

St. Anselm Catholic Church

June 8, 2025

The Solemnity of Pentecost



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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: with Rosary, weekdays from 7:25—8:25 am
and 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 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
(415) 453-7174

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: Feast of Pentecost

The readings for Pentecost speak of the Holy Spirit in three ways: the portraits of the Spirit, the proclamation of the Spirit, and the propagation by the Spirit.

I. The Portraits of the Spirit – The readings employ two images: rushing wind and tongues of fire. These two images recall Psalm 50, which says, *Our God comes, he does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest.* As rushing wind, Spirit refers to breath. This is preserved in the word "respiration," which is the act of breathing. Those first Christians experienced the rushing wind of God's Spirit breathing spiritual life back into them. **Also**, the Bible often speaks of God as fire or in fiery terms: Moses saw Him as a burning bush. God led the people out of Egypt through the desert as a pillar of fire. Moses went up onto a fiery Mount Sinai where God was. Scriptures also call God a Holy fire, a consuming fire (cf Heb 12:29) and a refining fire (cf Is. 48:10; Jer 9:7; Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3). So it is that our God, who is a Holy Fire, comes to dwell in us through His Holy Spirit to refine us, burn away our sins, and purify us.

II. The Proclamation of the Spirit – The Spirit came on the apostles like "tongues" of fire, moving them to speak and witness, not just within the safety of the upper room, but boldly before the crowds that gathered. Earlier, these were frightened men behind locked doors. Now, they go forth to proclaim Christ boldly. **What about us?** Many Christians are silent, overcome by fear of being called names, being resisted, or being unpopular. But to the degree that we have really met Jesus Christ and experienced His Holy Spirit, we are less able to keep silent. **Notice how the Spirit "translates" for the Apostles.** The crowd spoke different languages, yet each heard Peter and the others in his own language. The Spirit, therefore, assists us and those who listen to us. Some of our most doubt-filled encounters with others can still bear great fruit on account of the work of the Holy Spirit, who "translates" for us and overcomes obstacles we might think insurmountable.

III. The Propagation by the Spirit – The Lord said, *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit* (Matt 28; Luke 12:49). This is only possible in the fiery transformation of every Christian going forth to bring warmth and light to a cold, dark world. *This* is how the Lord casts fire upon the earth. *This* is how the Spirit of the Lord fills the planet's orb—in the lives of saints (and in *your* life)! This implies exiting the "upper room," opening the doors, and proclaiming Christ to spread light and heat to a dark, cold world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	June 9	8:30am	Sr. Mary Kellady (INT)
Tues.	June 10	8:30am	Elisa Barbagelata-Swenson (D)
Wed.	June 11	8:30am	People of the Parish
Thur.	June 12	8:30am	Janet Hansen (D)
Fri.	June 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Sat.	June 14	5:00pm	Serena Greer (D)
Sun.	June 15	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Ann Smith (D)
		5:00pm	Giancarlo Sotil (D)

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 Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

June—That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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

Notice on Father Neal Healy

Please pray for the health of Father Neal Healy who is currently residing in a convalescent home in San Mateo. If you would like more information on visiting him, please contact the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ A Retirement party for Michael Mello will take place following the 10:00am Mass on June 8th. Ice cream and cake will be served!
- ◆ Next week, June 15, is Father's Day. Envelopes are available in the back of the church for you to offer prayers to our beloved fathers, living and deceased.
- ◆ A Eucharistic Procession will follow the 10:00am Mass on June 22 for the Feast of Corpus Christi. A brief talk on the Eucharist by Dr. Scott French and light lunch will follow in the Centennial Hall. Please email Wankar.Gabriel@SFArch.org to RSVP for lunch.
- ◆ There will be no Ritter Center Food Drives until September due to low volunteer recruitment during the summer-time. Thank you for your support for this important ministry. We look forward to resuming in the Fall.
- ◆ 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! **You may 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
- ◆ There is an open position for Director of Sacred Music at St. Anselm's. For more information, check the website for the job listing.



Scan to make a One Time Donation

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on June 15
Building and Maintenance

2025 Annual Appeal: \$36,768 collected; goal of \$71,409

2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500,000

A Journey Through the Catechism 5: The Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Catholic Church at Pentecost (CCC 683-810)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the Church is instituted and structured by Christ to provide a means of grace through the sacraments that guide us to our eternal destiny (CCC, 871-879). Catholics are often asked to defend that statement by sharing where such teachings about the Church are found in the Bible.

Perhaps the better question would be, "Where is the teaching about the Church *not* found in the Bible?" Throughout the Old Testament, the Church is prefigured by the special place God has for the people of Israel, holding them as the apple of his eye (cf. CCC, 761-762, Zec 2:8). Our Lord calls together his twelve Apostles from diverse backgrounds and talents and forms them through his teachings and miracles to be the leaders of the nascent Church. After the day of Pentecost, the Apostles would travel to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the Good News and building up the Church through the sacraments. "Through the Church's sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his body" (CCC, 739).

Jesus institutes His Church for you, so that you might be

- Born anew through the Sacrament of Baptism
- Strengthened in faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Nourished for service through the Sacrament of the Eucharist
- Absolved of sin through the Sacrament of Penance
- Consoled and healed in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- At the service of communion in the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders or the Sacrament of Matrimony, or in a life of consecrated service to the Lord

Jesus institutes the Catholic Church and promises to guard her through thick and thin so that you might bear the fruit of the Spirit in abundance (cf. CCC, 737, Jn 15:8, 16). The Church is for you, and the Church is able to accomplish her mission because of you. Salvation is not a self-help project. We are saved through the Church as members of the Body of Christ (cf. CCC, 738).

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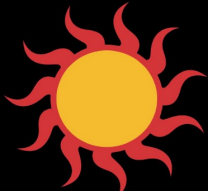
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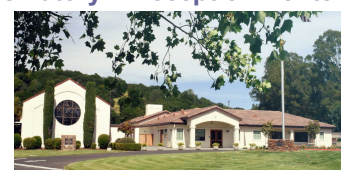
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