

St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday



Le Christ aux Limbes (Christ in Hell)—20th Century

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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 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
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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: Easter Sunday Year A

Like many of the Resurrection accounts, John 20:1–8 tells the story of a journey—how the first disciples slowly moved from fear to faith. And perhaps that is why the Church gives us this Gospel today: because we too must make that same journey. Mary Magdalene came to the tomb “while it was still dark.” That detail describes the condition of the human heart at that moment. *There is still darkness in the minds of the disciples.* Jesus had died. Their hopes seemed shattered. Fear and confusion had settled over them. Mary Magdalene discovers that the stone has been rolled away, and she immediately concludes: “They have taken the Lord from the tomb.” Staring at the first sign of the Resurrection, she ironically assumes the worst. Her grief blinds her to what God is doing.

We can recognize ourselves here. When difficulties come, how quickly we move into what we might call “*reaction mode.*” We see the burden before we notice the blessing. In truth, most things in our lives go right every day, and only a few things go wrong. Yet how often do we speak more about our frustrations than about our blessings? That is where the Gospel leads us next.

The Gospel describes something very striking: the burial cloths are lying there in an orderly way, stretched out, and the cloth that had covered the Lord’s head is folded separately. If grave robbers had visited, the scene would be chaos. Robbers do not carefully arrange linen cloths. They grab the valuables and run. The evidence invites a deeper reflection. The beloved disciple looks again—and this time he sees differently. The Gospel says simply and beautifully: “He saw and believed.” This is the movement of Easter: *from reaction to reflection*, from fear to faith.

Dear parishioners of St. Anselm, Easter invites us to look again at our lives, our parish, and our future—not with anxiety, but with faith. This week, we begin the Bell Tower Restoration Project. It is an important step for our parish, and I ask you to approach it with prayer and hope. More importantly, we are also restoring something deeper: the spiritual heart of our parish. Our desire is simple—to *keep Jesus Christ at the center of everything we do.* Not ideology. Not political trends. Christ.

Through solemn and reverent liturgies, we desire that every person who walks into this Church can encounter peace and the living presence of the Lord. Through Eucharistic Adoration we want to be able to meet Jesus heart to heart. For those who have loved this parish for many years, I ask with humility: help make space for this renewed vision. The Resurrection always opens a new chapter. So today the Gospel leaves us with a question. When you look at life, do you see only the darkness and assume the worst? Or are you willing, like John, to look again—until faith opens your eyes? *Happy Easter!*

Thank You! Father Wankar and the parish staff extend a warm St. Anselm thank you to the volunteer angels who worked their magic in making our Church so beautiful for our Easter Mass celebrations. Every deed was truly a labor of love—from the changing of the altar linens, to the polishing of the wood, the hanging of the wreaths and the placement of the flowers. Thank you to our lectors, altar servers, the choir, ushers, flower ladies, catechists, altar society and indeed all of our beloved St. Anselm family for making our Easter celebration a special experience! God Bless You All!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Apr. 6	8:30am	Louis Lucas (INT)
Tues	Apr. 7	8:30am	Brian Mullins (D)
Wed	Apr. 8	8:30am	Tommy De Voto (D)
Thur	Apr. 9	8:30am	Donor’s Private Intentions
Fri	Apr. 10	8:30am	All the Sick
Sat	Apr. 11	5:00pm	Success of Our Bell Tower Restoration Project
Sun	Apr. 12	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Theresa Anne Sullivan (D)
		5:00pm	Alma Dohmer (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, Arlene Hansen, 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,

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.

Easter Flower Offerings

In Memory...

Patricia Reilly Burke, Nelly Martino, Teresa Perez, Guadalupe Martino, Jack & Geri O'Neill, Ernie & Doris Legnitto, Steve Legnitto, Mark Chapman, Hilarion Salbeck, Jane Salbeck, Janet Niederberger, Antrese Allegro, James Allegro, Eileen Allegro, Jamie Chapin, Mike Maples Sr., Jack Nissin, Nissin Family, Gastaldi Family, Fred & Norma Baumsteiger, Diane Baumsteiger, Richard Baumsteiger, Janice Baumsteiger, Bella Welch, Glen & Virginia Duysen, Lee & Al Abballo, Al Dallara, Jack Fino, Edith Young, Leonard Young, Edward Michael Halloran, John & Linda Heilmann, Sharon Grant, William Shea Sr., Nick Shea, Elizabeth Price, Ruth Olsen, Ian Patrick Dillon, Dan & Rita Crowley, Mario & Cornelia Regalia, Lynn Rode, Joseph Crowley, Colin Edward Schreck, Fred & Norma Abballo, Dan & Juliana Abballo, Manwel Shuwayhat, Mr. & Mrs. Henry B. Bondeson, Bob Smith, Helen Holodniak, Mary Chichoky, Erma Hatt, Myrtle May Hatt, Daniel P. Donovan, Angela M. Donovan, James Hatt, Sr., Jacob Hatt, William Chichoky, Ann Smith, Adelina Traettino, Paul & Ivo Kempf, Francis & Sis Parente, Anthony & Antoinette Datre, Tony & John Flitner, Lou & Diane Parente, Sheila P. Frohling, Joan & Ted Penney, Agnes & Edward Frohling, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin VanDenBerghe, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Roche, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin L. VanDenBerghe, Mr. & Mrs. Mark VanDenBerghe, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Freitag, Mr. Robert Woods, Mr. Robert Medeiros, Mr. J. Scott Lord, Pauline Mrowka, Frances Eslenger, Mike Killelea, Bill Laddish, Michael Laddish, Matthew Hubal, Salvador & Matilda Olivares, Helen & Larry Hubal, Frank & Jim Ramirez

In Honor...

Dahlia Lasnier, Ivy Lasnier, Liz Lasnier, Casey Lasnier, Kirsten Hoffman, Bari Kelleher, Barbara Kelleher, Annie Williams, Nick, Caroline, & EC, Mary Ann Hatt, Jay Hatt, Steve Besselman, Klari Keseru, Gloria & Richard Schmidt, Fr. Gabriel Wankar, Richard Holodniak



One time donation



Recurring donation



Registration

2026 AAA



Did You Know?

Did you know that, in addition to the several new initiatives in our parish, including the soon-to-start renovation of our Bell Tower (4/20/2026), St. Anselm students have been deepening their faith in meaningful ways over the past few years?

Did you know that during the Advent and Lenten seasons, all students from 3rd Grade to 8th Grade have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation? Did you know that during those seasons, all students attend Mass weekly, while our middle school students continue this beautiful tradition every week year-round? Did you know that our Children's Choir sings at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass once a month, and school families get together for fun and fellowship in the Centennial Hall following Mass?

Did you know that St. Anselm students participated in the *San Francisco Archdiocese Prayer Card Competition*? We are proud to recognize Ruby McDermott (8th Grade) and Matthew Leonard (6th Grade) for earning 2nd place, and Kaili Roper (7th Grade) for receiving an Honorable Mention.

Did you know that our students also participated in the *San Francisco Archdiocese Respect Life Essay Contest*? We are excited to recognize the following students for their achievements:

Kindergarten: Everly Korn (Grand Prize); Vivienne Basillio (Honorable Mention)

1st Grade: Luke Feichtmeir (Grand Prize); Tatum Higgins (1st Prize); Harrison Gibson and Olivia Smithburg (Honorable Mention)

2nd Grade: Elodie Law (1st Prize); Charlie Tuttle, Thomas Salcido, and Rose Gromadzki (Honorable Mention)

3rd Grade: Jack Lane, Nico Endress-Giese, and Maddie Pruden (Honorable Mention)

4th Grade: Will Green, Sofia Koutsoukos, Dempsey Ferris, and Seby Krajan (Honorable Mention)

5th Grade: Ella Webster (1st Prize); Kate Leone (Honorable Mention)

6th Grade: Quinn McDermott and Emilia Saysette (Honorable Mention)

7th Grade: Eloise Clark and Amisha Tirath (Honorable Mention)

8th Grade: Quinn Hedrick (Honorable Mention)

Did you know?

We commend all of our students, faculty, and staff for their faith, creativity, and dedication, and wish all our beloved parishioners a wonderful Easter experience.

Fr. Gabriel T. Wankar, Pastor

St. Anselm Planned Giving

Consider listing St. Anselm's as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one).

Contact Steve Easley for more information:

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

April 19 | Building and Maintenance