

St. Anselm Catholic Church

June 30, 2024
Thirteenth 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– 13th Sunday Yr B

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

The book of Wisdom tells us that God, who formed us in His imperishable image, did not intend for us to die. Rather, death came about through the envy of the devil. This is obviously a commentary on the story of Adam and Eve in the garden – how they tried to find their happiness and fulfillment by making their own rules rather than doing what God told them to do or not to do. They thought God wanted to prevent them from being happy instead of trusting that God had their best interests at heart. When the devil convinces us, we need to do things our way and not God's way to find happiness, we find death instead. The miracles in today's gospel show rather what can happen when we put our trust in Jesus – we find peace, healing and happiness.

While our government says it will be providing health care for many more people, our Gospel reminds us not to forget that God too is interested in our well-being. In the first miracle, a synagogue official throws himself at the feet of Jesus, begging him to heal his daughter, who is near death. Jesus goes off with Jairus and cures the daughter. In the second miracle, a woman afflicted for twelve years, had spent all she had seeking cure without any improvement. Yet, unwavering in her faith and courage, moves through the crowd to touch Jesus.

Notice that the little sick girl said to be twelve years, just as the woman suffered from the flow of blood for twelve years as well. In the culture of the time twelve years was thought to be the marriageable age. The "little girl," then, has died before she could become a wife and mother. The woman had suffered an illness that prevented her from bearing children. Jesus not only rescued these women from death but restores to them their bodies, one racked with disease, the other deprived of life itself. Bringing forth children was seen in Judaism as an imitation of the life-giving power of God and a fulfillment of the command to make the earth fruitful.

The Jesus who emerges from these stories is one who is compassionate in the face of human suffering and who makes the needs of the sufferers the norm for his action, to the disregard of social taboos and conventions. He talks to a woman in public and violates the stringent taboo against touching a corpse.

Faith, especially as embodied by the bleeding woman, can exist in the face of seemingly hopeless situations. God invites us to deep faith in Him in times when every hope seems lost. As a Church, it is a challenge for us to enhance our ability to give and sustain life in the face of war, disease, abuse, and poverty.

In the week ahead, with the faith of the parents in the Gospel, let us pray for our sick loved ones (perhaps invite the priest to anoint them), and ourselves, trusting in Jesus' promise that even death cannot keep us apart. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	July 1	8:30am	Matthew Hubal (D)
Tues.	July 2	8:30am	Emmeline Vita (D)
Wed.	July 3	8:30am	Salvador Olivares (D)
Thur.	July 4	8:30am	Our Military
Fri.	July 5	8:30am	Marcelina Giuseppe Franchi (D)
Sat.	July 6	5:00pm	Robert Innes (D)
Sun.	July 7	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady (D) Jennifer Julius (INT) Parish People Al Dallara (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: Cathy Hicks, 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>"

Thank You!

From the bottom of our hearts, the St. Anselm Community would like to thank the incredible team of volunteers who orchestrated the perfect reception celebration in honor of our Deacons and their wives. The team was led by Joan Thomas, Cathy Cunningham, and Bess Nuzzo. From the School's Booster Club bringing us tables and chairs, to the set-up and decorating of the Hall, to the food and drink, everything was perfect. The "Party Squad" kept the food table well stocked and personally delivered the delicious slices of cake. Our Deacons' families, some even traveling from out of state, were also present to share in this special day. We would also like to thank Fr. Nick Case for surprising the Deacons and concelebrating the Mass with Fr. Gabriel. Our Church and Centennial Hall were overflowing with joy and love.

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

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.

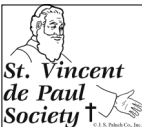
Approximately 6 years ago our Finance Council invited a group of parishioners and professionals skilled in the areas of architecture, construction, and facility maintenance to evaluate the needs of our church structure. Due to Covid 19, we have been on hold for the past 4 years. The results of this study 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




This weekend, 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: \$4,286
(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:
St. Vincent de Paul-June 30
Holy Father's Peter's Pence-July 7
Building & Maintenance-July 21

The Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. Please join the Pope in praying...**For the pastoral care of the sick** We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.



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