

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)



*Rescue of the Lost Lamb—Minerva Teichert, 1939*

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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](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 ext. 11

**Cursillo Information:** Cathy Cunningham  
(415) 453-7174

*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: 4th Sunday of Easter Year A (Good Shepherd)**

The designation, Good Shepherd Sunday, implying that we are the Lord's sheep it's a little humbling and embarrassing, really. Yet sheep are worthwhile animals and they have a certain quality that makes them smart.

**I. The Situation of the Sheep** – The Lord is speaking to Pharisees insisting that He is not like other false shepherds who have led many astray. *All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.* In the time of Jesus there were heightened expectations of a coming messiah who was conceived as a political and economic liberator of Israel from its Roman and Herodian oppressors. Ultimately these false messiahs did arise and mislead many; the results were horrible. Josephus wrote that 1.2 million Jewish people lost their lives in the Jewish War with the Romans. So, this is the situation of the sheep. Jesus speaks of the dangers of false saviors, unambiguously denouncing them as thieves and robbers. We, too, are in a world in which erroneous philosophies, ideologies and false messiahs seek to claim our loyalties and engage us in error.

**II. The Shepherd and His Sheep** – *But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. As the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.* In shepherding areas, flocks belonging to different shepherds are often brought together in fenced-off areas for the night, especially during the cooler months. In the morning a shepherd will go to the gate and summon his sheep with a chant-like call. Those that recognize his voice will run to him; those that do not will recoil in fear. Now that's smart. Sheep may not know how to go to the moon and back, but they *do* know their master's voice. Unlike most of us, Catholics, we do not flee voices contrary to Christ; instead, not only do we *not* flee it, but we also *feast* on it. Instead of rebuking it, we rebuke the voice of God. We put His Word on trial instead of putting the world on trial.

**III. The Salvation of the Sheep** – *Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.* Here, then, is the description of the Christian life: acceptance, access, and abundance. We are invited to accept the offer of being baptized into Christ Jesus. In accepting baptism, we enter through the gate and have access to the wide, green pastures. Jesus describes this entry as "being saved." Abundant life is really what is meant by eternal life. Eternal does not refer merely to the length of life, but even more so its fullness.

**A special welcome** to any visitors or those worshipping with us for the first time or those returning home. Please know that you are warmly welcomed & deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register at [www.saintanselm.org/register](http://www.saintanselm.org/register) so we can stay in touch. **We're so glad you're here—Welcome home!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>	8:30am	Claire Muller (INT)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>	8:30am	Rick LaFranchi (D)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>	8:30am	Frances Holmes (D) Milene Meyer (INT)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>	8:30am	John, Rena, & Gloria Velcich (D)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 1</b>	8:30am	Mary Ellen Peck (INT)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 2</b>	5:00pm	Mickey Whitney (D)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 3</b>	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Arlene Hansen (INT)
		5:00pm	People of the Parish

**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, 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, Lois Markovich

**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**

**May—That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

## SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- Mother's Day
- We will begin a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** before the Pentecost (May 24) starting **on May 14**
- Adult Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday evening via Zoom. The Gospel of Matthew is being studied at this time. All are invited. Email [dre@saintanselm.org](mailto:dre@saintanselm.org) for more information about how to join the group.

### Bell Tower Repair Project

**What:** Required repairs to existing Bell Tower

**Why:** To assure a safe and sacred place now and for generations to come

**When:** Mid-April to Mid-November

**Contractor:** Cahill Construction, longtime parishioner family, was the low bidder and are the General Contractor for the project

**Operational Impact:** Church will remain open during the entire project duration, parking in small lot will be limited during the week

**Cost:** Funding for estimated project cost of \$3.5 million has been raised; to donate for additional improvements use QR code below

**Questions:** Use QR code below to visit the project webpage or call Mark Wilson, parish administrative assistant to direct you to the appropriate person.



One time donation

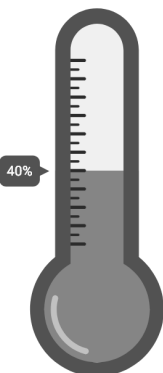


Recurring donation



Registration

2026 AAA  
\$78,673



### St. Anselm Planned Giving

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

Contact Steve Easley for more information:

415-272-6147

[steve@meridiancommerical.com](mailto:steve@meridiancommerical.com)

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

May 10 | Catholic Charities CYO  
May 17 | Building and Maintenance

## Catechesis on Church Bells & Towers

Beloved Parishioners,

In the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1, the Bible says, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." Indeed, Catholic spirituality understands that *time belongs to God*. Thus, by God's design, our Bell Tower Restoration begins this month of April. The project is not just a cosmetic one or a matter of sentiment; it's a visible expression of our faith and the Church's history.

Traditionally, Church towers were the tallest structures in towns, not as symbols of domination, but as markers of orientation. They reminded the community that *heaven, not the marketplace, is the final horizon of human life*. Medieval theology referred to bells as the Church's voice. Long before microphones and media, bells preached: they announced joy, tolled sorrow, warned in times of danger, and gathered saints and sinners alike.

The people of God have never been gathered by convenience, but by clear purpose. From Scripture, God gathers His people by sound. "Make two silver trumpets... for summoning the congregation." (Numbers 10:2). Church bells continue this tradition, summoning us to worship God. Our bell tower will call us out of the noise of the world and into God's worship, proclaiming that the Mass is the central act of life.

Historically, bells sanctified the hours, calling the faithful to Mass, the Angelus, funerals, and feasts. "Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly." (Joel 2:15) In an age of distractions, the bell tower reasserts that *not all moments are equal*; some are holy. By restoring the bell tower, our parish declares that God interrupts our day because He is worthy. This is not a rejection of modern life, but its purification.

As a parish, we recognize that *evangelization begins before words are spoken*. The bell tower is faithful to this purpose, teaching without explaining, calling without persuading, and remaining—despite resistance. Restoring a bell tower is an act of *continuity and courage*, not romanticism. We choose permanence, depth, and reverence over trend, novelty, and convenience. It reminds us that we are stewards, not owners, and that our restoration will form souls long after we're gone. I invite all parishioners to please, pray for the success of this project, Amen.