St. Anselm Catholic Church May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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, 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 according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Fr. Gabriel's Reflection-6th Sunday of Easter Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

The gospel text for this Sunday continues the exhortation from last Sunday, "to abide," stated: "remain in my love." In the gospel of John, a command is always based on a prior experience of grace, so Jesus says, "Love one another as I love you," and then points to the summit of love, laying down one's life for friends.

In response to the issue of division and difference that confronted the early Church, Peter received a vision that the God of Israel is the God of all people, and that Christianity was not a national religion but a universal one since "We believe in one God," and this God is love! Love is one of the significant fruits of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Catholic faith. Moreover, since we had Confirmation for our children in the Parish this past week, let us refresh our knowledge of Confirmation particularly.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)1285 says Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. The sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a unique strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, as faithful witnesses of Christ, they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

CCC1302 notes: "It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost."

CCC1303 indicates, "Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace: It deeply roots us in the divine filiation, making us cry, "Abba! Father!"

It unites us more firmly to Christ.

It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

It renders our bond with the Church more perfect.

It gives us a unique strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as faithful witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.

CCC 1304 continues, Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be His witness.

These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Goodness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Modesty, Faithfulness, Chastity.

Fellow believers in Christ, in the week ahead, let us remember that "Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is Love" (1 Jn 4:8)

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	May 6	8:30am	Giovanni Palladino (D)
Tues.	May 7	8:30am	John Allen (D)
Wed.	May 8	8:30am	Frank Glyn (D)
Thur.	May 9	8:30am	Peggy Hansen (D)
Fri.	May 10	8:30am	Rita Dargan (INT)
Sat.	May 11	5:00pm	Norma Cavagnetto (D)
Sun.	May 12	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Frank Carroll (D) Matthew Finzen (D) All Mothers Parish People

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, Louisa Walker, 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, Elaine Innes, Arlene Hansen

For the Repose of the Soul: Jerry Thompson, Jay MacMahon, Mary Ellen Goepp

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: Re-use the plastic bags that wrap your bread items when shopping for fruit and produce.

Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, V. Civic and Political Love,

¶230: Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practice the little way of love. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with a world of exacerbated consumption that mistreats life in all its forms.

Ascension Thursday-The Ascension of the Lord is observed on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which is May 12, 2024, for our Metropolitan Province as approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and confirmed by the Congregation for Bishops.

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. 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!
- 4. 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 inperson (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

National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage St. Junipero Serra Route

Walk with Jesus Across the Golden Gate Bridge! **Sunday, May 19-11:00am** Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption-1111 Gough St. Join us for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route. Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for 11:00am Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge.

Monday, May 20, 2024 don't miss the Eucharistic procession in downtown San Rafael, followed by a celebration and hosted dinner at St. Raphael Parish.

Walk the Eucharistic procession to St. Raphael Parish. The Walk will begin at St. Sebastian at 1:30 and head to Albert Park—151 Andersen Dr., San Rafael. The procession will leave Albert Park abound 2:45-3:00 and head to St. Raphael Mission.

Depending on the pace of the procession, it will arrive at the Mission around 3:15.

Contact: Sandra Kearney | 415-614-5505

kearneys@sfarch.org

For Updated Information go to https://www.sfarch.org/eucharistic-revival/



First Holy Communion-On May 4, forty-five First Holy Communicants of St. Anselm Parish received the Eucharist for the first time. Pope Francis refers to the Eucharist as a gift. He reminds us about how important the Eucharist is to our faith journey. He encourages us to receive the Eucharist as a family as often as possible if we are so disposed and in the state of grace. Our Holy Father spoke to a group of

children in Italy as he recalled his First Holy Communion many years ago. He addressed the children and stated, "You will make your First Communion, always remember that day your whole life: the first day that Jesus came to us. He comes, makes himself one with us, makes himself our food, our nourishment to give us strength."

As we reflect on these words of Pope Francis, we can give thanks for all the teachers, relatives, and friends of these children who helped prepare them for First Holy Communion, and who will assist them in their future growth in faith through their prayers and actions. We especially thank 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.

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love, and the joy of his life within you. May God, who brought you to this special day continue to direct your life in his perfect way. May this life-giving Bread always feed your soul and nourish your spirit.

May you always live your faith with joy.

NEXT WEEK IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY. This second collection is an annual opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support mothers and their families in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Every day, low-income mothers are struggling to make ends meet. Many in our community have no option but to move money around, choosing between paying rent and utilities, buying food, and medicine, living from emergency to emergency. With your help, Catholic Charities provides life-affirming services so mothers and their families can flourish, without difficult choices. Please give generously and dedicate your Mother's Day donation to at-risk mothers that need hope and resources.

You can visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/Love to donate online.

For more information, contact Bridget Mahoney

at BMahoney@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection-\$4,076.73 (plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)

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2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions:\$1,223

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

> Special Collections: Catholic Charities-May 12 Building & Maintenance-May 19 Catholic Communications-May 26

Each year, the Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Please join the Pope in praying...For the formation of religious and seminarians We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.



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