

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

July 7, 2024  
Fourteenth 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– 14th Sunday Yr B**

Beloved Parish Family of St Anselm,

While the Bible contains stories of trustworthy and false prophets across the centuries, those who hear their messages have not always appreciated the former. Sometimes prophets predicted the future, but most of the time, their task was to remind God's people of how God wanted them to live. The prophet Ezekiel lived about 600 years before Christ and had to warn the people of the national disaster if they did not change their ways. God cautions Ezekiel that as a prophet, he would not have an easy job of it, much like Jesus, the greatest prophet of all, who was rejected by his people when he came to preach in his hometown of Nazareth.

A prophet speaks on behalf of God, as God's messenger, and on behalf of those who have no one to speak for them, giving a voice to the voiceless (the widow, the orphan, the poor, the stranger in the land). A prophet is not primarily a *fore-teller* but a *forth-teller* who proclaims with insight the evils that afflict society and can ultimately spell its downfall, reaching back into the deepest roots of a religious tradition and summoning people to be faithful to them, as the Hebrew prophets did evoke the exile from Egypt and the Sinai covenant.

Jesus' rejection by his family, recounted earlier in Mark (3:20-21, 31-35), is mentioned by all Gospels. Why did Jesus' relatives and townsfolk reject him? Jesus probably did not fulfill their hopes for a nationalistic messiah (Luke 24:21, Acts 1:6) but proclaimed instead forgiveness of enemies and acceptance of the Gentiles. Because of their closed minds, "he could not perform any mighty deeds there." The word of God, besides comforting us in our troubles and offering us hope to face the future with trust in God's providence, is also meant to *challenge us to a life of conversion and repentance*.

Today's readings remind us of the risk of silencing the voice of prophecy based on the revelation in the Sacred Scriptures and instead inventing our prophecies. In the 1940s, Jesuits were forced to leave some University communities because of their outspoken criticism of racism in this country. A more pervasive instance today is to label those with a faith based on the Catholic Creed as fundamentalists. Whereas, relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed by every wind of teaching, looks like the only attitude acceptable to today's standards. Such amounts to a 'dictatorship of relativism' which does not recognize anything as certain and which has as its highest goal one's own ego and desires.

Importantly, any prophetic preaching must measure itself against the saying of Jesus Christ: "My teaching is not mine" (Jn 7:16). We are to preach not private theories and opinions, but the faith of the Church, whose servants we are. If we do not preach ourselves and are inwardly so completely one with Him who called us to be his ambassadors, then our preaching will tell people what God wants them to hear, and not what they want to hear, Amen.

| <b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> |                |                             |  |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>Mon.</b>            | <b>July 8</b>  | 8:30am                      | Karen Poligono (INT)<br>Lori Schimm (D)            |
| <b>Tues.</b>           | <b>July 9</b>  | 8:30am                      | Archbishop Salvatore<br>Cordileone (INT)           |
| <b>Wed.</b>            | <b>July 10</b> | 8:30am                      | Janet Knick (D)                                    |
| <b>Thur.</b>           | <b>July 11</b> | 8:30am                      | Narciso & Elisa<br>Pascual (D)                     |
| <b>Fri.</b>            | <b>July 12</b> | 8:30am                      | Maria Guarente (D)                                 |
| <b>Sat.</b>            | <b>July 13</b> | 5:00pm                      | Larry Gentilello (INT)                             |
| <b>Sun.</b>            | <b>July 14</b> | 8:00am<br>10:00am<br>5:00pm | Anna Tobin (D)<br>Parish People<br>Lori Schimm (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>"**

**GREEN TIP-** *"If humanity loses its orientation to goodness and beauty, if we lose sight of what brings us together as a human family, then no technical solution to the ecology crisis can succeed. We people of faith must live convincingly ourselves, embracing justice, peace, simpler and sustainable living, and solidarity with the poor."* Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, (200)

***Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, You entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship--with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation.***

## 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 DRE Dan Veto to get a copy of the readings in advance and the Zoom link at [dre@saintanselm.org](mailto:dre@saintanselm.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE

**August 13th, 12:00pm**-Brown Bag Courtyard Lunch/ and Community Conversation

**August 28th, 3:30pm**- Altar Server Kick-Off Event

**September 1st, 1:05pm**- Altar

Servers field trip to Giant's Game at Oracle Park

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### St. Anselm Church Stewardship

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Special Collections:

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.

## Catechesis on the Parish Pastoral Council

Last month, I constituted our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to assist me in leading the Parish community in discerning the present and future Parish direction. The success of this endeavor requires not only education but the formation of myself, council members, and the Parish at large.

Among other things, the role of the PPC consists of the following:

- To assist the Pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education/formation and service activities within the Parish.
- To assess adequately the needs of the whole Parish and its members and to develop and implement a pastoral plan that will promote the common good of the Parish.
- To foster unity and a sense of community in the Parish and to coordinate all parish activities in a manner that will best serve the interests of the Parish.
- To promote programs and activities in the Parish as recommended by the PPC, the archbishop, or archdiocesan offices.

The Second Vatican Council has identified the following essential elements that form the essence of Parish life: *Evangelization, Worship and word, Community Service and Stewardship Leadership.*

These elements constantly interrelate in Parish life, nurturing and supporting the other. Focusing on these elements, I hope for the council to be primarily charged with assisting in the development of St. Anselm as a mission-focused Parish, placing at the heart of the parish a consciousness of zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ.

Our PPC will be the umbrella body for all devotional groups, associations and ministries in our Parish of St. Anselm. With a primarily advisory role, I will consider the opinions and recommendations of the PPC, even as ultimately, per Canon Law, all decisions about the operation and direction of the Parish need to carry the Pastor's agreement and approval. By revisioning the parish through the direction of the PPC, it is my prayer that the entire Parish joins together to fulfill its unique role within the local and universal Church.



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