

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

## What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family in need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

**June 16, 2024  
Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



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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– 11th Sunday Yr B**

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

In today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 4:26-34), Jesus speaks to the crowd about the Kingdom of God and its growth dynamics by recounting two brief parables. In the first parable (cf. vv. 26-29), the Kingdom of God is compared to the *mysterious growth of the seed*, which is cast upon the ground and then sprouts, grows, and produces ears [of grain], independent of the care of the farmer who, when it is fully grown, sees to its harvest.

In essence, through Jesus' teaching and action, the Kingdom of God is proclaimed, has burst into the field of the world, and, like the seed, grows and develops by itself through its strength and according to humanly incomprehensible criteria. In its growth and development in history, it does not depend much on man's doing but is, above all, an expression of the power and goodness of God, of the strength of the Holy Spirit who brings forth Christian life in the People of God.

At times, history, with its events and protagonists, seems to go in the opposite direction of the design of the heavenly Father, who calls all His children to faith and trust in Him. However, we are called to live out these periods as seasons of trial, hope, and vigilant expectation of harvest. Indeed, yesterday, like today, the Kingdom of God mysteriously surprisingly grows in a world which is quite hostile, revealing the hidden power of the little seed and its victorious vitality. Within the folds of personal and social events, which sometimes seem to signal the failure of hope, it is essential to remain confident in God's subdued but powerful way of acting. For this reason, in moments of darkness and difficulty, we must not lose heart but remain anchored in faithfulness to God, to His ever-saving presence. Remember this: God always saves. He is the Savior.

In the second parable (cf. vv. 30-32), Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a *mustard seed*. It is a tiny seed, yet it grows to become the greatest of all the plants in the garden: an unforeseeable, surprising growth. It is not easy for us to enter this logic of God's unforeseeable nature and accept it in our lives. However, today, the Lord exhorts us to an attitude of faith that exceeds all our plans, calculations, and predictions. God is always the God of surprises. It is an invitation to open ourselves more generously to God's plans, both on the personal level and on that of the community – our God never fails.

The message is clear: *even though the Kingdom of God demands our collaboration, it is first and foremost a gift of the Lord, a grace that precedes man and his works*. If our own small strength, apparently powerless in the face of the world's problems, is inserted in that of God it fears no obstacles because the Lord's victory is guaranteed, despite the difficulty, suffering and evil that we encounter. May the Virgin Mary, who, like "good soil", accepted the seed of the divine Word, strengthen within us this faith and this hope.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

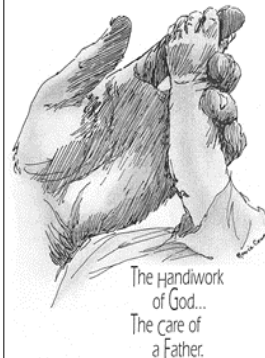
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>June 17</b>	8:30am	George Muller (D) Joe McGarry (D)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>June 18</b>	8:30am	Camilla Ghiringhelli (D)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>June 19</b>	8:30am	Richard Merrill (D)
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>June 20</b>	8:30am	Pascual Trivino Family (INT)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>June 21</b>	8:30am	Sandy C. Truex (D)
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>June 22</b>	5:00pm	Norma Cavagnetto (D) Patrick Dargan (D)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>June 23</b>	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Jim Carroll (D) Daniel Shummy (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, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Fr. Neil Healy, Louisa Walker, Jordan Roggenbuck, Catherine Ward, 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, Landyn

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Lori Schimm, 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



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

*It is with a deep sense of gratitude for their loving care and sacrifices that we remember our Fathers and offer special prayers for them during our Father's Day Masses. Please keep all Fathers, living and deceased, in your prayers.*

**In Memory Of:** George R. Muller, George A. Muller, Al Dallara, Len Young, John C. Dallara, Alfonso Martino,

Frederick Baumsteiger, Sebastian Baumsteiger, James Gould, John Farinacci, John Sumnick, Randy Pashilk, Airton Sobral, Hilarion Salbeck, John Veto, Frank Pereira, Sr., Theodore Cullen, Frank & Anthony Ratto, Henry B. Bondesen, Gerold Barnitz, Manuel Cruz, Robert Orlandi, Sr.

**In Honor Of:** Frank Pereira, Jr., Christopher Leitten



**Sunday, June 23-Fr.** Gabriel would like to extend an invitation to our Parish Community to celebrate our Deacons at the 10:00am Mass with a reception to follow in Centennial Hall. This year marks many milestones for our wonderful Deacons and their wives, Deacon Bernie & Dolores O'Halloran, Deacon Ed & Cathy Cunningham, and Deacon Bob & Gail Meave. Deacon Bernie will celebrate 30 years of being a Deacon next year, and is also celebrating his semi retirement. This year, Deacon Ed celebrates his 25th Anniversary since he was Ordained to the Diaconate and Deacon Bob is celebrating his 10th Anniversary. Along with our Pastor, our Deacons are the Cornerstones of St. Anselm Church. They have Baptized, Married, Counseled, Taught, Enlightened, Listened to, and Comforted, many, many parishioners during their years of ministry as Deacons, and from the very start, their wives have been right by their sides, beginning with attending all the Diaconate preparation classes and training for the four years. This is truly a Holy Spirit guided commitment. Please join us on June 23rd and share your gratitude for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

## The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign

Dear Parishioners,

For over 115 years, we have gathered in St. Anselm Church to celebrate life events: Baptisms, First Communions, Reconciliations, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and school activities. This beautiful facility now needs our assistance. As with all physical structures, our church requires considerable repairs and maintenance beyond the scope of the daily, monthly, and yearly projects.

Approximately 6 years ago our Finance Council invited a group of parishioners and professionals skilled in the areas of architecture, construction, and facility maintenance to evaluate the needs of our church structure. Due to Covid 19, we have been on hold for the past 4 years. The results of this study showed that there are significant repairs that should be addressed. The most critical repairs are: The bell tower and the bell tower concrete foundation; waterproofing paper behind the stucco throughout the church exterior walls which has disintegrated over multiple decades leading to excessive water damage and rot to the wood frame structure.

It is estimated that the total repairs will cost approximately \$3,500,000. We initiated the capital campaign over 5 years ago, typically called the "Silent Campaign". Covid-19 put a hold on all fundraising efforts. In 2021 a long-time parishioner passed away and donated \$1,000,000 to St. Anselm Church. As of June 2024, we have \$2,000,000 committed to the Restoration Campaign (57%) Our goal is to raise the balance which is \$1,500,000 (43%).

Our Catholic faith, this Church, and this Parish, require a commitment from each one of us. Giving money in the Sunday collection or electronically is indeed an obligation for the sustainability of our parish community. In humility, I ask each family to decide what their commitment will be. Can each of us seek to reallocate monies within our personal budgets to go towards St. Anselm's and its long-term sustainability?

You are a blessing to this faith community. The parish thanks you and needs your support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Father Gabriel T. Wankar**, Pastor

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

1. **Praying the Rosary**-Before the weekday 8:30am Masses.
2. **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**-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.** 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.** Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm Deacon Bob will lead a discussion of the upcoming Sunday 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)

**The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign**-Steve Easley, chairman of our parish finance council, spoke at each of the Masses last week. Parishioners will be receiving a brochure in the mail describing the campaign. If you do not receive a brochure, please call the parish office (415-453-2342, ext.101)

### St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: \$4,978  
(plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)  
2nd Collection: N/A

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

Special Collections:  
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 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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