

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 19, 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter



*Peter's First Sermon*

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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 [dre@saintanselm.org](mailto:dre@saintanselm.org) or call the Parish Office ext.105

**Anointing 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 ext. 11

**Cursillo Information:** Cathy Cunningham  
(415) 453-7174

*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: 3rd Sunday of Easter Year A**

In today’s Gospel, we encounter two discouraged and broken men making their way to Emmaus. Their Lord and Messiah has been killed. Unable to understand God’s plan, they were now leaving Jerusalem! In this, they are much like us, who, in our struggles, are easily moved to despair and quit. This Gospel episode is in the form of a Mass:

**Gathering & Penitential Rite** –*Now that very day, two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus (Lk 24:13). Like them, we, who are pilgrims on a journey of life, come together. When we gather at Mass, the Lord Jesus is with us as He was with them. Scripture says, For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them (Matt 18:20). What are you discussing as you walk along? (Lk 24:17). In effect, the Lord invites them to speak with Him about what is troubling them, as we do in the penitential rite, laying down our burdens and sins before the Lord, who alone can heal us.*

**Liturgy of the Word & Intercessory Prayers** – In response to their struggles, the Lord breaks open the Scriptures: *Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures (Luke 24:27). So, too, for us at Mass. God reminds us, through Scripture passages that repeat every three years, that although the cross is part of our life, the resurrection surely is, too. After the homily, we make requests of Christ based on the hope provided by His Word that He lives, loves us, and is able. “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over” (Luke 24:29).*

**The Eucharist** – Christ stays with them: *And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them (Luke 24:30). Later, the two disciples recall this moment as the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), a clear biblical reference to the Holy Eucharist. Then, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight (Luke 24:31). Through our repeated celebration of the holy mysteries, our eyes are increasingly opened, if we are faithful. We learn to see and hear Christ in the liturgy.*

**Ite Missa Est** – *So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem, where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them ... Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:33,35). This liturgy has reoriented them. They are now heading back east, toward the Risen Son. How about us? At the end of every Mass, the priest or deacon says, “The Mass is ended. Go in peace.” It means, “Go into the world and bring the Christ you have received to others.”*

**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. 20</b>	8:30am	Belen Ledda (D)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr. 21</b>	8:30am	St. Anselm Parish and School
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr. 22</b>	8:30am	Homebound Parishioners
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>	8:30am	Peace in the World
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>	8:30am	Young People Preparing for Marriage
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Apr. 25</b>	5:00pm	Mark Wilson (INT)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>	8:00am	People of the Parish
		10:00am	Nelly Martino (D)
		5:00pm	Margaret Kell (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, 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, Lois Markovich

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Pauline O’Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Sal Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward, Michael Killelea, Gary McPartlin, Emile Hedouin, Georges Haudiquet, Patricia Ann Sahl, Fr. Neil Healy, Jim Davenport, Michael Mello, Klaus Binz, Ian Dillon, Isabella Welch, Jim Wagner, Jerd Formichi

**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

- **Stay and Play for children and their parents** returns on Sunday, April 26 after the 5pm Mass.
- The Ritter Center Food Drive will be accepting donations on the weekend of **April 25-26**.
- Adult Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday evening via Zoom. The Gospel of Matthew is being studied at this time. All are invited. Email [dre@saintanselm.org](mailto:dre@saintanselm.org) for more information about how to join the group.

**Bell Tower Repair Project**

**What:** Required repairs to existing Bell Tower

**Why:** To assure a safe and sacred place now and for generation to come

**When:** Mid-April to Mid-November

**Contractor:** Longtime parishioner family, Cahill, were the low bidder and are the General Contractor for the project

**Operational Impact:** Church will remain open during the entire project duration, parking in small lot will be limited during the week

**Cost:** Funding for estimated project cost of \$3.5 million has been raised; to donate for additional improvements use QR code below

**Questions:** Use QR code below to visit the project webpage or call Mark Wilson, parish administrative assistant to direct you to the appropriate person



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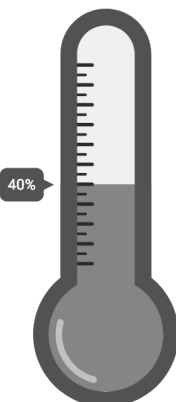


Registration

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 Contact Steve Easley for more information:  
 415-272-6147  
[steve@meridiancommerical.com](mailto:steve@meridiancommerical.com)

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**  
 May 10 | Catholic Charities CYO  
 May 17 | Building and Maintenance

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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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