

St. Anselm Catholic Church

June 23, 2024
Twelfth 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– 12th Sunday Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

From time immemorial “the sea” has been not only a source of teeming life but an arena of struggle and conflict. Today’s liturgy tells the episode of the storm calmed by Jesus (*Mk* 4:35-41). The disciples take Jesus into a boat and a violent squall hits the voyagers, and the boat seems in danger of being swamped. Jesus is sleeping, which recalls the Sower of *Mk* 4:27; an untroubled sleep in the Old Testament is a sign of trust in the power and protection of God (*Prov* 3:32-34; *Pss* 3:5; 4:8; *Job* 11:18-19). The ironic contrast between the raging sea, the terror of the disciples, and the deep sleep of Jesus heightens the power and word of Jesus. "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" – the disciples cry out (v. 38).

The calming of the sea has many dimensions. It stresses that God’s power, which was manifest in defeating the “sea monsters” is present in Jesus. When beaten by the trials of life, moments in which the strength to go forward fails us because we have no job, or an unexpected diagnosis makes us fear for our health or that of a loved one, it is for us to remember to cry out. “Lord do not let us perish.”

Besides personal, family, and even my psychological winds, how many winds of doctrine have we known in recent decades, how many ideological currents, how many ways of thinking. The small boat of the thought of many Christians has often been tossed about by these waves - flung from one extreme to another: from Marxism to liberalism, even to libertinism; from collectivism to radical individualism; from atheism to a vague religious mysticism; from agnosticism to syncretism and so forth. Every day new sects spring up, and what St Paul says about human deception and the trickery that strives to entice people into error (cf. *Eph* 4: 14) comes true.

Today, having a clear faith based on the Creed of the Church is often labeled as fundamentalism. Whereas relativism, that is, letting oneself be "tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine", seems the only attitude that can cope with modern times. We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires.

Dear friends, faith begins from believing that we are not enough for ourselves, from feeling *in need of God*. Such a feeling must be born out of confidence that Jesus is always there with us. Fear leads us to look at the difficulties and not to look at the Lord, who seems asleep many times. How often do we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord with our concerns! Today, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his Heart. May the Virgin Mary, who in her life never stopped trusting in God, reawaken in us the basic need of entrusting ourselves to Him each day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	June 24	8:30am	Johannes Meave-Ohrt (INT)
Tues.	June 25	8:30am	Jerry Thompson (D)
Wed.	June 26	8:30am	Mesa Family (D)
Thur.	June 27	8:30am	Garth Olsen (D)
Fri.	June 28	8:30am	Basilio & Isabel Mesa (D)
Sat.	June 29	5:00pm	Linda & John Heilmann (D) Parish People
Sun.	June 30	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Claude Wundrow (D) France Levivier (D) Camille Fenton (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, 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, Rose Michelle D’Haiti

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

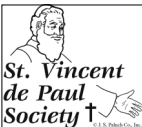
"Our Prayer Petition group will gladly pray for your intentions; simply use the link on our Parish website (<https://saintanselm.org/>) or go to <https://forms.gle/9C3WH4mtng33qLmn7>"

The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign-Steve Easley, chairman of our parish finance council, recently spoke at each of the Masses. 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)

Green Tip: Reduce the amount you consume. Re-use items already purchased. Recycle plastics, glass, and paper. One person can make a difference with these 3 actions. **Pope Francis, LAUDATO SI, Ch.6 – Ecological Education and Spirituality, VII. The Trinity and the Relationship Between Creatures, ¶238:** The world was created by the three Persons acting as a single divine principle; when we contemplate the universe in all its grandeur and beauty, we must praise the whole Trinity.

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. 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






On June 30, there will be a collection for the St. Anselm Conference of **St. Vincent de Paul**. Our clients are individuals and families who are struggling right here in our community.

Their struggles can include job loss, health concerns, and stress over housing and food insecurity. We ask them about the stresses and issues that they are facing. We offer a small amount of financial assistance to help with their most pressing essential needs and we try to help them come up with a plan to get through the hardship they are facing. As we do this work, we are reminded of the importance of remaining humble, remembering that we are all children of God and that we all need help at one time or another. We conclude these meetings by telling them that we will pray for them at our monthly St. Vincent de Paul meetings.

We are very grateful for all your kind donations. Thank you for your support. We could not do this work without you.

Your St. Anselm/ St. Vincent de Paul Conference team

  **Going on vacation?** Go to www.masstimes.org to locate a church near you. An easy way to be sure that St. Anselm receives your Offertory donation while you are away is by going onto the church website www.saintanselm.org and signing-up to make **electronic fund donations. Thank you!**

 **Don't** TAKE A VACATION AWAY FROM GOD

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
1st Collection: \$3,123.50
(plus \$2,625 through Electronic Donations)
2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance- \$1,123
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations, which help us even when you are traveling.
Special Collections:
St. Vincent de Paul-June 30
Holy Father's Peter's Pence-July 7
Building & Maintenance-July 21

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.

The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign

Dear Parishioners,

For over 115 years, we have gathered in St. Anselm Church to celebrate life events: Baptisms, First Communion, 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



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