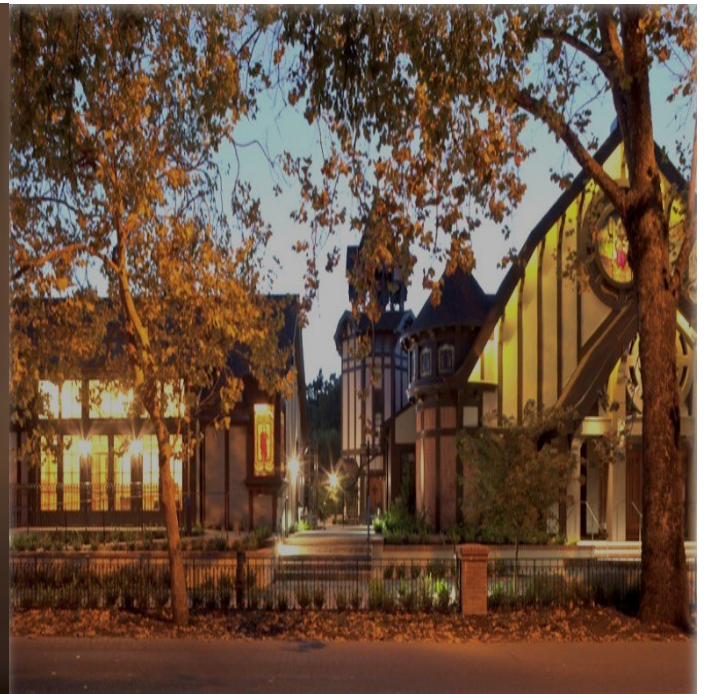


St. Anselm Catholic Church

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



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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– Corpus Christi Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

At the heart of today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus is the mystery of transubstantiation (the transforming power of Jesus), which presents a privileged occasion to remind Catholics that Jesus meant what He said by calling the bread His Body, and the wine His Blood. In John 6 our lord bluntly tells His followers: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you" (v.53). Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John and the parallel accounts of the miracle of the multiplication of loaves in the Synoptic Gospels (especially the Gospel text today Mk 14), points to the Eucharistic miracle of the Real Presence of Jesus which the Catholic Church believes and teaches.

Dubious forces have interpreted this miracle in purely naturalist terms: *The miracle of the loaves and fishes is just superstition. The true miracle is that, inspired by the preaching of Jesus, selfish members of the crowd who were carrying more than enough food for themselves opened their hearts to one another and as they offered portions of their food to each other, and had more than enough because Jesus touched their cold hearts with warm words of niceness!*

However, such an explanation presents an excellent example of reading into the text rather than out of it. It is founded on an irrational prejudice against miracles and on a viewpoint that considers the Gospel a humanistic message of caring and sharing that has nothing to do with God's miraculous intervention in our world. A look at John 6:11-13 flatly denies the caring-and-sharing explanation:

Firstly, it is Jesus who distributes the loaves and fish among the crowd, not the members of the crowd themselves. Jesus feeds the crowd from the five loaves given to him by a boy, not the crowd who, from their secret store of sandwiches, decide to share with each other. **Secondly**, the Evangelist makes a point that 12 baskets were filled "with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over" (Jn 6:13), not with the leftovers from many picnic lunches. John intends for his readers to understand that a sign or actual miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fishes took place, not a naturalistic moment of human benevolence.

Thirdly, the supernatural character of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is confirmed by the crowd's reaction, who do not respond to the sign by announcing that Jesus sure is a nice guy who just inspired thousands of people to share their lunches. Instead, the crowd acclaims Jesus as "the prophet" foretold by Moses (Deut. 18:18). And they seek to crown Jesus king (a dangerous suggestion that carried a charge of insurrection in Roman-occupied Judea). **Fourthly**, not only that, but the crowd also tries to follow Jesus in hopes that he will continue to dole out free food-certainly not with the idea that Jesus will inspire them to dole out food to others. *Take it; this is my Body!*

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.	June 3	8:30am	Emmeline Vita (D)
Tues.	June 4	8:30am	Fr. Andrew Ginter (INT)
Wed.	June 5	8:30am	Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (INT)
Thur.	June 6	8:30am	Fr. Cameron Faller (INT)
Fri.	June 7	8:30am	Fr. Andrew Spyrow (INT)
Sat.	June 8	5:00pm	Mary Bridget Gallagher (INT)
Sun.	June 9	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Jim Carroll (D) Sr. Mary Kellady (INT) 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: Ken Franceschi
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

Our parish will have a Eucharistic Procession on June 2nd following the 10am Mass.

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

Affordable Housing is it possible in Marin?

Come learn about the proposed BAFHA Affordable Housing Bond. If passed in November, this bond would unlock \$350 to \$700 million dollars for Marin County to address housing affordability and homelessness. Marin Organizing Committee's Housing Team will present the possibilities and the costs of this bond: How could it affect our communities? What would it cost each of us? Who would oversee the accounting? Who would benefit?

Join us June 4, 7-8:30pm at St. John's Episcopal Church 14 Lagunitas Road, Ross
Register at www.tinyurl.com/Jun4MOC

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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.

Catechesis on Roman Catholic Worship

People often discuss Mass and Catholic worship: its repetition and sobriety, the choice of music, the absence of a “welcoming spirit,” the somber tone, the lack of energy, and the bad homilies. In contrast, they ask for engaging music, more fellowship, an upbeat tone, homilies with stories and nuanced styles, and more interaction. In summary, some want the Catholic Mass to resemble the worship service of a megachurch (*but we are Roman Catholics!*).

In most of these good suggestions, I often ask, **“But where’s God?”** Yes, these suggestions would engage, inspire, and entertain us. But where is the worship of God?

The Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy teaches that *liturgy is an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. From this, it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body, which is the Church, is a sacred action. The liturgy must be an invitation to faith and conversion* (6-9).

While the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy encourages “the full and active participation by all the people” (14), it emphasizes that the “Regulation of the sacred liturgy depends solely on the authority of the Church, that is, on the Apostolic See and, as laws may determine, on the bishop.” Accordingly, as Catholics of the Roman rite (we are not Mormons, Pentecostals, nor Methodists), Vatican II insists that *no other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his authority* (SC 22).

A beautiful liturgy in the Roman rite of the Catholic Church aims to help us to quiet down, refocus our minds and hearts, and then lead us to encounter and adore God. It is neither a festivity nor a meeting to have a good time. The grandeur of the Catholic liturgy does not rest upon the fact that it offers exciting entertainment. The essential in the liturgy is the Mystery, which is realized in the common ritual of the Church; all the rest diminishes it. We experiment with it in a lively fashion and find ourselves deceived when the Mystery is transformed into distraction when the chief actor in the liturgy is not the living God but the priest or the liturgical minister.

Each year, the Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Please join the Pope in praying... **For migrants fleeing their homes**
 We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



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