

St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 11, 2025
Fourth 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 everyday. We welcome, serve, and educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Reflection: 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

The Lord says in today's Gospel, "My Sheep hear my voice..."What does the Lord mean by using sheep as a sign for us?

- I. **THE SIGN OF THE SHEEP:** (a.) Sheep are **WAYWARD**—Sheep wander off and don't know how to return to the sheepfold unless the Shepherd goes and brings them back. Dogs and cats can find their way home, but not the old Sheep. We, like Sheep, need the sheepfold of the Church and the Shepherd, who is Christ, ministering through teachers of the faith. (b.) Sheep are **WITLESS**—We train dogs, birds, horses, and even lions. But the sheep cannot be trained! Sure, humans have been to the moon, but too many of us don't recognize the value of daily prayer, Church attendance for our souls. We think we have a better way than God's way. (c.) Sheep are **WEAK**—A sheep cannot protect himself. The mule can kick, the cat can scratch, the dog can bite. But without the Shepherd and the sheep dogs, the Sheep is history. And so, it is with us were it not for the care of Jesus the Good Shepherd. (d.) And Yet, Sheep are **WORTHWHILE** animals. In Jesus' day, many men counted their wealth by sheep. Shepherds made sacrifices in Jesus' day to breed and protect these valuable animals. And so it is with us. The Lord paid the price of our redemption with his own precious blood (1 Peter 1:18-19). (e.) Sheep **WALK** together—Sheep flock together and thus are safer. We are called to be part of a flock and to be in the care of a shepherd (John 10:16). (f.) Sheep are **WAY**—Sheep have the remarkable quality of knowing their master's voice and instinctively fearing any other voice and fleeing from it. Sadly, Christians can so easily be drawn to the enemy's voice and feast on it.
- II. **THE SAFETY OF THE SHEEP**—Jesus says, they hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. No one can take them out of my hand. The safety of Jesus' flock is all predicated on listening to His voice. If we want protection and safety, we must know only Jesus' voice and stop running after false shepherds and voices. Every ancient city had walls and gates to protect its citizens. But that citizen was a fool who thought he could enjoy the city's protection by journeying outside its protective walls. It simply doesn't work that way.
- III. **THE SALVATION OF THE SHEEP**—The text says, I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. Note that, for the flock of the Lord, there is the gift of "eternal life." But eternal life refers not only to the capacity to "live forever and never die." It does mean this, but it begins now. And "eternal" refers not only to the length of life but to the fullness of it. In this sense, eternal life is now as we become ever more aware of an experience that "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation!" (2 Cor 5:17).

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May 12	8:30am	Matthew Finzen (D)
Tues.	May 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Wed.	May 14	8:30am	Sr. Mary Kellady (INT)
Thur.	May 15	8:30am	Daniel Hansen (D)
Fri.	May 16	8:30am	Tommy Devoto (D)
Sat.	May 17	5:00pm	Joe McGarry (D)
Sun.	May 18	8:00am	People of St. Anselm's
		10:00am	Barbara Diane Peterson (D)
		5:00pm	Rose Shadduck (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, 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

The second collection during Mother's Day weekend is an opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese to support families and individuals in SF, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Every day, Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable members of our community. Your gift provides hope by keeping families housed and off the streets, provide kids with opportunities to grow, aid immigrants through the legal system, and help seniors age with dignity. Help support the merciful works done by Catholic Charities by placing a donation in the second collection basket or using the remit envelopes available in your pews.

Happy Mother's Day!

We pray to the LORD for all mothers; that Mary, the Mother of God, give them strength, wisdom and joy during this time as they sow seeds of love, patience and peace in their families and the wider community! Floriani Concert to follow the 10:00am to honor all mothers.



First Holy Communion- On May 10, many of our children received their First Holy Communion. We give thanks for all the teachers, relatives, and friends of these children who helped prepare them for this Sacrament. We especially give thanks to the parents who are the primary educators of the children in the ways of the faith. As a Parish Community, let us remember our young parishioners in our prayers.

Parishioner, Dan Engel, will be presenting a History of St. Anselm's on Sunday, May 18 following the 10am Mass in the Centennial Hall. All are invited!

Our monthly Food Drive for the Rita Center will be May 17-18



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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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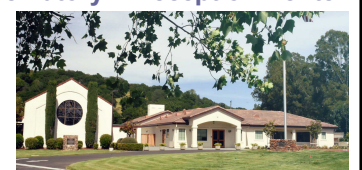
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