

St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



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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: weekdays from 7:25—8:25 am and
first Fridays from 9 am—12 noon

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

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

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

Pastor's Reflection: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C

This Sunday's Gospel hints that although the apostles have seen the resurrected Jesus several times, they were going to return to fishing, but the Lord calls them back to their crucial mission. Let's look at today's Gospel in four stages.

I. Regrettable Reversal – The Lord had called Peter and the others away from fishing (Mat 4:19)). Now we see Peter returning to commercial fishing. Like Peter and the apostles who struggled with the loss of their Master and dashed hopes, we want to quit. But just as He did with the apostles in this Gospel, the Lord stands on the shore of our baptismal waters and calls us back to faithfully following Him.

II. Redeeming Reminder – The Lord does not excoriate the Apostles. Rather than rebuking them, He asks them to assess the situation, to consider whether their course of action has yielded anything; they admit that they've caught nothing. Then he repeats what he said three years before: they should cast their nets for a catch. What reminders has the Lord put in *your* life? How has He stood on the shore and called to you with some reminder?

III. Reorienting Repast – Notice three basic elements through which the Lord reorients them. FISH: The fish are hauled in; their number is plentiful. God can use our sins as a teachable moment. FIRE: As Peter comes ashore, he sees a fire - the same sort of fire that was in the courtyard of Caiaphas, the high priest, where Peter had denied the Lord (Jn 18:18). Yes, this fire reminded him of his denial of the Lord. FRANKNESS: In English, the conversation focuses on the fact that the Lord asks Peter the same question three times: "Do you love me?" In Greek, the Lord asks, *Σίμων Ἰωάννου, ἀγαπᾷς με πλέον τούτων?* (*Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?*). Jesus has asked about "agape" love. However, Peter replies, *κύριε, σὸν οἶδας ὅτι φιλῶ σε.* (*Lord, you know that I have brotherly love for you.*) This is far short of what the Lord asked.

Despite Peter's response of imperfect love, the Lord still has something important for him to do: *Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my lambs.* Jesus accepts what Peter can offer and (as we shall see) promises him that his heart will expand so that one day he will love the Lord totally.

IV. Required Remedy – In this conversation, the Lord's purpose is to lead Peter toward a necessary remedy filled with evangelical fervor and sacrificial love. Peter is weak now, but in the end, Peter can say, without any simulation or exaggeration, "I love you, Lord, totally, above all things, above all people, and above even my own life." How will Peter get there? The Lord simply says, *Follow me.* So, fellow disciples, the Lord is leading you to a more profound, unconditional love above all other loves. Only the Lord can do this. He did it for Peter, and He can do it for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May 5	8:30am	Thomas Gatan Jr.
Tues.	May 6	8:30am	Rey Mercado (D)
Wed.	May 7	8:30am	Ken Gross (D)
Thur.	May 8	8:30am	Peggy Hansen (D)
Fri.	May 9	8:30am	Jessica Gutierrez (D)
Sat.	May 10	5:00pm	Larence Rollerer (D)
Sun.	May 11	8:00am	Frank Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Matthew Finzen (D) and All Mothers
		5:00pm	People of St. Anselm's

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, Theresa Sullivan

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel Pat Daly

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 – Please pray for the soul of our Holy Father. Pray a rosary, light a candle or offer a Mass that God may grant his soul eternal peace.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR THE MONTH 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

Honoring Mothers – Sunday, May 11, 2025

In celebration of Mother's Day, Fr. Wankar has invited the Floriani Sacred Music Group to sing at the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses. Concert to follow the 10:00am Mass in the Centennial Hall.

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. 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



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2025 Annual Appeal: \$25,424 collected; goal of \$71,409
2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500, 000

A Journey Through the Catechism 4: The Life of Christ (CCC 571–682)

In the last episode of this series, we reflected on Fr. Mahan's powerful reminder that Christianity is not a human invention or a moral myth. It is not simply a philosophy, a set of rules, or a ritual practice. Rather, at the very heart of our faith is a person—Jesus Christ. He is not a symbol or idea, but the Eternal Word of God made flesh, born into a specific time and place in fulfillment of ancient promises. Jesus came to dwell among us, to teach us how to live, to suffer and die for our sins, and to rise again, offering us the hope of eternal life.

As the Catechism states, “The Resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of our Catholic faith” (CCC 638). The Cross—the central symbol of Christianity—is recognized across the world. While it represents a cruel and torturous method of execution, it also proclaims the greatest love the world has ever known.

St. Paul boldly declares, “We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Cor 1:23–25). What appeared to be weakness and failure was, in truth, the triumph of divine love. On the Cross, Jesus bore the weight of all sin and death—and through His Resurrection, He conquered them. The Cross, then, becomes the center of the Good News (cf. CCC 571), proclaiming victory: goodness over evil, life over death, and the freedom of God's children over slavery to sin.

St. Paul also teaches plainly: “Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3). Jesus is the true Lamb of God. His sacrificial death brings eternal salvation, just as the blood of the Passover lamb once brought deliverance to Israel (cf. Is 53:3–4; CCC 601). The Catechism reminds us that Jesus offered the supreme expression of His love at the Last Supper, the night He was betrayed: “Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the twelve apostles” (CCC 610). From that night onward, the Church has faithfully obeyed His command: “Do this in memory of me.” At every Mass, we are mystically brought to Calvary. We stand at the foot of the Cross and participate in the one, perfect sacrifice of Jesus—offered now in an unbloody manner (cf. CCC 1367). In the Eucharist, we are united with Christ in a most intimate way—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Through Baptism and the Sacraments, we are drawn ever deeper into this mystery, called to live not just with Christ, but like Christ. This means living our faith daily—not only in worship but in action—especially in caring for the poor and vulnerable. In doing so, we live the very life of Christ (See, pages 59–71).

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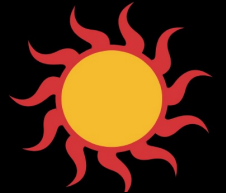
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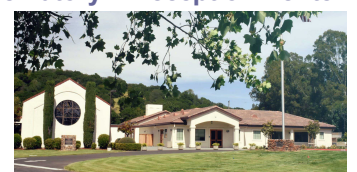
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