

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 2, 2025

Eighth 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, 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
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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. Garcia's Reflection: The 8th Sunday In OT Yr C

Dear Parishioners,

This will be my last column in the parish bulletin. Father Gabriel is coming home from holiday in Nigeria and it's time for me to move on to Lima, Peru for some retreats. As an expression of my gratitude to you dear St. Anselm parishioners I leave you with a few more thoughts on "active participation" in the sacred liturgy. When the Council of Trent (in the 1560s) drew up its decree on the Holy Eucharist, the bishops made three points (among others).

First, they asked the question: "Why did the Lord Jesus leave His Church the Sacrament of the Eucharist *on the night before he died?*" The Council answers that Jesus, who refers to Himself as the Bridegroom, knew that He would be "taken away" from His bride on Good Friday. He wanted to mitigate her sense of loss. Consequently, He determined to leave her a pledge or token of His charity which would revitalize her trust and strengthen their union "until His return." But what kind of **sign** would be strong enough to **reassure** her in this way? A book of wedding photos left on the coffee table? A signed marriage certificate framed on the wall? His wedding ring placed under her pillow? No, such souvenirs would not be enough.

As a second step in their argument the Council Fathers continue. The particular token He chose to leave His bride was *the very act by which He ratified and consummated their love on the Cross*. This visible, audible, and sacramental action ("This is my Body...my Blood... given up for you") would be prolonged throughout history and would allow His bride, the Church, access to His undying love for her.

Third: There was an added reason why the Bridegroom left with His bride the very act of His own self-offering on Calvary. It was so that **she** might join with Him in her **own** act of self-offering – simultaneously. His sacrifice in the Holy Mass would call forth her sacrifice as a response. What she sees Him doing, she does herself. This would allow the two to be one again...united... in self immolation for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

I hope the reflection of the Council of Trent helps you answer the question: why the Holy Sacrifice is the center of Catholic worship. Since the Church is essentially in a spousal relationship with the Savior God, mutual self-giving (as befits husband & wife) is the means by which she joins with the Son in offering the Father fitting praise. When the Church offers herself to God as a sacrifice, in union with Christ, she is also on the deepest path of "active participation."

Father Garcia

MASS INTENTIONS

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon. | Mar. 3 | 8:30am | Judy Maller (D) |
| Tues. | Mar. 4 | 8:30am | Bob Baldonado (D) |
| Wed. | Mar. 5 Ash Wed. | 8:30am 11:00am 5:00pm | Dorothy Ratto (INT) St. Anselm Parishioners Ruth Olsen (D) |
| Thur. | Mar. 6 | 8:30am | Sean Madden (INT) |
| Fri. | Mar. 7 | 8:30am | Matilda Olivares (D) |
| Sat. | Mar. 8 | 5:00pm | Fr. Tom Fenlon (D) |
| Sun. | Mar. 9 | 8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm | Mae Carroll (D) Marilyn Deeken (D) Fr. Neil Healy (INT) St. Anselm Parishioners |

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

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.



Congratulations, Deacon Bernie! On February 25th, Deacon Bernie celebrated his 30th anniversary of being ordained a Permanent Deacon. Our St. Anselm Parish has been blessed to have Deacon Bernie as a mentor, homilist, and jack-of-all-trades when it comes to something that needs fixing at the

Church and Rectory. He has celebrated an abundance of Baptisms, and witnessed countless Weddings. Even though Deacon Bernie is no longer taking part in the Mass on the altar, he is still a very special presence in our parish community, always smiling and spreading so much joy.



Fr. Garcia— It is with warm and grateful hearts that we thank and say goodbye to Fr. Garcia. We were blessed to have Father here while Fr. Wankar was in Nigeria. He leaves behind many inspired and appreciative parishioners. Safe travels and many prayers and blessing for Fr. Garcia.

**Recollection to Embrace the Lenten Season—
Saturday, March 8, 9:00am, Centennial Hall/Church**
“He Emptied Himself” (Phil 2:7) Spiritual Almsgiving and the Spirit of Lent.

**The Women’s Retreat—9:00am-3:00pm at
Marin Catholic** Hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Mary. We invite mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, and all MC friends of the community to a day of witness and prayer with other women. \$25 Fee. Register by March 15. Questions? Email srmaria-



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”

March 5— Ash Wednesday—Masses are at 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm
March 8— Morning of Recollection for Lent-9:00am
March 22— Women’s Retreat— 9:00-3:00-Marin Catholic
April 27— Celebration of the Holy Day of our Patron Saint.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

1st Collection: 2/16-\$2,906, 2/23-\$2,747

(plus \$3,625 through Electronic Donations)

2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance: \$1,505

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Special Collections

March 2—St. Anselm School

March 16—Building & Maintenance

March 30— St. Vincent de Paul

2025 Annual Appeal Goal- \$71,409

A Journey Through the Catechism 2: What Does it Mean to Have Faith?

In our earlier section of *A Journey through the Catechism series*, we dwelt on Fr. Mahan words that “We are made for God,” though scientists tell us that the universe is ninety-six billion light years in size. In this section, we will look at his answer to the question: What Does it Mean to Have Faith?

“God reveals himself to human beings and invites us to trust in him. Faith is our proper response to that invitation (cf. CCC, 142-143). We believe that there is a God, and we believe God. We listen to his direction for our lives, and we obey him. In fact, the words *obey* and *listen* are closely related in the Latin language. To obey God is to follow in the example set for us by the saints” (page 19).

According to Fr. Mahan, the biblical definition of faith is “the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen” (Heb 11:1). While faith certainly evokes a supernatural experience, it also speaks to everyday occurrences. We have faith that our loved ones will be there for us. We have faith that the signals at intersections will function properly and not be the cause of traffic accidents. This kind of everyday faith in little things boosts our confidence that we can trust God in the big things.

- . Faith is believing in Jesus Christ, whom God sent by sharing in his Spirit (cf. CCC, 151, 152).
- . Faith is a gift from God, a virtue that gives us the ability to believe in him (cf. CCC, 153).
- . Faith is “contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason” (CCC, 154). Faith is above reason, but does not contradict it (CCC, 159).
- . Faith (in Jesus Christ) is necessary for salvation (cf. CCC, 161).
- . Faith is a gift from God, but we can lose this precious gift. We must be dedicated to persevering in faith until the end. Faith is nourished by the study of God’s Word, prayer, and the practice of charity (cf. CCC, 162).

The teachings of the Catholic Church are summarized in a creed. The word creed comes from the Latin word credere, which means “to believe.” An early creed during the persecution of early Christians was the phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.” Structured by the persons of the Trinity, the creed for Catholics expresses belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The synopsis of the content of the faith contained in a creed allows us to proclaim our faith in union with the whole Church and to pass that faith on to others.

Believing in God means that you can trust that God will see you through every difficulty, every problem, every circumstance in life. *How have you experienced God reaching out to you? How did you experience the initial stirrings of his calling you to a deep, personal relationship?* (cf. Pages 19-42).

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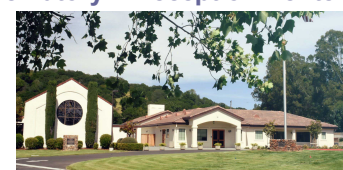
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