

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

February 25, 2024  
Second Sunday of Lent



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**School Website:** www.StAnselmSchool.com

**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, 12:00pm, 5:00pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, and  
Friday—8:00am-1:00pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00pm-4:45pm 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.*

**Father Gabriel's Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Lent  
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*Beloved Parish Family of St. Anselm,*

*If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31).*

Last Sunday, we reflected on the imagery of the dessert as well as God's covenant with Noah. Our first reading this Sunday concludes the cycle of narratives about God's covenant with Abraham (Gen 12-23), which unfolds from his call, with the promise to be the father of many nations, through the birth of a son (Isaac), to God's command to offer Isaac as a holocaust. As Abraham obliges, the Lord's messenger intervenes at the last moment; Isaac is spared, and the promise is renewed: "Because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly" (Gen 22:16-17).

In both Judaism and Christianity, Abraham is a paradigm of faith who "when tested was found loyal" (Sir 44:20), who "hoped against hope" (Rom 4:18), and who "by faith . . . when put to the test, offered up Isaac" because he believed in a God who could raise the dead (Heb 11:17-19). Also, in Jewish tradition, Isaac is transformed into a model of self-sacrifice who went willingly to his death, which Christians adopt for Jesus, "the Son of God," who "has loved me and given himself up for me" (Gal 2:20).

The temptation of Jesus in last Sunday's Gospel indicated that no matter how filled with the Spirit we may be, we are not immune from the temptations of the evil one as Jesus himself was tempted. This motif continues in today's first reading, portraying Abraham as a model of a lifelong journey of faith that was tested to the very end. Equally, we see the disciples in the Gospel, who, though intimate with Jesus, crumbled when faced with the mystery of the cross.

We all have moments of temptation and doubt, which demand ultimate self-surrender to God for us to experience victory and the glory of the resurrection. Thus, the narrative of the Transfiguration for us during Lent means that even after moments of transcendence and transformation, we must come back to earth, continue to hear the voice of Jesus, and follow him on the way to the cross. In the transfiguration, Jesus wanted to teach his apostles that "he had first to suffer, and so come to the glory of his resurrection."

In the remaining weeks of Lent, let us listen to Jesus with the assurances and hope of the resurrection, as did Abraham and Jesus, who believed, "All's well that ends well." Let us listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture in the beautiful devotion of the Stations of the Cross every Friday. Let us listen to him in the Sacraments, especially in silent adoration of the before the Eucharist, and humble confession of our sins in reconciliation. Let us listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher the messages of Providence in them. Amen.

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	8:30am	Fr. David Pettingill (D)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>	8:30am	Bishop Ignatius Wang (INT)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>	8:30am	Sheila Frohling (D)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Feb. 29</b>	8:30am	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>	8:30am	Lidia Pringle (INT)
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>	5:00pm	Matthew Balano (D)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	8:00am	Mae Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Gerhard Weihl (D)
		5:00pm	Parish People Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady (D)

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill:** Jose Larraga, Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Steve Leland, Christopher Goward, Terese Marklinger, Allison Chichizola, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Fr. Neil Healy, Michael Cavagnetto, Louisa Walker, Al Dallara, Jordan Roggenbuck, Catherine Ward, Lori Schimm, Matt Hansen, Natalie Johnson, Jai Hayden, Joan Risch, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidre Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Duane Hultin, John Sisler

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Linda Heilmann, Norma Cavagnetto, Norma Baumsteiger

**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

**"Our Prayer Petition group will gladly pray for your intentions; simply use the link on our Parish website (<https://saintanselm.org/>) or go to <https://forms.gle/9C3WH4mtng33qLmn7>"**

**Green Tip:** Consider mending clothes with small tears or imperfections to extend wear. Mending is becoming part of sustainable chic fashion!

**Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, I. Towards a New Lifestyle, ¶ 204:** The emptier a person's heart, the more they want to buy and consume. As a collective selfishness develops, a sense of the common good disappears. Our concerns must not be limited to extreme weather, but also to the social unrest resulting from unbridled consumerism.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

1. **Praying the Rosary**- We pray the Rosary before the daily 8:30am Masses.

2. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**-We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 Mass every First Friday of the month. Fr. Gabriel is available for confessions during the hour of Adoration.

3. **Stations of the Cross**- During Lent, Fr. Gabriel will lead the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays at 7:00pm.

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)

**Lenten Reflections:** Join Deacon Bob Meave for the five Tuesdays leading up to Holy Week in reflections on the beloved parable of the Prodigal Son. The discussions will be anchored by the acclaimed book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Henri Nouwen., available at your favorite bookseller. It is recommended, but not required, that participants follow linked chapters in the book.

**Tuesdays, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Now –March 19.**  
**Join us on Zoom. For more information and to register, contact Deacon Bob at [ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com).**

**Our Monthly Food Drive is February 24 & 25**- The Ritter Truck will be in the church parking lot next to the Rectory. Our wonderful volunteers will accept donations before the 5pm Mass **THIS** Saturday and Sunday from 7:30am until 5:15 pm.

Non-perishable donations such as tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta, chunky soups; and personal sanitary items such as diapers, toothpaste, shampoo are appreciated. Financial contributions for Ritter Center are also welcomed. Volunteers are the heart of this ministry. If you would like to volunteer for a 2 hour shift visit our parish website: [saintanselm.org](http://saintanselm.org), click on the Give & Serve button to find the Food Drive Volunteer schedule. If you have any questions, contact Pat Langley, [117plangley@gmail.com](mailto:117plangley@gmail.com).

### St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: \$3,287

(plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)

2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance: \$1,481

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

Special Collections:

St. Anselm School- March 3

Catholic Relief Services- March 10

Building & Maintenance- March 17

St. Vincent de Paul- March 31

The only way to place "God at the center" of our lives, as the "cornerstone," is "through Eucharistic adoration."

-Pope Francis to Seminarians of Madrid, February 5, 2024

## Father Gabriel's Installation as Pastor of St. Anselm

*You are Cordially Invited to the Installation of our New Pastor*

*Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will formally install Father Gabriel Wankar as the 13th Pastor of St. Anselm Church on Sunday, March 3rd, at the 10:00am Mass. Join us for the Mass and a Reception in Centennial Hall.*

**Many helping hands are needed** for Fr. Gabriel's celebratory reception. If you would like to help, please call the church office 415-453-2342 or Cathy Cunningham 415-453-7174.

## Participate in the Synod on Synodality!

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the next phase of the Synod on Synodality through engagement sessions that will inform the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality in October 2024.

**Engagement Sessions are taking place in each county of the Archdiocese of San Francisco this Lent:**

**Marin:**

**When:** Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

**Where:** St. Raphael Church  
1104 Fifth Avenue (at A St.)  
San Rafael, CA 94901

**Contact:** Deacon David Bernstein at [dcnbernstein@saintraphael.com](mailto:dcnbernstein@saintraphael.com)

More details are available through the Archdiocesan website at [www.sfarch.org/synod](http://www.sfarch.org/synod)





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