

St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 6, 2025
Fifth 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

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C

The Liturgy of this Sunday presents to us the Gospel episode of Jesus who saves a woman condemned to death (Jn 8: 1-11). The Scribes and Pharisees bring Jesus a woman caught in the act of adultery (where is the man?) for which Mosaic law prescribed stoning. Those men ask Jesus to judge the woman in order to test him and impel him to take a false step. Indeed, the hypocritical accusers pretend to entrust the judgement to Jesus whereas it is He himself whom they wish to accuse and judge. Jesus, on the other hand, is "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1: 14): he can read every human heart, and so, condemns the sin but saves the sinner and unmasks hypocrisy.

St John the Evangelist highlights one detail: while his accusers are insistently interrogating Him, Jesus bends down and starts writing with His finger on the ground. St Augustine notes that this gesture portrays Christ as the divine legislator: in fact, God wrote the law with His finger on tablets of stone (cf. Commentary on John's Gospel, 33,5). Thus, Jesus is the Legislator, He is Justice in person. And what is his sentence? "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." These words are full of the disarming power of truth that pulls down the wall of hypocrisy and opens consciences to greater justice, that of love, in which consists of the fulfillment of every precept (cf. Rom 13: 8-10). This is the justice that also saved Saul of Tarsus, transforming him into St Paul (cf. Phil 3: 8-14).

When her accusers "went away, one by one, beginning with the eldest", Jesus, absolving the woman of her sin, ushers her into a new life oriented to good. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again" (but never "go and live as usual"). It is the same grace that was to make the Apostle say: "One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3: 13-14). God wants only goodness and life for us; he provides for the health of our soul through His words, delivering us from evil with the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation, so that no one may be lost but all may have the opportunity to convert.

Pope Francis' Jubilee of hope is an opportune moment to seek sacramental pardon so that we may discover the meaning and beauty of being healed by the merciful love of God, who "even forces Himself to forget the future so that He can grant us His forgiveness!" Let us learn from the Lord Jesus not to judge and not to condemn our neighbor. Let us learn to be intransigent with sin starting with our own! And indulgent with people. May the holy Mother of God, who is the mediatrix of grace for every repentant sinner, help us to be free from all sin.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Apr. 7	8:30am	Fortunato Emilio (D)
Tues.	Apr. 8	8:30am	Tommy DeVoto (D)
Wed.	Apr. 9	8:30am	Bob Hoffman (INT)
Thur.	Apr. 10	8:30am	Jeff Baumsteiger (INT)
Fri.	Apr. 11	8:30am	Kathleen Cunningham (D)
Sat.	Apr. 12	5:00pm	Al McTigae (D)
Sun.	Apr. 13	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Larry Gentilello (INT) Joe McGarry (D) Saint 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, 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 – Pope Francis needs our prayers as he struggles with health challenges while still shepherding and inspiring his holy flock.

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.

Parish Administrative Assistant Needed:
see SaintAnselm.org for more information.

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

Next Food Drive for Ritter Center: April 12 - 13

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our neighbors in need.

To sign up to volunteer to receive donations, please visit the Saint Anselm website: SaintAnselm.org

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Praying the Rosary-We pray the Rosary before the weekday 8:30am Masses.

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.

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.

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. This is a wonderful way to start and end your week!

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

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

Fridays During Lent — Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

April 12-13 — Food Drive for Ritter Center

April 27 — Celebration of the Holy Day of our Patron Saint

St. Anselm Church Stewardship March 23

1st Collection: \$4,939
2nd Collection: \$1,868
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2025 Annual Appeal Goal- \$71,409

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).

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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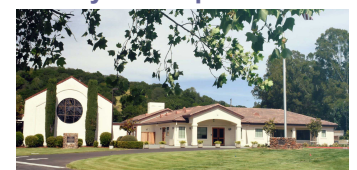
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