

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

**February 16, 2025**  
**Sixth 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 6th Sunday In OT Yr C

Dear Parishioners,

Marriage is called a great mystery = *mysterion mega* by St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians. Over the last two weeks we have read through Matthew 19, which allowed us to explore the Catholic doctrine about marriage as a **permanent bond** uniting husband with wife. Today we will fill out our understanding of marriage by studying the **sacramental** side of marriage with the help of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5:21 – 31.

Before we get started let's recognize the 900 lb. gorilla in the room, namely St. Paul's use of the Greek word *hypotassomai* to describe a wife's relationship with her husband. This perfectly fine Greek term sets on fire the hair of countless North Americans! No matter how *hypotassomai* is translated in English (and there are several synonyms), it's difficult for us liberty-loving Yankees to hear *hypotassomai* without assuming that wife is "inferior" and husband is "superior"; that she is "less" and he is "more." The prefix *hypo* means "under" and the verb *tasso* means "to set in place, arrange, order." So the English translation of Ephesians 5:21 usually have Paul telling the wife to "submit" "to be subject" "be subordinate" "to place herself under" "to deter" "to show deference to" the husband! (And with that piece of biblical "Dear Abbey" advice, the bible is closed....never to be opened!)

Such a closed reaction is unfortunate. Why? In the Greek speaking world of the New Testament literally *everybody* is advised to *hypotassomai*! It's a **virtue** first practiced by God himself as when Jesus places himself under (makes himself subordinate to) his earthly parents (Luke 2:51) or when as Son he is "subordinate" to God the Father (1 Cor 15:28).

Equally important: this bold self-entrustment on the part of the wife to her husband is echoed and equaled by Paul's injunction given to the husband. **"Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" Eph 5:25.** Paul had at his disposal several vocabulary choices to describe the husband's self gift for the sake of his wife. He chooses *agape*, the strongest Greek word for love, typically used for God's love (100% selfless). This is different from *eros*, erotic or romantic love, or *philos*, the love of friendship. More specifically, the husband's self gift for the good of his wife should take the **form of a sacrifice**. Paul uses the highly descriptive verb "he handed himself over for her." Christ "handed himself over" for his bride – not in Bethlehem when he was born; not on the Sea of Galilee when He was fishing; not on Mt. Tabor when He was transfigured. "He handed himself over for her" **only** on Golgotha when he was crucified between two thieves.

Marriage is a sacrament (a little mystery) because husband and wife reveal in their shared life the union (a Big Mystery) of Christ and his bride, the Church.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Feb. 17	8:30am	Colin Edward Schreck (D) Joe McGarry (D)
Tues.	Feb. 18	8:30am	Matthew Finzen (D)
Wed.	Feb. 19	8:30am	David Wendell (D)
Thur.	Feb. 20	8:30am	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Orders
Fri.	Feb. 21	8:30am	Peter Hallquist (D)
Sat.	Feb. 22	5:00pm	Sue Amelia Thompson (D)
Sun.	Feb. 23	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Claude Wundrow (D) Nelly Martino (D) St. Anselm Parishioners

## 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

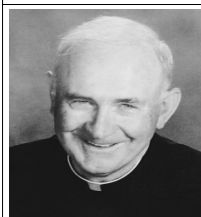
**For the Repose of the Soul:** Linda Biesheuvell

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)

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

**February 15-16**—Ritter Center Food Drive  
**March 5**—Ash Wednesday—Masses 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm  
**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: \$3,498  
(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)  
2nd Collection: N/A

**Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling**

Special Collections  
February 16—Building & Maintenance  
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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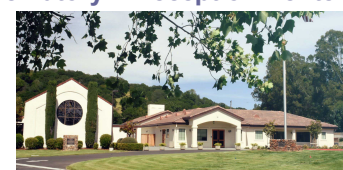
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