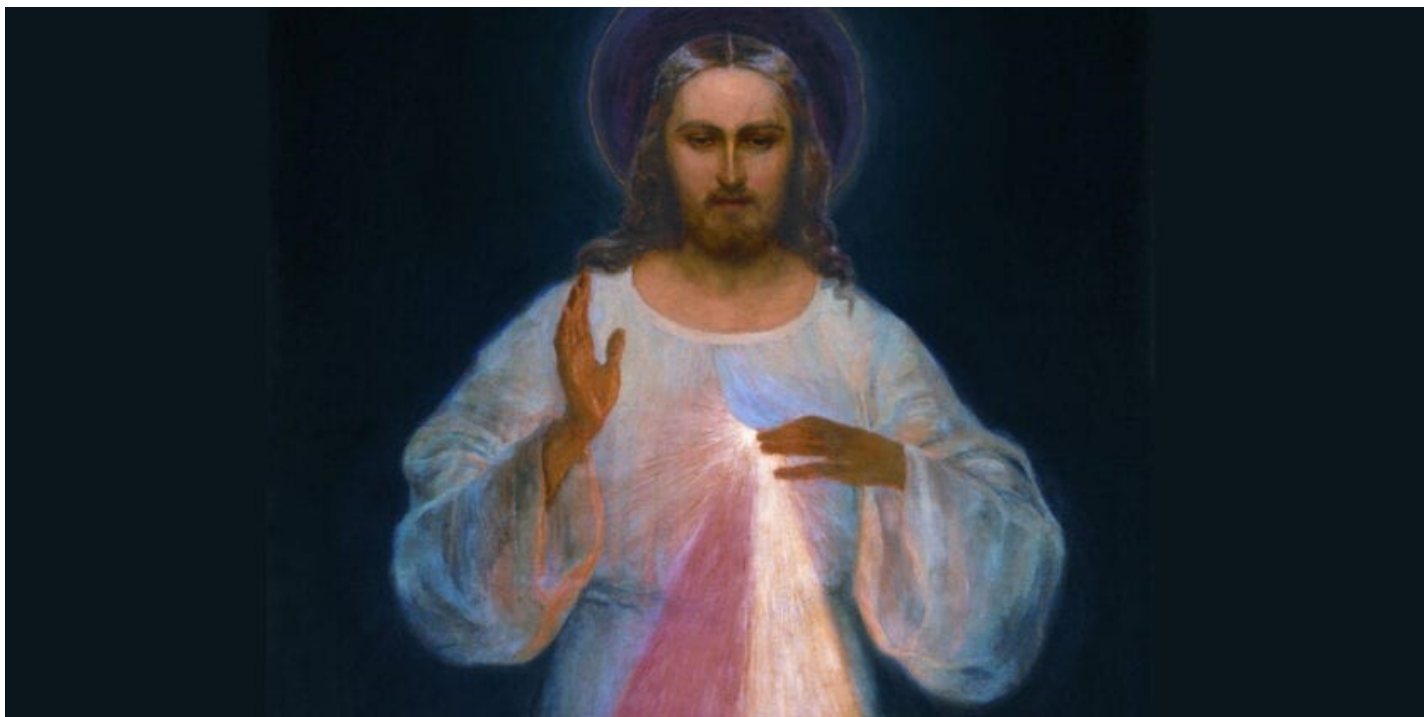


# St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 12, 2026  
Second Sunday of Easter



*Divine Mercy by Eugeniusz Kazimirowski—1934*

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## Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm

**Weekday Mass:** Monday-Friday 8:30am, Rosary 8:00am

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

**Adoration:** with Rosary, weekdays from 7:25—8:25am &  
First Fridays from 9 am—12 noon

**Eucharist for Homebound:** (415) 453-2342

**Reconciliation:** Before 8:30am weekday Mass, Saturday  
4:00pm-4:45pm, during Adoration on First Fridays 9:00am-  
12:00pm or by Appointment

**Baptism:** Preparation Class required. Please email  
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**Anointing of the Sick:** Anytime upon request.  
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**Matrimony:** Six months notification required prior to  
desired date. Contact Pastor.

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*St. Anselm's Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals & clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, & seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, & educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

**Pastor’s Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Easter Year A**

In today’s Gospel, the risen Lord appeared to the Apostles, who were gathered together in one place. There is surely joy to be found in a personal relationship with Jesus, but the Lord also announced a special presence whenever two or three are gathered in His name. This Gospel indicates the need to gather to find the Lord’s blessing in the community of the Church, in His Word, and in the sacraments. Let’s look at today’s Gospel in stages.

**I. Fearful Fellowship** – *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews ....* These men are frightened, but they are in the right place – gathered together. They have experienced the earthquake of Jesus’ crucifixion. It is not uncommon for those with “stuff” in their lives to retreat, withdraw, and even hide. This is probably the worst thing that one can do. We must gather each Sunday to receive the Lord’s Peace through prayer and encouragement from others. Don’t block your blessings!

**II. Fabulous Fact** – *Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.* Jesus’ appearance does not only offer them an entirely new reality, but they also receive inner Peace. This is the basic purpose of gathering for Sacred Liturgy. We gather not to socialize but to encounter the living Lord, who, through His Word, enables us to see things in a new way, one that gives us hope, clarity, and confidence. Our lives are reordered. Yes, the Mass works. It transforms; it gives a new mind and heart. Don’t block your blessings; be there every Sunday.

**III. Forgiving Fidelity** – *“He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”* Not only has He given this authority to men (cf Matt 9:8), He has given it to the men who abandoned Him at His crucifixion, and who are quite aware of their shortcomings. Some people deny that Confession is a biblical sacrament, but here it is in today’s Gospel. Many consider it sufficient to speak to God privately about their sins, but the Scriptures instruct us to move beyond such a solitary notion and to approach the Church.

**IV. Faltering Fellowship** – Our Church is an object of faith. In the Creed every Sunday we profess to believe in God the Father and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, and to believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. We go on to say that we believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We know and believe what we do about Jesus Christ based on what the Church hands on from the Apostles. Jesus is found in the gathering of the Church, the *ekklesia*, the assembly of those called out. Thomas found Him, but only when he gathered with the others. It is Christ’s will to gather us and unite us (Jn 17:21).

A special welcome to any visitors or those worshipping with us for the first time or those returning home. Please know that you are warmly welcomed & deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register at [www.saintanselm.org/register](http://www.saintanselm.org/register) so we can stay in touch. **We’re so glad you’re here—Welcome home!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr. 13</b>	8:30am	Joe McGarry (D)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr. 14</b>	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr. 15</b>	8:30am	Catherine Gill (D)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Apr. 16</b>	8:30am	St. Anselm School Faculty & Staff
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Apr. 17</b>	8:30am	The Wankar Family
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr. 18</b>	5:00pm	Confirmandi on their Retreat
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr. 19</b>	8:00am	Vincent Boyle (D)
		10:00am	Brian Crompton (D)
		5:00pm	Camilla Chiringhelli (D)

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

*Note: please call parish office to update names*

**As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:** Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Terese Marklinger, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidra Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Elaine Innes, Arlene Hansen, Rose Michelle D’Haiti, John Peterson, Erin Granucci, Bruce Hubal, Charles Cavagnetto, J.R. Maricich, Isabella O’Brien, Dorothy Laddish, Penny Maioli, Gretchen Libby, Murhal Orendorff, Dennis O’Keefe, Martha Yasar, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick, Maria Tan, Renee Reyes, Pam King,

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**For Our Active Duty Military:** Matthew Kerry O’Brien, Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, Daniel Lowe, & Rob Manifold

**The Pope’s Monthly Intentions**

**April—For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- **FEAST DAY OF SAINT ANSELM**  
The feast day of our patron, St. Anselm, is on April 21. We will be celebrating the occasion with a **reception after all Masses (except Sunday 8am)** on the weekend of **April 18-19**. In addition, we will be hosting families of newly baptized infants and toddlers after the 10am Mass. St. Anselm, pray for us!
- **The Adventures in Marriage workshop will be on Saturday, April 18.** This workshop is available to all married couples and intending couples looking to invest in their marriage. Sign up at <https://sfarch.org/event/adventures-in-marriage-learn-how-to-be-married/>
- **Construction on the Bell Tower** will commence on **Monday, April 20**
- **Stay and Play for the children** returns on Sunday, April 26 after the 5pm Mass.
- The Ritter Center Food Drives will be accepting donations on the weekend of **April 25-26.**
- Adult Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday evening via Zoom. All are invited. The Gospel of Matthew is being studied at this time. Email [dre@saintanselm.org](mailto:dre@saintanselm.org) for more information about how to join the group.



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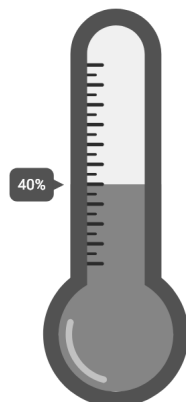
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**Catechesis on Church Bells & Towers**

Beloved Parishioners,

In the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1, the Bible says, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." Indeed, Catholic spirituality understands that *time belongs to God*. Thus, by God's design, our Bell Tower Restoration begins this month of April. The project is not just a cosmetic one or a matter of sentiment; it's a visible expression of our faith and the Church's history.

Traditionally, Church towers were the tallest structures in towns, not as symbols of domination, but as markers of orientation. They reminded the community that *heaven, not the marketplace, is the final horizon of human life*. Medieval theology referred to bells as the Church's voice. Long before microphones and media, bells preached: they announced joy, tolled sorrow, warned in times of danger, and gathered saints and sinners alike.

The people of God have never been gathered by convenience, but by clear purpose. From Scripture, God gathers His people by sound. "Make two silver trumpets... for summoning the congregation." (Numbers 10:2). Church bells continue this tradition, summoning us to worship God. Our bell tower will call us out of the noise of the world and into God's worship, proclaiming that the Mass is the central act of life.

Historically, bells sanctified the hours, calling the faithful to Mass, the Angelus, funerals, and feasts. "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly." (Joel 2:15) In an age of distractions, the bell tower reasserts that *not all moments are equal*; some are holy. By restoring the bell tower, our parish declares that God interrupts our day because He is worthy. This is not a rejection of modern life, but its purification.

As a parish, we recognize that *evangelization begins before words are spoken*. The bell tower is faithful to this purpose, teaching without explaining, calling without persuading, and remaining—despite resistance. Restoring a bell tower is an act of *continuity and courage*, not romanticism. We choose permanence, depth, and reverence over trend, novelty, and convenience. It reminds us that we are stewards, not owners, and that our restoration will form souls long after we're gone. I invite all parishioners to please, pray for the success of this project, Amen.

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