

St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Christ Talking to His Disciples—Mikhail Botkin, 1867

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 8:30am, Rosary 8:00am

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

Adoration: with Rosary, weekdays from 7:25—8:25am & First Fridays from 9 am—12 noon

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 ext. 11

Cursillo Information: Cathy Cunningham
(415) 453-7174

St. Anselm's Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals & clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, & seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, & educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor’s Reflection: 5th Sunday of Easter Year A

The month of May is, for many Christian communities, the Marian month par excellence. Coinciding at least in part with the Easter Season, is a most favorable time for explaining the figure of Mary as a Mother who accompanies the community of disciples united in prayer in expectation of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1: 12-14).

Three weeks ago, St Luke narrated in the Acts of the Apostles how the early Christians were united in prayer, in sharing their material possessions, and in learning from the Apostles. However, since the very first believers in Jesus were Jews from around Jerusalem who spoke Aramaic, this unity soon became challenging when Jews from places outside the Holy Land heard of Jesus and came to believe in him. Since Greek was the common language of the Roman Empire at the time, Jews living outside the Holy Land spoke Greek. Also, they tended to be more partial to Greek customs and ideas than the Jerusalem Jews, and for these various reasons, they were called Hellenists. When the Hellenists visited Jerusalem during big feasts, they felt as if they were being treated like second-class citizens—especially when food was being handed out. Remember, in those days, widows were entirely dependent on the community for their basic needs (sort of a welfare system). The Hellenists complained that their widows were being overlooked and not getting their fair share. In response, the Twelve Apostles, who insisted that their role was to stay focused on prayer and preaching, selected seven reputable Hellenists to serve as leaders as well. (The reading suggests they were put in charge of feeding the hungry, but later in Acts, we hear of them preaching and leading in worship). The burgeoning Church had solved an initial challenge: finding enough shepherds to serve the growing flock. This is the origin of the diaconate in our Church.

Though the Church at this time was composed of men and women from many nations, speaking various languages and coming from diverse backgrounds, Peter, in the second reading, emphasizes that they are unified in Christ Jesus, the cornerstone. Diverse in many ways, but unified as Christians - one race, one nation, one people. To achieve this, Jesus pointed the direction—**He is the way, the truth, and the life.**

The way of Jesus is found in reflecting on His words in the Bible and in receiving the sacraments, especially confession and the Eucharist. The way of Jesus is found in praying to Him through His mother, who accompanies the community of disciples united in prayer, in expectation of the Holy Spirit. In May, let us look to Jesus as the way to true and lasting peace by reciting the rosary daily and visiting the Blessed Sacrament. This will help us overcome divisions, disagreements, self-centeredness, violence, and war. Amen.

A special welcome to any visitors or those worshipping with us for the first time or those returning home. Please know that you are warmly welcomed & deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register at www.saintanselm.org/register so we can stay in touch. **We’re so glad you’re here—Welcome home!**

MASS INTENTIONS			
Mon	May 4	8:30am	Milene Meyer (INT)
Tues	May 5	8:30am	Daniel Ewert (D)
Wed	May 6	8:30am	Julie & Mike Maples (INT)
Thur	May 7	8:30am	Luke Pappas (INT)
Fri	May 8	8:30am	Dante Ghilotti & Family (INT)
Sat	May 9	5:00pm	John & Teresa Mullaney (INT)
Sun	May 10	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Patricia Reilly Burke (D)
		5:00pm	Peggy Hansen (D)

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, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidra Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Elaine Innes, Rose Michelle D’Haiti, John Peterson, Erin Granucci, Bruce Hubal, Charles Cavagnetto, J.R. Maricich, Isabella O’Brien, Dorothy Laddish, Penny Maioli, Gretchen Libby, Murhal Orendorff, Dennis O’Keefe, Martha Yasar, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick, Maria Tan, Renee Reyes, Pam King, Lois Markovich, Maria Bail

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O’Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Sal Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward, Michael Killelea, Gary McPartlin, Emile Hedouin, Georges Haudiquet, Patricia Ann Sahl, Fr. Neil Healy, Jim Davenport, Michael Mello, Klaus Binz, Ian Dillon, Isabella Welch, Jim Wagner, Jerd Formichi, Georgia Addington

For Our Active Duty Military: Matthew Kerry O’Brien, Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, Daniel Lowe, & Rob Manifold

The Pope’s Monthly Intentions

May—That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- We will begin a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** before the Pentecost (May 24) starting **on May 14**
- **First Friday** Adoration will be from 9am to 12pm on May 1. A priest to hear confessions will be available during this time.
- Adult Bible Study Group meets each Wednesday evening via Zoom. The Gospel of Matthew is being studied at this time. All are invited. Email dre@saintanselm.org for more information about how to join the group.

Bell Tower Repair Project

What: Required repairs to existing Bell Tower

Why: To assure a safe and sacred place now and for generations to come

When: Mid-April to Mid-November

Contractor: Cahill Construction, longtime parishioner family, was the low bidder and are the General Contractor for the project

Operational Impact: Church will remain open during the entire project duration, parking in small lot will be limited during the week

Cost: Funding for estimated project cost of \$3.5 million has been raised; to donate for additional improvements use QR code below

Questions: Use QR code below to visit the project webpage or call Mark Wilson, parish administrative assistant, to direct you to the appropriate person.



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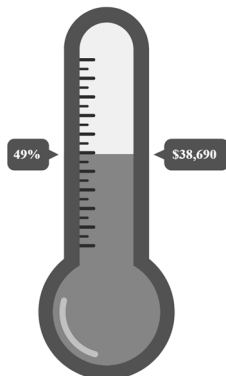
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Contact Steve Easley for more information:

415-272-6147

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

May 10 | Catholic Charities CYO

May 17 | Building and Maintenance

A Journey Through the Catechism 7: The Blessed Mother (CCC, 484-511, 721-726, 963-975)

The months of May & October are special Marian months in our Catholic faith. Throughout May, the Church invites us to draw close to Our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary daily, meditating on the mysteries of our salvation, and entrusting our families, parish, and the world to her loving intercession. Fr. Mahan outlines five teachings about Mary that are essential for Catholics to believe:

Mary was predestined to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary was chosen by God from all eternity to be the mother of his Son. Through Mary, God keeps His promise made through the prophet Isaiah that "the virgin shall be with child and bear a son" (Is 7:14, Mt 1:24 cf. Lk 1:26ff cf. CCC, 488-499). God chose and prepared Mary with special graces, and he foresaw her cooperation with these graces to give her fiat, her consent to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary was conceived without sin in her mother's womb – The Immaculate Conception.

The doctrine teaches that Mary was preserved immune "from all stain of original sin" from the moment of her conception (CCC, 491 Lk 1:28). This was a singular grace and privilege, by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of humanity.

According to Christ's human nature, Mary is called *Theotokos*, the Mother of God.

The doctrine on the divine motherhood of Mary is rooted in Scripture when her kinswoman Elizabeth asks Mary, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43). Mary is called *Theotokos*, a term meaning "God bearer" or "Mother of God." We are called to be God-bearers, following the example of the Blessed Mother.

Mary remained a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus.

Catholics believe in the perpetual virginity of Mary. "Christ's birth did not diminish Mary's virginity but sanctified it" (CCC, 499).

At the end of her life, Mary was Assumed body and soul into heaven – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Christians have taught that at the end of her life, Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul, corresponding with the fact that, unlike other figures of the New Testament such as St. Peter and St. Paul, there has never been a claim to relics of the body of the Blessed Mother, nor of a tomb containing her body. The Church has recognized in the Book of Revelation a stunning image of the Blessed Mother in heaven: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rv 12:1).

All these beliefs about Mary point to her Son and roots in Sacred Scripture.

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