeds are all tax deductible. Donation/Pledge envelopes are included in this brochure and will be located in the back of the Church.

What would happen if we didn't do this work?

The Church structure will continue to deteriorate and if not addressed now, the cost will continue to inflate.

What is our annual church budget?

Annually, our Church budget is approximately \$580,000 which includes our Annual Archdioceses Appeal of approximately \$80,000.

What is the financial health of the parish?

The parish has been operating very prudently. Through cost improvement measures and fiscal discipline, the parish has been able to operate at a modest surplus each year.

Why don't we have enough from the "Building & Maintenance" second collection?

The Building & Maintenance collection total is approximately \$15,000 annually. This money has enabled us to do ongoing maintenance on the Church, including repairing leaks, HVAC, and improving the sound system. The collection amount is not substantial enough for a major restoration of the Church.

When was our last capital campaign?

The Centennial Campaign was conducted (2008-2010) over 14 years ago. The purpose of that campaign was the construction of the parish rectory, offices, residences, and Centennial Hall, along with substantial work at the school at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000.

Where can I get more information?

Please visit St. Anselm Ross CA website www.saintanselm.org. Click on the link titled THE CHURCH 2025 RESTORATION CAMPAIGN.

We encourage each family to give this matter serious consideration and return the Donation/Pledge Card via mail or deposit it in the collection basket at your earliest convenience.

Questions: Call or email Steve Easley, Chairman of the St. Anselm Parish Finance Council.
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**Throughout St. Anselm history many have responded to the call to preserve and strengthen our parish.
OUR TIME IS NOW.**