

St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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

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: 5th Sunday of Easter, Year C

The **first reading** from Sunday Mass this week is very Catholic. It presents a Church with qualities of the original *kerygma* that are at variance with the soft Christianity of today, which removes the cross, replaces it with a pillow, and insists upon affirmation to the exclusion of all else. Acts 14: 21-27 presents four steps for the consideration of all Christians including Pastors, parents and teachers – the Apostles went forth announcing, admonishing, appointing, and accounting.

I. Announcing – As Catholics, we are sent to proclaim the gospel: that God has loved the world and sent His Son, who, by dying and rising from the dead, has purchased for us a whole new life. We are sent to announce a new life, set free from the bondage of sin, rebellion, sensuality, greed, lust, domination, and revenge. We are sent to announce a life of joy and devotion to the truth rooted in love. *Did everyone accept this as good news? No.* Some—indeed many—were offended and sought to convict Christians as disturbers of the peace. As Catholics, we announce what is intrinsically good news, *welcome, or unwelcome.*

II. Admonishing – The Apostles retrace their steps back through towns they have already evangelized. Notice what they do: *Encourage* – They strengthen the disciples' spirits. *Exhort* – They exhort them to persevere in the faith. *Explain* – They say, "We must undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." *They announce and teach*, "If you can't stand a little disappointment or think you should always be up and never down, I've come to remind you: no cross, no crown." The Catholic Church does not exist to reflect public opinion but to reflect the views of her founder and head, Jesus Christ: *And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to me* (John 12:31-32). By the power of the cross, we learn to forgive and to live the truth in love.

III. Appointing – *The Apostles* established local churches with a structure. The whole Pauline corpus of writings indicates a need to continue overseeing these local churches and staying in touch with the presbyter leaders established to lead these local communities. Later, St. Paul spoke of the need for this structure in other places when he wrote to Titus, *This is why I left you in Crete, that you might amend what was defective, and appoint presbyters in every town as I directed you* (Titus 1:5). Good leaders are a necessary part of an organization.

IV. Accounting – Note that Saints Paul and Barnabas returned to render an account of what they had done. Accountability is part of a healthy Church. The Pope, Bishops, Priests, and faith teachers must be accountable. It becomes a disaster and un-Catholic when every priest decides to do what pleases him in his parish or community. We must announce the gospel as good news with joy and confidence and continue to develop, train, and appoint leaders to follow after us. Finally, we must be accountable to one another.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	May 19	8:30am	Fr. Armando Gutierrez (INT)
Tues.	May 20	8:30am	Reyanaldo de Dios (D)
Wed.	May 21	8:30am	Mike Hansen (D)
Thur.	May 22	8:30am	Elaine Innes (INT)
Fri.	May 23	8:30am	Dcn David Previtali (INT)
Sat.	May 24	5:00pm	Pauline O'Brien Delury (D)
Sun.	May 25	8:00am	Claude Wundou (D)
		10:00am	Nick Shea (D)
		5:00pm	People of St. Anselm's

Sick Relatives & Friends

Note: please call parish office to update names

As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill: Theresa Sullivan, 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, Theresa Sullivan

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Linda Biesheuvell, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich

For Our Military: Matthew Kerry O'Brien, Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane

Pray for Pope Leo XIV – Please pray for our new Supreme Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV. May God grant him many years!

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

May—For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized

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

HABEMUS PAPAM



- ◆ Our monthly donations to the Ritter Center is this weekend, May 17-18
- ◆ Dan Engel will be making a presentation on the History of St. Anselm Church following the 10:00am Mass on May 18 in the Centennial Hall.
- ◆ St. Sebastian's Parish in Kentfield invites you to a Healing Mass on Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30pm. This will be a Special Mass for the Sick with special prayers and blessings for the sick.



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Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on May 18
Building & Maintenance

2025 Annual Appeal: \$25,424 collected; goal of \$71,409

2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500, 000

A Journey Through the Catechism 4: The Life of Christ (CCC 571–682)

In the last episode of this series, we reflected on Fr. Mahan's powerful reminder that Christianity is not a human invention or a moral myth. It is not simply a philosophy, a set of rules, or a ritual practice. Rather, at the very heart of our faith is a person—Jesus Christ. He is not a symbol or idea, but the Eternal Word of God made flesh, born into a specific time and place in fulfillment of ancient promises. Jesus came to dwell among us, to teach us how to live, to suffer and die for our sins, and to rise again, offering us the hope of eternal life.

As the Catechism states, "The Resurrection of Jesus is at the very heart of our Catholic faith" (CCC 638). The Cross—the central symbol of Christianity—is recognized across the world. While it represents a cruel and torturous method of execution, it also proclaims the greatest love the world has ever known.

St. Paul boldly declares, "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:23–25). What appeared to be weakness and failure was, in truth, the triumph of divine love. On the Cross, Jesus bore the weight of all sin and death—and through His Resurrection, He conquered them. The Cross, then, becomes the center of the Good News (cf. CCC 571), proclaiming victory: goodness over evil, life over death, and the freedom of God's children over slavery to sin.

St. Paul also teaches plainly: "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:3). Jesus is the true Lamb of God. His sacrificial death brings eternal salvation, just as the blood of the Passover lamb once brought deliverance to Israel (cf. Is 53:3–4; CCC 601). The Catechism reminds us that Jesus offered the supreme expression of His love at the Last Supper, the night He was betrayed: "Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the twelve apostles" (CCC 610). From that night onward, the Church has faithfully obeyed His command: "Do this in memory of me." At every Mass, we are mystically brought to Calvary. We stand at the foot of the Cross and participate in the one, perfect sacrifice of Jesus—offered now in an unbloody manner (cf. CCC 1367). In the Eucharist, we are united with Christ in a most intimate way—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Through Baptism and the Sacraments, we are drawn ever deeper into this mystery, called to live not just with Christ, but like Christ. This means living our faith daily—not only in worship but in action—especially in caring for the poor and vulnerable. In doing so, we live the very life of Christ (See, pages 59–71).

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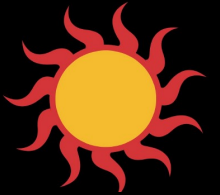
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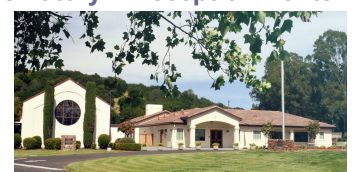
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