

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 27, 2025  
Divine Mercy Sunday



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## Weekend Masses:

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, 11:00am, 5:00pm

**Adoration:** weekdays from 7:25—8:25 am and  
first Fridays from 9 am—12 noon

**Stations of the Cross—** Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

**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

**Cursillo Information:** Cathy Cunningham

*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.*

**Pastor’s Reflection: Divine Mercy Sunday, Year C**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, the risen Lord appeared to the Apostles, who were gathered 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. Let’s look at today’s Gospel in five stages. **I. Fearful Fellowship** – Notice how the text describes the gathering of the Apostles: *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. It is not uncommon for those who have “stuff” going on in their lives to retreat, withdraw, and even hide. This is probably the worst thing that one can do. In our trials, it is of critical importance that we gather each Sunday, praying and encouraging one another.

**II. Fabulous Fact** –The text says, *Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”* Suddenly there is a completely new reality, a new hope, a new vision. Not only do they see and come to experience an entirely new reality, but they also receive an inner peace. Observe again that this is only for those who are present. This is the basic purpose of the gathering we call the Sacred Liturgy. It is here that we are invited to encounter the living Lord, who ministers to us and offers us peace. Is your experience of the Mass a transformative reality?

**III. Forgiving Fidelity** –The text says, *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.”* In this remarkable moment, the Lord gives the Apostles the power to forgive sin. There are those who 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 away from such a solitary notion and bid us to approach the Church.

**IV. Faltering Fellowship** – Thomas is not with the other Apostles on resurrection evening and exhibits faltering fellowship by refusing to believe the testimony of the Church that the Lord has risen. 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. Note that Thomas must return to gather with the others to overcome his struggle with faith.

**V. Firmer Faith** – Thomas then returns to fellowship with the other Apostles and sees the Lord. When he was outside, he did not see and so he doubted. It is Christ’s will to gather us and unite us (Jn 17:21). *Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor* (The love of Christ has gathered us in one). Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Apr. 28	8:30am	Zach Wilhelm (D)
Tues.	Apr. 29	8:30am	Vincent Gross (INT)
Wed.	Apr. 30	8:30am	Raul Gutierrez (D)
Thur.	May 1	8:30am	Marc Louis Weigel (D)
Fri.	May 2	8:30am	Tippy Peck (INT)
Sat.	May 3	5:00pm	Pauline O’Brian Delury (D)
Sun.	May 4	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Robert & Kathryn Easley (D)
		5:00pm	St. Anselm Confirmandi

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

*Note: please call parish office to update names*

**As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:** Theresa Sullivan, Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Terese Marklinger, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Fr. Neil Healy, Jordan Roggenbuck, Catherine Ward, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, 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

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Pauline O’Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Linda Biesheuvell

**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

**Pray for Pope Francis** – Please pray for the soul of our Holy Father. Pray a rosary, light a candle or offer a Mass that God may grant his soul eternal peace.

**POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTION FOR THE MONTH**  
**For the use of the new technologies**  
 Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign**  
**Our remaining goal is \$700,000**  
 This campaign requires all of us to consider a contribution from our hearts.  
 Questions: call/email, Steve Easley, Chairman of the Parish Finance Council  
 415-272-6147/ [steve@meridiancommercial.com](mailto:steve@meridiancommercial.com)



### **Easter Flower Donated in Memory of . . .**

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Dan, Elizabeth, Mary Lyons, Parents of the Cogliandro Family, Nancy Mahl, Sigurd Hornmeyer, Hanna Mahl, Betty Mahl Dickey.

### **Reception honoring Sissy Ratto, Parish Office Manager**

Please join fellow parishioners in Centennial Hall immediately after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, April 27 for a reception to thank Sissy Ratto for her years of service to our parish and to wish her luck as she prepares for her next chapter. Sissy has faithfully served our parish community for many years as a parish Secretary and, more recently, as the Parish Office Manager, We are all deeply grateful for her commitment, hard work, and the many ways she has supported our parish family.



### **Honoring Mothers – Sunday, May 11, 2025**

In celebration of Mother’s Day, Fr. Wankar has invited the Floriani Sacred Music Group to sing at the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.

#### **St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on May 18  
**Building & Maintenance**

2025 Annual Appeal: \$25,424 collected; goal of \$71,409  
2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500, 000

### **A Journey Through the Catechism 3: Who is Jesus?**

We began A Journey through the Catechism series with Fr. Mahan’s words, "We are made for God," though scientists tell us the universe is ninety-six billion light years in size. Next, we looked at his answer to the question: What does it mean to have faith? He suggested that we all need to embrace certain habits that will keep us close to the Lord every day (the focus of this section). One such habit for us Catholics is to be focused on Jesus Christ and participate in His life through the Church He established and the sacraments He instituted – for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6).

“Jesus” was a common first name among Jews in the first century, and the name quite literally means “God saves.” The Scriptures are quite clear that the name “Jesus” was chosen by God and made known through the archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:31). “Jesus” is etymologically similar to "Joshua," the name of the famous figure in the Bible closely connected to the Exodus. As Joshua was a key figure in the Exodus, so would Jesus be the one who would establish a new and everlasting covenant with His people to save us from the power of sin and to lead us to heaven.

Against the seemingly popular opinion that considers Christianity as a human invention, a pious myth, a moralistic story, or a delusional fantasy, Christianity is not a philosophy, nor is it a program. Christianity is not a set of rules or doctrines. Christianity is not worship or ritual. The very heart of the Christian faith is the person of Jesus Christ, born in a particular time and place in fulfillment of promises and prophecies. Jesus is the Eternal Word of God who became incarnate as a human being to dwell among us, to teach us how to live, to die for our sins, and to rise again to give us the hope of everlasting life.

Every moment that Jesus spent upon this earth teaches us a profound lesson, so much so that the Church urges us to read about and meditate upon His life daily from Scripture. Everyday at Mass, a selection of the four Gospels is presented, a moment from the life of Christ that gives us insight into His person, His message, and His plan for our lives. Many Catholics find it helpful to read and study the Gospel of the day, which is referenced on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website under the heading "Daily Readings" ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).

Another way to reflect and pray on the life of Jesus is by reciting the Holy Rosary each day. The Rosary intends to think about key events in the life of Jesus around his entrance into our world (Joyful Mysteries, prayed on Mondays and Saturdays), his public life (Luminous Mysteries, prayed on Thursdays), his suffering and Death (Sorrowful Mysteries, prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays), and His Resurrection (Glorious Mysteries, prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays) (cf. Pages 19-42).



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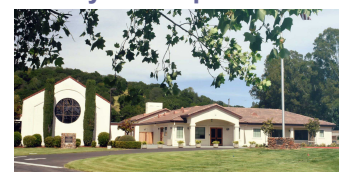
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