

St. Anselm Catholic Church

June 1, 2025

Feast of the Ascension



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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 the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension, celebrated this Sunday, offers several perspectives.

I. The Fact of the Ascension – Today's readings describe a wondrous event witnessed by the Apostles: *As they were looking on, he was lifted up and cloud took him from their sight* (Acts 1:9). In the Ascension, in His mystical body we also ascend with Him: *Therefore, it is said, when he ascended on high, he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men* (Eph 4:8ff). The Lord had earlier descended to the dead, but the grave could not hold him forever. He rose and ascended to heaven.

II. The Fellowship of the Ascension – Scripture says, *All of us baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. By baptism, we were buried with him so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God the Father, we too might live a new and glorious life. For if we have been united with him by likeness to his death, we shall be united with him by likeness to his resurrection* (Rom 6:3ff). When Christ died, we died. When Christ rose, we rose. When He ascends, we ascend. This is the fellowship of the Ascension.

III. The Fruitfulness of the Ascension – Jesus does not return to Heaven to abandon us. He is with us always to the end of the age (cf Matt 28:20). Indeed, Jesus teaches very clearly that He is ascending **to send us the Holy Spirit**. (Jn 14:25ff; Jn 16:13-14). So, the Lord goes so with the Father, He might send the Holy Spirit to live within us as in a temple. In this way, and through the Eucharist, He will dwell with us even more intimately. Also, Jesus says, *And I, if I be lifted from the earth, will draw all men unto me* (John 12:32). While Christ's glorification is His crucifixion, it also includes His resurrection and Ascension. So, from His place in glory, **Christ is drawing all people to Himself**: *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth* (Acts 1:8). At the Father's right hand, **Jesus intercedes for us**: *Consequently, he is able, for all time, to save those who draw near to God through him, since he lives always to make intercession for them* (Heb 7:25; Jn 14:12). Ultimately, Jesus indicates that in going to Heaven, **He is preparing a place for us**: *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also* (Jn 14:2ff).

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	June 2	8:30am	Katherine Elizabeth Devcich (D)
Tues.	June 3	8:30am	Linda Gill (D)
Wed.	June 4	8:30am	Katherine Elizabeth Devcich (D)
Thur.	June 5	8:30am	Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (INT)
Fri.	June 6	8:30am	People of the Parish
Sat.	June 7	5:00pm	Adrienne Stroub (D)
Sun.	June 8	8:00am	Jim Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Douglas Meyer (D)
		5:00pm	Mary Bridget Gallagher (INT)

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 Biesheuvell, 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

Pray for Pope Leo XIV – Please pray for our new Supreme Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. May God grant him many years!

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

May—For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized

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

- ◆ St. Anselm's School will be celebrating its Baccalaureate Mass on Friday morning, June 6 following the daily Mass. There will be no First Friday Adoration.
- ◆ The Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be processing the Eucharist from Albert Park in San Rafael to Mission San Rafael on Friday, June 6 at 2:00pm. More info at CaminodeCalifornia.org
- ◆ A Retirement party for Michael Mello will take place following the 10:00am Mass on June 8th. Ice cream and cake will be served!
- ◆ 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 the procession 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 summertime. Thank you for your support for this important ministry. We look forward to resuming in the Fall.



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St. Anselm Church Stewardship

Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on June 1
St. Anselm School

2025 Annual Appeal: \$36,568 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 sacrament. “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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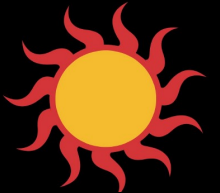
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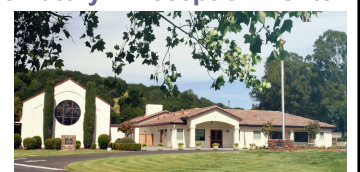
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