

St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday



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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: Before & after 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. Gabriel's Reflection– Pentecost Sunday Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

We live in an intensely mobile culture of fast food, faster cars, disposable diapers, and planned obsolescence. Our greatest goal is to be famous for fifteen minutes. At parties, we do not carry on conversations; we posture – repeating snippets of dialogue from movies, beer commercials, sitcoms, or interviews with sports celebrities. Small wonder, too, that many in our society feel isolated and lonely, unable to connect, and incapable of forming lasting relationships. Small wonder, too, that as a people, we find ourselves increasingly bored, angry, and violent – enraged and terrified by the awful emptiness that seems to stretch in every direction around us.

Given such cultural conditions, the Christian celebration of “the blessed Pentecost” will strike many as mad indeed. Fifty days of “dwelling in” the paschal mystery! Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives! Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with the neophytes ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection.

Pentecost is one of the three most important feasts of the Church year. Christmas is one of the three. The feast of Jesus' resurrection – Easter – is the most important of all three because we would have no faith or hope without resurrection. The Jews were celebrating Pentecost 3,000 years ago. It was one of their three most important feasts. Initially, it was a harvest feast on which the first fruits were offered in gratitude to God. It later came to be celebrated as the anniversary of giving the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. The word means 50th, the 50th day after the Jewish Passover.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant law given to Moses at Sinai (Lev. 23: 15-21). During one such celebration, the Spirit came on Jesus' followers. Christians celebrate it as the day God sent his Holy Spirit upon the Church.

The Holy Spirit is our connection with Christ. It is through the Spirit that we share in Christ's life. We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a “new creation” in Baptism (cf. 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (1 Cor. 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity – fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

Being born of the Spirit, St Paul reminds us that our lives will bear the fruits of acts of love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. However, if the evidence is otherwise, pride, conspiracy, falsehood, gossip, discrimination, lies, and deceit, no matter how loud we shout under the pretext of the Spirit, it is all falsehood. Let us pray that God will send His Spirit to renew the face of the earth, Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May 20	8:30am	Fr. Jerry Murphy (INT)
Tues.	May 21	8:30am	Mike Hansen (D)
Wed.	May 22	8:30am	Connie Stanley (D)
Thur.	May 23	8:30am	Donna Przybyski (D)
Fri.	May 24	8:30am	Fr. Jose Shaji (INT)
Sat.	May 25	5:00pm	Nick Shea (D)
Sun.	May 26	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Claude Wundrow (D) Patricia Riley Burke (D) Peter Teller (D) 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 Goepf

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>"

Have you moved? Or changed your phone number or email address? Please let us know. We are updating our database and want to make sure the information we have in our database is accurate. Contact us: 415-453-2342 or info@saintanselm.org

Green Tip: Share fruit from your garden with neighbors. **Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI,' Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, V. Civic and Political Love, ¶232:** People must break out of the indifference induced by consumerism. We must live with a sense of solidarity aware that we live in a common home which God has entrusted to us. Actions based in such solidarity can be the source of intense spiritual experiences.

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 following the 8:30am Mass and until 12:00pm every First Friday of the month. Fr. Gabriel is available to hear confessions during Adoration.

3. **Reconciliation**-Fr. Gabriel 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

Save the Date— Sunday, June 23-Fr. Gabriel would like to extend an invitation to our Parish Community to celebrate our Deacons at the 10:00 Mass with a reception to follow in Centennial Hall. Stay tuned for further details.

National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage St. Junipero Serra Route

Monday, May 20, 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. There will be Eucharistic Adoration at 12:00pm at St. Sebastian. 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 around 2:45-3:00 and continue on to St. Raphael Mission.

Depending on the pace of the procession, it will arrive at the Mission around 3:15. At 3:15, there will be Eucharistic Adoration followed by Solemn Vespers. At 6:00pm, there will be a hosted dinner celebration for all pilgrims at St. Raphael.

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Special Collections:

Building & Maintenance-May 19

Catholic Communications-May 26

Catechesis on Catholic Funerals

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the primary purpose of Catholic funerals is to pray for the deceased because we do not know if they died in a state of grace. Or, if they did, we do not know how much purification they need before they can enter heaven (CCC 1030-1031). In other words, Catholics pray for the dead because we know that they might be in purgatory.

Thus, contrary to common assumption, the funeral Mass is not to celebrate the life of the deceased but to offer worship to God for Christ's victory over death, to comfort the mourners with prayers, and to pray for the soul of the deceased.

That is why the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "At the Funeral Mass, there should, as a rule, be a short homily, but never a eulogy of any kind" (382). Similarly, the *Order of Christian Funerals* notes that a eulogy should never be at a funeral Mass (OCF 27). However, the celebrant may express a few words of gratitude about the person's life in his homily.

It is never an attempt to deny family members their rightful grieving process; instead, it is to prevent the departed from being denied what they need. Families can have gatherings in which speakers reminisce about the life of the dead, usually at the vigil (wake) or a funeral reception. The decision to remain silent on this topic is to forsake the dead to oblige those who might complain.

Our Monthly Food Drive is THIS WEEKEND- May 18-19.

The Ritter Truck will be in the church parking lot next to the Rectory. Our wonderful volunteers will accept donations before the 5pm Mass 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.

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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