

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 25, 2025  
Sixth 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:** with Rosary, 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](mailto: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 everyday. We welcome, serve, and educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

## Pastor's Reflection: 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus cuts right through the tendency to place love in opposition with law and law in opposition with joy. Jesus joins all three concepts and summons us to a new attitude.

**I. Announcement of the Principle** – Jesus says, *whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him*. Whereas the modern world disconnects law from love, Jesus links them. Jesus sets forth a vision whereby we, having experienced God's love, desire and rejoice in His commands. Conversely, according to the modern world, a "loving" God has few or no rules, affirms, encourages, accepts, and includes. When confronted by a moral truth that displeases us, we simply retort, "God is love." But while Jesus, too, is surely loving, especially of sinners, including myself, He sets forth a moral vision even as He shows mercy. In this Gospel, Jesus joins love and the law, saying that the law brings joy. They are not opposed.

**II. Application of the Principle** – The two greatest Commandments are to love God and our neighbor. With the Lord's love in us, we will love justice, truth, forgiveness, generosity, and so forth. We will also come to love others more deeply, even those that trouble us. We can say, "God has been good to me, and I love him. If God wants it, I want it too. If God doesn't want it, neither do I." Hence, Jesus says, *"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love"*. The Commandments foster a shared moral vision that helps us to live together, protect the vulnerable, and live within accepted boundaries. Good fences make good neighbors, and God's commandments set proper limits and delineate expectations and rights for communal living. Accepting and living the Commandments brings blessings and averts a lot of trouble. We do not keep the Commandments merely for our own sake but for our families, community, Church, and nation. So, keeping the Commandments is a way of loving our neighbor.

**III. The Animation of the Principle** – In this text, Jesus tells us that the power to change us is not an impersonal power like "The Force" in Star Wars. Instead, what changes us is not a "what" but a "who." The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, living in us as in a temple, will change us and stir us to love. God the Holy Spirit enables us to love God the Father and the Son; this love is the power that equips, empowers, and enables us to keep God's law. He, the Holy Spirit, is the one who enables us to love extravagantly and in a way that expands and excites us. Are you aware of His presence? The Holy Spirit of Jesus and the Father is gentle and awaits the open doors we provide (cf Rev 3:20). As we open them, a power from His Person becomes more and more available to us and we see our lives being transformed. Keeping the commandments makes us more loving, confident, joyful, forgiving, merciful, and holy.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May 26	8:30am	Vincent Ayala (D)
Tues.	May 27	8:30am	Michael "Buck" Murray (D)
Wed.	May 28	8:30am	Eily McCarthy (D)
Thur.	May 29	8:30am	Michael "Buck" Murray (D)
Fri.	May 30	8:30am	Patricia Reilly Burke (D)
Sat.	May 31	5:00pm	John and Jean Rowe (D)
Sun.	June 1	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary, and Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Kamika Sherwood (D)
		5:00pm	Dorothy Jean Ratto (D)

## 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](mailto:steve@meridiancommercial.com)

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

**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 lecturers 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)

## SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ St. Sebastian's Parish in Kentfield invites you to a Healing Mass on Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30pm. This will be a Special Mass for the Sick with special prayers and blessings for the sick, as well as benediction.
- ◆ 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](http://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](mailto: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: \$35,468 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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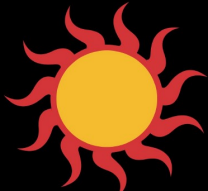
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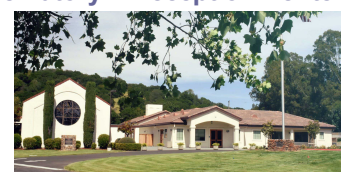
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