

St. Anselm Catholic Church

**March 16, 2025
Second 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: Second Sunday of Lent Yr C

The Second Sunday of Lent always features the **Transfiguration**. The first reason for this is that the trek up Mt. Tabor was one of the stops Jesus made with Peter, James, and John on His final journey to Jerusalem to prepare them for the difficult days ahead. The Lord was showing them (and us) that there is a cross to get through, but there is glory on the other side. Let's look a little closer at three aspects of today's Gospel passage.

The Purpose of Trials – Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. We often pass over the fact that they had to climb the mountain, no easy task. So, here is a symbol of the cross and of struggle. This climb is like our life. We have often had to climb, to endure, to have our strength tested. Perhaps it was the climb of earning a college degree. Maybe it was the climb of raising children or building a career. Life's difficulties are often the prelude to success and greater strength.

Let's ponder some of the purposes of problems in our life: **God uses problems to DIRECT us.** Sometimes God must light a fire under you to get you moving. Proverbs 20:30 says, *Blows and wounds cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the inner most being.* **God uses problems to INSPECT us.** Our problems and trials have a way of purifying and strengthening our faith as well as inspecting it to see whether it is genuine: *These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether it is strong and pure* (1 Peter 1:6). **God uses problems to PROTECT us.** A problem can be a blessing in disguise if it prevents you from being harmed by something more serious. In Genesis, Joseph says to his brothers, *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives* (Genesis 50:20).

The Productiveness of Trials – While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. . . Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." The hard work of climbing gives the apostles a glimpse of the glory that Jesus has always had with the Father. Yes, some of us have discovered gifts, abilities, and endurance we never knew we had. Our crosses have brought us life! Trials do produce!

The Pattern of Trials –Notice that although Peter wants to stay, Jesus makes it clear that they must go down the mountain and then walk a very dark valley to another hill: Golgotha. For now, the pattern must repeat. Yes, this is our life: *Always carrying about in ourselves the dying of Christ so also that the life of Christ may be manifest in us* (2 Cor 4:10). There are difficult days ahead for Jesus and the apostles, but the crosses lead to a final and lasting glory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Mar. 17	8:30am	Joe McGarry (D)
Tues.	Mar. 18	8:30am	Alejandro Ortega (D)
Wed.	Mar. 19	8:30am	Merritt Denison (D)
Thur.	Mar. 20	8:30am	Louise Franzetti (D)
Fri.	Mar. 21	8:30am	Linda Biesheuvel (D)
Sat.	Mar. 22	5:00pm	Donna Presley (INT) St. Anselm Parishioners
Sun.	Mar. 23	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Claude Wundrow (D) Jean Lee (D) John Amond (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, Deidre 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 Biesheuvel

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– Our Holy Father, 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.

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 **Sunday, March 23, following the 5:00pm Mass.** The Supper will be hosted by our St. Anselm School families. All are welcome. Join in and introduce yourself to someone new.

Lenten Soup Supper— Gather together for a Lenten Soup Supper on **Friday, April 4 at 5:30pm.** The Supper will be hosted by our Parish Hospitality Committee. After supper, pray The Stations of the Cross in the Church which begin at 7:00pm.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

1. **Praying the Rosary**—We pray the Rosary before the weekday 8:30am Masses.

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. 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!

5. **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

March 22— Women’s Retreat— 9:00-3:00-Marin Catholic

March 22 & 23— Ritter Center Food Drive

March 23— Lenten Soup Supper-Following the 5:00pm Mass

April 4—Lenten Soup Supper 5:30pm

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

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: 3/2-\$4,439 3/9-\$4,321
(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)
2nd Collection: St. Anselm School: \$ 1,444

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Special Collections

March 23—Building & Maintenance-Note date change
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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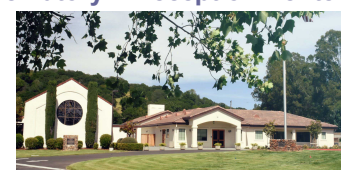
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