

St. Anselm Catholic Church

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The Most Holy Trinity



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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; Closed May 27

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– The Most Holy Trinity Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

After the Easter Season, which culminated in the Feast of Pentecost, the liturgy provides for the three Solemnities of the Lord: today, Trinity Sunday; next Sunday, *Corpus Christi*; and finally, on the Sunday following, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each of these liturgical events is indeed an aspect of the one mystery of salvation, which sums up the whole itinerary of the revelation of Jesus.

A basic understanding of the doctrine of the Trinity is that Jesus is God, equal to the Father in every way, but not the same as the Father. The divine Trinity takes up his abode in us on the day of our Baptism: "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.." Indeed, for us Catholics, the Sign of the Cross is not merely a pious gesture but a powerful prayer.

Here are a few perspectives from the Scripture and Catholic teaching on the Sign of the Cross that reveal why making it opens us to life-transforming graces.

The Sign of the Cross is a mini creed, a profession of faith in God as he revealed himself. It serves as an abbreviated form of the Apostles' Creed. When we sign ourselves, we make ourselves aware of God's presence and open ourselves to his actions in our lives.

The Sign of the Cross is a reminder and renewal of our Baptism. When we sign ourselves, we declare that in Baptism, we died sacramentally with Christ on the Cross and rose to a new life with him (see Rom 6:3-4 and Gal 2:20). *The Sign of the Cross is a mark of discipleship*. At Baptism, the Lord claimed us as his own when the priest marked us with the Sign of the Cross. By tracing the Cross on our bodies, we deny that we belong to ourselves and declare that we belong to him alone (see Lk 9:23).

The Sign of the Cross is a mark of accepting our sufferings, promised by Jesus as a regular part of a disciple's life. By marking our bodies with the sign, we embrace whatever pain that comes from our faith in Christ – "taking up the cross and following" him (Lk 9:23). *The Sign of the Cross is a move against the devil*. When the devil sent Jesus to the Cross, he mistakenly believed he had won a great victory. Instead, the Lord surprised him with an ignominious defeat (see 1 Cor 2:8). The sign of the Cross announces our cooperation with him in the indomitable advance of the kingdom of God against the kingdom of darkness.

As a core sign of our identity as Catholic Christians, therefore, it is required that we **ALWAYS** begin and end all our prayers and gatherings with the Sign of the Cross, expressing our belief in the Trinity. In the week ahead, let us remember to make the sign of the Cross: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

St. Anselm Parish Council Constituted

Beloved Parishioners of St. Anselm Church, thank you for responding to my call to nominate people to me to form our Parish Council. By the provisions of Canon 536 §1 and §2, I have constituted the following as members of the Saint Anselm Parish Pastoral Council to assist me in fostering pastoral activity for the good of our Parish for an initial 3-year term:

- Bryce Sumnick
- Maureen Dear
- Ken Petrilla
- Dante Ghilotti
- Ashley Henkel
- Kimberly Orendorff
- David Kast - Chairman

Kindly keep our new Council and Parish in your prayers for the journey of faith ahead of us.

Fr. Gabriel T. Wankar – Pastor.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	May 27	8:30am	Dawn Hardison (D)
Tues.	May 28	8:30am	Buck Murray (D)
Wed.	May 29	8:30am	Anthony Ratto (D)
Thur.	May 30	8:30am	Patricia Riley Buke (D)
Fri.	May 31	8:30am	Fr. Gabriel Wankar (INT) Happy Birthday!
Sat.	June 1	5:00pm	Linda Gill (D)
Sun.	June 2	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Parish People
		5:00pm	Adrienne Stroub (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, 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



Corpus Christi Procession

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Our parish will have a Eucharistic Procession on June 2nd following the 10am Mass. We will process with the Blessed Sacrament from the Church towards the school and hit San Anselmo Avenue back to Bolinas and into the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to take part in this celebration of our faith. The procession is expected to last about thirty minutes. The usual Sunday coffee will be served following the procession.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for June-Date Change- Because St. Anselm’s Bacculaureate Mass will be celebrated on June 7, which is the First Friday in June, June’s First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be observed on Friday, May 31.

Memorial Day Mass-You are invited to Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery to join us at our outdoor Memorial Day Mass, **Monday, May 27**, at 11:00 am. This annual Mass is offered in honor of those who have died in service to our nation, in prayer for all the faithful departed and in memory of those who rest in this sacred place.

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.

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 1st Collection-5/12-\$2,873, 5/19-\$3,426
 (plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)
 2nd Collection: Catholic Charities-\$1,956
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Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling.
 Special Collections:
 Catholic Communications-May 26
 St. Anselm School- June 2
 Building & Maintenance- June 16
 St. Vincent de Paul-June 30

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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