

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

**March 9, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent**



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**Sunday Mass Schedule:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm

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

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

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

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00am--4:00pm

**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

**Sacrament 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

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

**CYO Website:** [www.stanselmcyo.org](http://www.stanselmcyo.org)

*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: First Sunday of Lent Yr C

In this desert scene, the Lord Jesus faces down three fundamental areas of temptation, all of which have one thing in common: they seek to substitute a couch for the cross. Let's look at some areas of temptation that the devil can exploit because *we* indulge them. Let's also see the answer that the Lord Jesus has for these temptations; for He, though tempted, never yielded.

**Pleasures and Passions** –After such a long fast, the thought of bread is surely a strong temptation. In effect, the devil tells Jesus to “scratch where it itches,” to indulge His desire, to give in to what His body craves. We, too, have many desires and are told by the devil in many ways to “scratch where it itches.” We live in a consumer culture that is highly skilled at eliciting and then satisfying our every desire. Some of our biggest cultural problems are ones stemming from overindulgence: obesity, addiction, sexual misconduct, and greed. Jesus rebukes the devil, saying, *Man does not live on bread alone*. In other words, there are things more important than bread and circuses, than creature comforts and indulgence.

**Popularity and Power** – Taking Jesus up a high mountain, the devil tempts Jesus to both power and popularity. Although sovereignty may not be a strong temptation for most of us, one of the deeper wounds in our soul is the extreme need that most of us have to be liked, to be popular, to be respected, and to fit in. Peer pressure “causes” young people to do many foolish things. They may join gangs, get tattoos, pierce their bodies, and/or wear outlandish clothes. Many a young lady, desperate to have a boyfriend (and thus feel loved and/or impress her friends), will sleep with boys or do other inappropriate things to gain that “love.” As we get older, we may be tempted to be silent when we should speak out for what is right. But Jesus says, *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve*.

**Presumption and Pride** – Finally (for now) the devil encourages Jesus to test God's love for Him, quoting Psalm 91: *With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone*. In our time the sin of presumption is epidemic. Many people say “God is love,” and “He would never send people to Hell or punish them!” The attitude seems to be that no matter what I do, God will save me. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Deuteronomy: *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test*. This does not mean that we have to retreat into fear and scrupulosity. God loves us and is rich in mercy, but we cannot willfully go on calling “no big deal” what He calls sin. The journey of our lives has its beauties but is also difficult and temptation is a reality.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Mar. 10	8:30am	Lynn Reavell (D)
Tues.	Mar. 11	8:30am	Christopher McCarthy (D)
Wed.	Mar. 12	8:30am	Andy Grau (INT)
Thur.	Mar. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Fri.	Mar. 14	8:30am	Sissy Ratto & Family (INT)
Sat.	Mar. 15	5:00pm	Helen Hubal (D)
Sun.	Mar. 16	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Mabel Wallace (D) Carmen P. Castro (D) Nick Sands (INT) St. Anselm Parishioners

## Sick Relatives & Friends

**As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill:** 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, Deidre 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

**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

## POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR THE MONTH

### For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### 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)

**Lenten Soup Supper**— Join your fellow parishioners for a Lenten Soup Supper on Sunday, March 23, following the 5:00pm Mass. The Supper will be hosted by our St. Anselm School families. All are welcome. Join in and introduce yourself to someone new.

**The Women's Retreat— 9:00am-3:00pm at Marin Catholic** Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Mary. We invite mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and all MC friends of the community to a day of witness and prayer with other women. \$25 Fee. Register by March 15. Questions? Email [srmariasuso@marincatholic.org](mailto:srmariasuso@marincatholic.org).



### **ONGOING PROGRAMS**

1. **Praying the Rosary**—We pray the Rosary before the weekday 8:30am Masses.
2. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**—We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday 7:30am-8:30am. Every First Friday of the month, Adoration will, also, take place following the 8:30am Mass until 12:00pm. A priest is available to hear confessions during Adoration.
3. **Reconciliation**—A priest is available for Reconciliation before and after 8:30am weekday Masses, Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm, during Adoration on First Fridays 9:00am-12:00pm, and by appointment.
4. **Monday morning (8:30 am) and Friday evening (5:00 pm) prayer with Deacon Bob Meave.** Contact Bob for the Zoom link. [ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com). This is a wonderful way to start and end your week!
5. **Wednesday Afternoon Readings Discussion Group.** 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! All parishioners and lectors are invited to attend. **You may now 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](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)

### **St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events And "Save The Date"**

**Fridays During Lent**— Stations of the Cross-7:00pm  
**March 22**— Women's Retreat— 9:00-3:00-Marin Catholic  
**March 22 & 23**— Ritter Center Food Drive  
**April 27**— Celebration of the Holy Day of our Patron Saint.

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

1st Collection: See next week Bulletin  
(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)  
2nd Collection: St. Anselm School: \$

**Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling**  
Special Collections

**March 23**—Building & Maintenance—**Note date change**  
March 30— St. Vincent de Paul  
2025 Annual Appeal Goal- \$71,409

### **Catechesis on "Getting More Out Of Holy Mass"**

I'd like to offer you some thoughts on "getting more out of Holy Mass." For the last 60 years churchmen have wanted to help the faithful increase their *active participation*. "If the people's *active participation* increases, God will be more worthily praised and His people's objective holiness will increase." The best efforts of the clergy often missed the mark. In the late 60s and early 70s the sanctuary furniture was moved around in the name of increasing "active participation." In the 80s and 90s "active participation" was chased by means of increased activity...more processions...more singing...more ministries. I don't say that these efforts were fruitless, but they didn't succeed in finding the illusive pearl of great price... "the active participation" as promoted by Vatican II.

Have I personally discovered **the** meaning of "active participation"? Well, I'm getting closer. For me *active participation* is a way of engaging with God particularly through the Eucharistic Prayer at Holy Mass. What do I mean by "The Eucharistic Prayer"? You know; it begins with the Preface: "The Lord be with you...Lift up your hearts...Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God..." And it ends with the Doxology: "Through Him, and with Him... Amen." In between Preface and Doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer has 8 or 9 structural parts or building blocks. Immediately after the *Consecration* or *The Institution Narrative/Acclamation*, the priest begins what's called the *Anamnesis* — *Offerimus* or *The Memorial — Offering*. You'll recognize the *Memorial — Offering* from the text of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer:

Therefore as **we celebrate** the memorial of his Death and Resurrection **we offer you**, Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of salvation giving thanks that you have called us worthy to be in your presence and serve you.

Notice the highlighted words above. The **memorial** and the **offering** are going on at the same time. They are contained in one sentence, but the clauses are not independent but rather subordinated. The "memory making" is dependent upon the principal action which is the "sacramental offering." To say it differently: in the context of **recalling** God's great saving deeds (dependent clause), we **offer** the sacred Victim of Calvary (main clause) by which our salvation is won.

If I'm going to "actively participate" in the Holy Mass, this is where it happens. I've got to grab hold of the crucial actions described in the **memorial — offering**. I make myself concentrate on the saving deeds as they are named by the priest; and then I "second" with my *attention* and my *decision* the offering of myself to God the Father *along with* the Crucified Lord. In this way I participate in the **memorial — offering** by activating my memory, my mind, my will, and all my liberty. I become a pleasing sacrifice to the Father within the sacramental offering of the Son.



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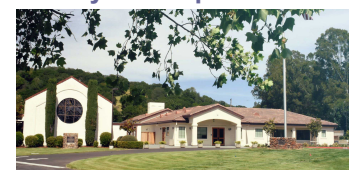
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