

St. Anselm Catholic Church

February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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

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.

Fr. Garcia's Reflection: The 7th Sunday In OT Yr C

Dear Parishioners,

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 2nd 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb. 24	8:30am	Jai Hayden (D)
Tues.	Feb. 25	8:30am	Eily & Christopher McCarthy (D)
Wed.	Feb. 26	8:30am	Phil Deeken (D)
Thur.	Feb. 27	8:30am	Bishop Ignatius Wang (INT)
Fri.	Feb. 28	8:30am	Marshall Arnold (D)
Sat.	Mar. 1	5:00pm	Norm Colteaux (D)
Sun.	Mar. 2	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady (D) Fr. Garcia (INT) St. Anselm Parishioners Ethel Mary Lagravinese (D)

Sick Relatives & Friends

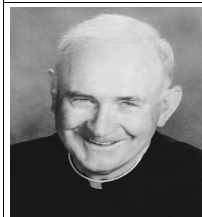
As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill: Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Terese Marklinger, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Fr. Neil Healy, Jordan Roggenbuck, Catherine Ward, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidre Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Elaine Innes, Arlene Hansen, Rose Michelle D'Haiti, John Peterson, Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Erin Granucci, Bruce Hubal, Charles Cavagnetto, J.R. Maricich, Isabella O'Brien
For the Repose of the Soul: Susan Catinella, Linda Bieshevel

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

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR THE MONTH

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



Fr. Healy is residing in a home care facility in San Mateo. He has started hospice comfort care. He is comfortable and well cared for. If you would like to visit or send him a card, he is at B & B Residential Facility 15W. 38th Ave., San Mateo, CA, 94403. Please keep Father in your prayers.

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

Ash Wednesday- March 5 is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday Masses are at 8:30am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm.

**Recollection to Embrace the Lenten Season—
Saturday, March 8, 9:00am, Centennial Hall/Church**
“He Emptied Himself” (Phil 2:7) Spiritual Almsgiving and the Spirit of Lent.

While appealing to a sensibility of generosity toward the poor, the reflections will dwell upon key New Testament texts, keeping our gaze fixed primarily on Christ, and accentuate the profoundly spiritual dimension of almsgiving. The Recollection Talk will be given by Dr. Margaret Turek. Dr. Turek is a Professor of Theology at St. Patrick’s Seminary and University in Menlo Park.

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

St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events And “Save The Date”

March 5— Ash Wednesday
March 8— Morning of Recollection for Lent-9:00am
April 27— Celebration of the Holy Day of our Parish’s Patron Saint.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: See 3/2 Bulletin
(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)
2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance: \$

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Special Collections
March 2-St. Anselm School
March 16-Building & Maintenance
March 30— St. Vincent de Paul

A Journey Through the Catechism 2: What Does it Mean to Have Faith?

In our earlier section of *A Journey through the Catechism series*, we dwelt on Fr. Mahan words that “We are made for God,” though scientists tell us that the universe is ninety-six billion light years in size. In this section, we will look at his answer to the question: What Does it Mean to Have Faith?

“God reveals himself to human beings and invites us to trust in him. Faith is our proper response to that invitation (cf. CCC, 142-143). We believe that there is a God, and we believe God. We listen to his direction for our lives, and we obey him. In fact, the words *obey* and *listen* are closely related in the Latin language. To obey God is to follow in the example set for us by the saints” (page 19).

According to Fr. Mahan, the biblical definition of faith is “the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). While faith certainly evokes a supernatural experience, it also speaks to everyday occurrences. We have faith that our loved ones will be there for us. We have faith that the signals at intersections will function properly and not be the cause of traffic accidents. This kind of everyday faith in little things boosts our confidence that we can trust God in the big things.

- . Faith is believing in Jesus Christ, whom God sent by sharing in his Spirit (cf. CCC, 151, 152).
- . Faith is a gift from God, a virtue that gives us the ability to believe in him (cf. CCC, 153).
- . Faith is “contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason” (CCC, 154). Faith is above reason, but does not contradict it (CCC, 159).
- . Faith (in Jesus Christ) is necessary for salvation (cf. CCC, 161).
- . Faith is a gift from God, but we can lose this precious gift. We must be dedicated to persevering in faith until the end. Faith is nourished by the study of God’s Word, prayer, and the practice of charity (cf. CCC, 162).

The teachings of the Catholic Church are summarized in a creed. The word creed comes from the Latin word credere, which means “to believe.” An early creed during the persecution of early Christians was the phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.” Structured by the persons of the Trinity, the creed for Catholics expresses belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The synopsis of the content of the faith contained in a creed allows us to proclaim our faith in union with the whole Church and to pass that faith on to others.

Believing in God means that you can trust that God will see you through every difficulty, every problem, every circumstance in life. *How have you experienced God reaching out to you? How did you experience the initial stirrings of his calling you to a deep, personal relationship?* (cf. Pages 19-42).

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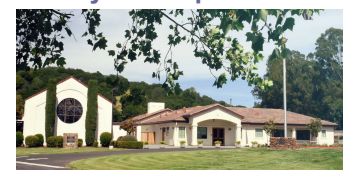
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