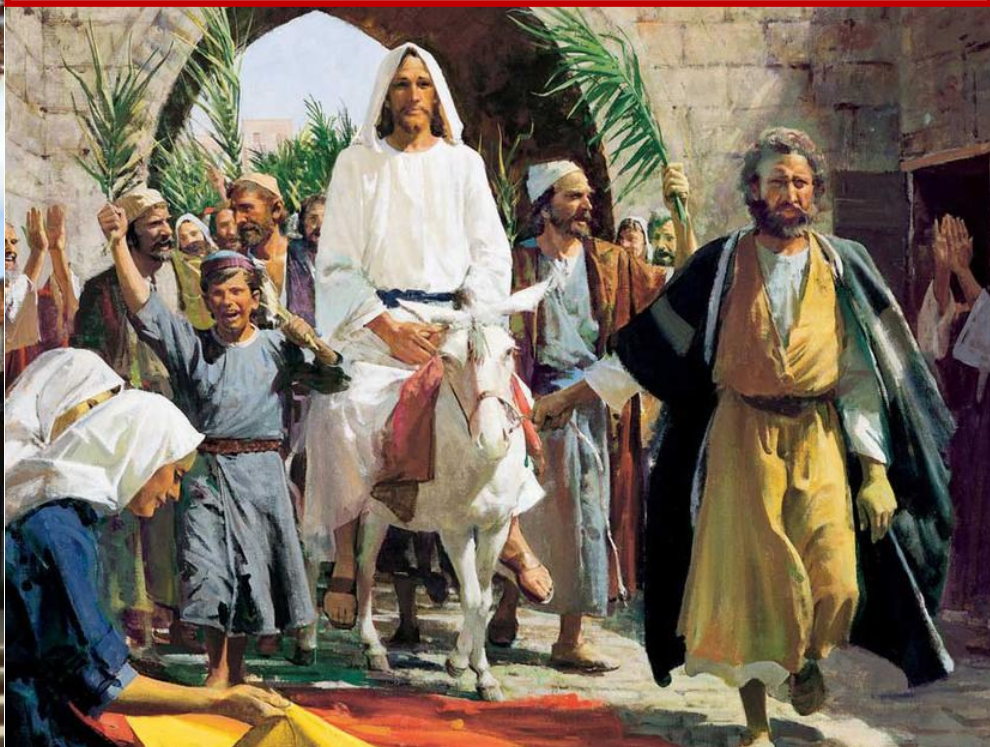


St. Anselm Catholic Church

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



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Weekend Masses:

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, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Adoration: weekdays from 7:25—8:25 am and
first Fridays from 9 am—12 noon

Stations of the Cross— Fridays during Lent 7:00pm

Eucharist for Homebound: (415) 453-2342

Reconciliation: Before 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

Anointing 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

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.

Pastor's Reflection: Palm Sunday, Year C

In the Passion narrative, while we see the usual villains (the Temple leaders, Judas, and the recruited crowd shouting, "Crucify him!") who display their wickedness openly, there are others involved whose struggles are more subtle, yet no less real. From the latter we can learn a great deal about ourselves, who, though we may not openly shout, "Crucify him," are often complicit as Jesus' persecutors.

1. The Disciples become drowsy – A common human technique for dealing with stress and the hardship of life is to become numb, hiding under things like alcohol, drugs, and daydreaming about what a certain Hollywood star is doing or how the latest sporting event is going. In the Passion accounts, the Lord asks Peter, James, and John to pray with Him. But they doze off. Yet, the threat does not go away with a drowsy inattentiveness to it.

2. The Disciples seek to destroy – When Peter finally awakens, he lashes out with a sword and wounds Malchus, the servant of the high priest. The Lord rebukes Peter and reminds him of the vision: *Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?* (John 18:11). In our fear, we, too, can often lash out and even seek to destroy our opponents. While it is one thing to speak the truth in love boldly, it is quite another thing to lash out aggressively to win a debate and destroy the other.

3. The Disciples deny – Confronted with the fearful prospect of being condemned along with Jesus, Peter denies being one of His followers or even knowing Him at all. And we, confronted with the possibility of far milder things such as ridicule, often deny a connection with the Lord or the Church. We lack confidence and give in to fear; we deny in order to avoid suffering with Jesus.

4. The Disciples dodge – When Jesus is arrested, all the disciples except John "split." They are nowhere to be found. After Jesus' arrest, it is said that Peter (prior to his denials) followed the Lord *at a distance* (Mk 14:54). But as soon as trouble arose, he "scrammed." We, too, can run away from persecution by the world, for fear that following the Lord is too hard and involves sacrifices that will endanger our friendships and convenience.

5. The Disciples deflect – In this case our example is Pontius Pilate, not one of the disciples. Pilate has a choice to make: accept that what Jesus is saying as true, or give in to fear and commit a terrible sin of injustice. But because he feared the crowds he handed Jesus over. So, too, for us. We also often favor our career, popular opinion or our pride over doing what is right. **But** we must remember that even as we get to the side of truth through the cross, it is never the end! The end for those who are faithful is total victory. We don't need to drowse, destroy, deny, dodge, or deflect; we've already won. All we need to do is to hold out.

Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Apr. 14	8:30am	Carlos & Rosario Pascual Mesa (D)
Tues.	Apr. 15	8:30am	Santiago Muelas (D)
Wed.	Apr. 16	8:30am	Pascual Trivino Family (D)
Thur.	Apr. 17	8:30am	All clergy
Fri.	Apr. 18	8:30am	-
Sat.	Apr. 19	5:00pm	OCIA candidates
Sun.	Apr. 20	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Claude Wundrow (D) Terese Cunningham Gardner (D) St. Anselm Parishioners

Sick Relatives & Friends

Note: please call parish office to update names

As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill: Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Terese Marklinger, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Fr. Neil Healy, Jordan Roggenbuck, Catherine Ward, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidra Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Elaine Innes, Arlene Hansen, Rose Michelle D'Haiti, John Peterson, Erin Granucci, Bruce Hubal, Charles Cavagnetto, J.R. Maricich, Isabella O'Brien

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Linda Biesheuvell

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

Pray for Pope Francis – Pope Francis needs our prayers as he struggles with health challenges while still shepherding and inspiring his holy flock.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR THE MONTH
For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Parish Administrative Assistant Needed:
see SaintAnselm.org for more information.

The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign
Our remaining goal is \$700,000

This campaign requires all of us to consider a contribution from our hearts.

Questions: call/email, Steve Easley, Chairman of the Parish Finance Council

415-272-6147/ steve@meridiancommercial.com

Easter Triduum

For full Holy Week details, visit:

SaintAnselm.org/Holy-Week

Holy Thursday

- Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm
- Adoration from 8 pm—12 midnight

Good Friday

- Living Stations at 12 noon
- Liturgy of the Hours at 1:30 pm
- Meditations and Prayer at 2 pm
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm
- Extended Veneration of the Cross at 7 pm

Holy Saturday

- Confessions at 10:30 am
- Easter Vigil Mass at 8 pm

Easter Sunday Masses

- 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon
- No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Praying the Rosary-We pray the Rosary before the weekday 8:30am Masses.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday 7:30am-8:30am. Every First Friday of the month, Adoration will, also, take place following the 8:30am Mass until 12:00pm. A priest is available to hear confessions during Adoration.

Reconciliation-A priest 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.

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!

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. All are invited to attend. You may 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

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on April 18 (Good Friday)
The Holy Land

2025 Annual Appeal: \$25,424 collected; goal of \$71,409
2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500, 000

A Journey Through the Catechism 3: Who is Jesus?

We began A Journey through the Catechism series with Fr. Mahan's words, "We are made for God," though scientists tell us the universe is ninety-six billion light years in size. Next, we looked at his answer to the question: What does it mean to have faith? He suggested that we all need to embrace certain habits that will keep us close to the Lord every day (the focus of this section). One such habit for us Catholics is to be focused on Jesus Christ and participate in His life through the Church He established and the sacraments He instituted – for He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (cf. Jn 14:6).

"Jesus" was a common first name among Jews in the first century, and the name quite literally means "God saves." The Scriptures are quite clear that the name "Jesus" was chosen by God and made known through the archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:31). "Jesus" is etymologically similar to "Joshua," the name of the famous figure in the Bible closely connected to the Exodus. As Joshua was a key figure in the Exodus, so would Jesus be the one who would establish a new and everlasting covenant with His people to save us from the power of sin and to lead us to heaven.

Against the seemingly popular opinion that considers Christianity as a human invention, a pious myth, a moralistic story, or a delusional fantasy, Christianity is not a philosophy, nor is it a program. Christianity is not a set of rules or doctrines. Christianity is not worship or ritual. The very heart of the Christian faith is the person of Jesus Christ, born in a particular time and place in fulfillment of promises and prophecies. Jesus is the Eternal Word of God who became incarnate as a human being to dwell among us, to teach us how to live, to die for our sins, and to rise again to give us the hope of everlasting life.

Every moment that Jesus spent upon this earth teaches us a profound lesson, so much so that the Church urges us to read about and meditate upon His life daily from Scripture. Everyday at Mass, a selection of the four Gospels is presented, a moment from the life of Christ that gives us insight into His person, His message, and His plan for our lives. Many Catholics find it helpful to read and study the Gospel of the day, which is referenced on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website under the heading "Daily Readings" (www.usccb.org).

Another way to reflect and pray on the life of Jesus is by reciting the Holy Rosary each day. The Rosary intends to think about key events in the life of Jesus around his entrance into our world (Joyful Mysteries, prayed on Mondays and Saturdays), his public life (Luminous Mysteries, prayed on Thursdays), his suffering and Death (Sorrowful Mysteries, prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays), and His Resurrection (Glorious Mysteries, prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays) (cf. Pages 19-42).

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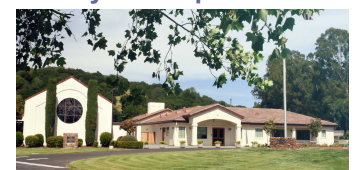
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