

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

**March 23, 2025  
Third 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: Third Sunday of Lent Yr C

Today's Gospel speaks of God's patience and care now but also of the day of reckoning, of judgment. Let's look at this Gospel in two main parts: **Knowing the Problem:** The opening lines of the Gospel sound Jesus' reminder that is easy to focus on the sins of others, failing to discern our own need for repentance and mercy. Before God we are all beggars; all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (*cf* Romans 3:23). To our all-too-eager question "What about *them*, Lord?" Jesus replies, "What about *you*? Having portrayed the problem and underscored its seriousness, the Lord then reminds us that He is willing to help us, with His grace and mercy, to get ready. He sets forth a process in which we must cooperate, for judgment will surely come.

**Laying out the Process:** The Lord tells a parable that sets forth the process in which we are currently engaged: a process of patience and mercy that leads to the finality of judgment. Note the following three steps:

**1. ASSESSMENT** – "*For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this tree and have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?*" Faith is a fruit-bearing tree. It is to bear the fruits of love, justice, and the keeping of the commandments. The Lord looks for these fruits and often, through our conscience and by His Word, assesses whether they are present. While today we insist on accessing our status and declaring ourselves to be righteous, in the parable it is the owner, the Lord, who makes the assessment and proposes that something significant *is* lacking.

**2. ASSISTANCE** – The text goes on to describe the prayers and requests of the gardener. The Lord, the owner of the garden, not only grants the request but will also be the one to supply the necessary help to draw forth the fruits that are necessary to be able to endure the day of His coming, fruits that are necessary for us to have *the holiness without which no one will see the Lord* (Heb 12:14). Only God can accomplish this, but He who made us without us will not save us without us. Thus, we must, by His grace, renounce our sin and accept His grace.

**3. ACCEPTANCE** – The parable ends very simply with this line: *If not you can cut it down.* Judgment is not so much *God's* decision as it is His acceptance of *our* decision to bear fruit or to refuse to do so; to accept or refuse His offer of the fruits of faith such as chastity, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, love of the poor, and appreciation of the truth. The Gospel today teaches beautifully of God's patience but also of our need to *Repent!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Mar. 24	8:30am	Matthew Hubal (D)
Tues.	Mar. 25	8:30am	Fr. Neil Healy (INT)
Wed.	Mar. 26	8:30am	Irene Platz (D)
Thur.	Mar. 27	8:30am	Larry Kollerer (D)
Fri.	Mar. 28	8:30am	Special Intention
Sat.	Mar. 29	5:00pm	Caroline Foster (D) St. Anselm Parishioners
Sun.	Mar. 30	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Lou & Diane Parente (D) Martha Clayton (D) Lois Lucas (INT)

## 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 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**– Our Holy Father, 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 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.

**Lenten Soup Supper**– Gather together for a Lenten Soup Supper on **Friday, April 4 at 5:30pm.** The Supper will be hosted by our Parish Hospitality Committee. After supper, pray The Stations of the Cross in the Church which begin at 7:00pm.

### **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 & 23**– Ritter Center Food Drive

**March 23**– Lenten Soup Supper-Following the 5:00pm Mass

**April 4**–Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm

**April 27**– Celebration of the Holy Day of our Patron Saint.

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

1st Collection:

(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)

2nd Collection: N/A

**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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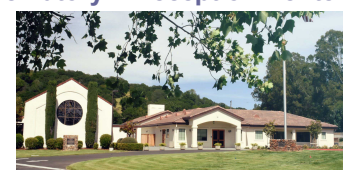
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