

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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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

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

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am--4:00pm

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

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.

Pastor's Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C

The liturgy of this Fourth Sunday, called "Laetare," invites us to be glad and rejoice as the Entrance Antiphon of the Eucharistic celebration proclaims, with reconciliation at the heart of the readings for this Sunday. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and the human race. But it is also the story of every believer. In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses and return to the Father, as the prodigal does. But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned like the Prodigal Son. The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet, where the Father calls for His lost sons, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

Lent offers us the great comfort of knowing that, even when we feel lost in sin, our God is waiting to embrace and forgive us when we return with repentant hearts. The sacrament of reconciliation – confession is a great help and testimony of a God always waiting for our return. Also, if others have wandered away from their Father's home, they should be our concern. We should be praying for them. We should even attempt to search them out to lead them back to God, reminding them of the mercy of God in the sacrament of confession. Knowing that a person has repented should be a source of great joy.

Interestingly, the love and forgiveness of the Father come into play when this son comes to his senses . . . he thinks!!! As wandering children of God, we cannot compel God to accept us the way we want. Today, our society wants to compel God and the Church to accept behavior and conduct that society has fashioned out. NO! This is where we differ from the prodigal son. He came to his senses and decided to come back and, in the process, met the forgiveness of the Father. Let our society come to her senses . . .

This Weekend, as we draw nearer to the end of Lent, let me remind us of the New Year Resolutions of Pope Francis a few years ago, which can be a convenient guide for us:

- (1) Don't gossip,
- (2) Finish your meals,
- (3) Make time for others,
- (4) Choose the "more humble" purchase,
- (5) Meet the poor "in the flesh",
- (6) Stop judging others,
- (7) Befriend those who disagree,
- (8) Make commitments, such as marriage.

May God help us on this journey, Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon.	Mar. 31	8:30am	Frederick Deeken (D)
Tues.	Apr. 1	8:30am	Rose Shaddock (D)
Wed.	Apr. 2	8:30am	Sr. Mary Kellady (INT)
Thur.	Apr. 3	8:30am	Matt Hansen (INT)
Fri.	Apr. 4	8:30am	Dan Gould (D)
Sat.	Apr. 5	5:00pm	Lois Lucas (INT)
Sun.	Apr. 6	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Carol & Hank Jennen (D)
		5:00pm	Adrienne Stroub (D)

Sick Relatives & Friends

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 families in crisis-Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. saintanselm.org

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

Lenten Soup Supper– Join your fellow parishioners for a Lenten Soup Supper on **Friday, April 4 at 5:30 pm**. The Supper will be hosted by our St. Anselm Parish Hospitality Committee. All are welcome. Join in and introduce yourself to someone new. After supper, pray The Stations of the Cross in the church which begins at 7 pm.

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. This is a unique opportunity to explore what you and other parishioners take away from the 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

St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events And “Save The Date”

Fridays During Lent– Stations of the Cross-7:00pm

April 4–Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm

April 27– Celebration of the Holy Day of our Patron Saint.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: \$4,712
(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)
2nd Collection: N/A

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Special Collections

March 30– St. Vincent de Paul

2025 Annual Appeal Goal- \$71,409

Catechesis on “Getting More Out Of Holy Mass”

I’d like to offer you some thoughts on “getting more out of Holy Mass.” For the last 60 years churchmen have wanted to help the faithful increase their *active participation*. “If the people’s *active participation* increases, God will be more worthily praised and His people’s objective holiness will increase.” The best efforts of the clergy often missed the mark. In the late 60s and early 70s the sanctuary furniture was moved around in the name of increasing “active participation.” In the 80s and 90s “active participation” was chased by means of increased activity...more processions...more singing...more ministries. I don’t say that these efforts were fruitless, but they didn’t succeed in finding the illusive pearl of great price... “the active participation” as promoted by Vatican II.

Have I personally discovered **the** meaning of “active participation”? Well, I’m getting closer. For me *active participation* is a way of engaging with God particularly through the Eucharistic Prayer at Holy Mass. What do I mean by “The Eucharistic Prayer”? You know; it begins with the Preface: “The Lord be with you...Lift up your hearts...Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God...” And it ends with the Doxology: “Through Him, and with Him... Amen.” In between Preface and Doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer has 8 or 9 structural parts or building blocks. Immediately after the *Consecration* or *The Institution Narrative/Acclamation*, the priest begins what’s called the *Anamnesis – Offerimus* or *The Memorial – Offering*. You’ll recognize the *Memorial – Offering* from the text of the 2nd Eucharistic Prayer:

Therefore as **we celebrate** the memorial of his Death and Resurrection **we offer you**, Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of salvation giving thanks that you have called us worthy to be in your presence and serve you.

Notice the highlighted words above. The **memorial** and the **offering** are going on at the same time. They are contained in one sentence, but the clauses are not independent but rather subordinated. The “memory making” is dependent upon the principal action which is the “sacramental offering.” To say it differently: in the context of **recalling** God’s great saving deeds (dependent clause), we **offer** the sacred Victim of Calvary (main clause) by which our salvation is won.

If I’m going to “actively participate” in the Holy Mass, this is where it happens. I’ve got to grab hold of the crucial actions described in the **memorial – offering**. I make myself concentrate on the saving deeds as they are named by the priest; and then I “second” with my *attention* and my *decision* the offering of myself to God the Father *along with* the Crucified Lord. In this way I participate in the **memorial – offering** by activating my memory, my mind, my will, and all my liberty. I become a pleasing sacrifice to the Father within the sacramental offering of the Son.

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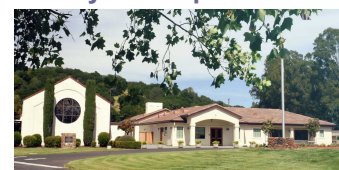
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