June 26, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus forgives the woman because of her great love
(Luke 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]).

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.
Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, to suffer and to die on the Cross. On the way he is rejected by the people of Samaria. He meets people who express a desire to follow him, but their personal interests, though valid, prevent them from making a commitment to Christ.

We too are on a journey, journey to our final destiny. Every day of our lives we have commitments to our families, work and society. We are also committed to Christ. At our baptism we put our hands to the plough, to the following of Christ or discipleship. There is always the temptation to look back. If we look back our attention will be divided. So too will our energy. But, if we keep looking forward, we will give our undivided attention to our commitments. We will be wholehearted. We will not easily be sidetracked. Those who are wholehearted find joy in the task in spite of hardships. Christ invites us to take seriously his message, “Don’t turn back, don’t even look back.”

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

**HOPE AND FORGIVENESS**

There were some interesting conceptions of sin prevalent in the time of the Hebrew scriptures. There was the belief that God punished sin immediately. Those who suffered disease or misfortune were, therefore, sinners getting their due from the Almighty.

Today’s first reading hints at another kind of God. When David admits his sin, Nathan declares, “The Lord on his part has forgiven your sin” (2 Samuel 12:13b). Here was not a vengeful God but a merciful God. What good news that must have been to David and those who, like him, could be honest enough to admit their sinfulness!

Jesus is the good news of God’s mercy and forgiveness incarnate. Without Jesus, perhaps the good news would have been too good to believe, too difficult to imagine. But there he is in today’s Gospel, the God-man, forgiving a sinner and declaring that she is forgiven because of her great love.

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**Mass Intentions**

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**As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:** Gaylene DeBisschop, Mark Gardner, Garth Stanton, Peter Johansing, Eithne Kilty, Kay Sisler, Quonnella Lee, Steve Leland, Dylan Jewell, Christopher Goward, Margaret Formichi, Debra Birell, Ray Johnson, Barbara Gilligan, Richard Green, Irene Lorente, Beverly Broyer, Mario Perrando, Connie Sume.

**For the repose of the souls:** Genie Levasseur, Ann Norlin, & Nicholas Simard

**For those serving in the military:** Adam Dear, Robert Ernest Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz & Elizabeth Baumsteiger

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**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Registered Parishioner Families 2016= 1546

Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): $4,345.00

Average Envelope & Loose for May 2015 $4,907.60/ wk

Average Envelope & Loose for May 2016 $4,569.80/ wk

Credit Card Giving Parish Pay May 2015: $8,107/ mo

Credit Card Giving Parish Pay May 2016: $6,495.67/ mo

Parish Pay Credit Card Fees = ~5%)

*Please log on to Parish pay and update your CC expiration date!

**Second Collections**

- Church Building and Maintenance: 7/16
- Peter’s Pence Holy Father: 6/26
- 5th Sunday St. Vincent de Paul: 7/31
Welcome Back Fr. Richard
Fr. Richard Fasuyi has been coming to St. Anselm parish in the summer while attending a month long classes at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is pursuing his doctoral studies.

Fr. Richie is the pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hunto, Nigeria. We wish him a very pleasant stay in the parish.

Summer Mass Schedule
8am Monday through Friday
5pm Saturday
8am, 10am, 5pm Sunday

Have you moved? Or changed your phone number or email address?
Please let us know. We want to make sure our database is accurate. Call: 415 453-2342 or email: info@SaintAnselm.org.

Lighting a Candle
The Catholic tradition of lighting a candle in church has a long history. Many attribute it to the early Christians lighting candles at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs. It was a sign of solidarity with Christians still on earth. Of course, even before Christianity light had a special significance. When Jesus told us: "I am the light of the world. No follower of Mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life" (Jn 8:12) and "I have come to the world as its light, to keep anyone who believes in Me from remaining in the dark" (Jn 12:46), the people who lived in a time without 24 hour electricity and light understood what he was saying in a deeper way.

Prayer When Lighting a Candle
Blessed Lord, Accept this burning candle as a sign of my faith and love for you.

Like this candle, I am ready to be used in your service without asking why and to what purpose.

Even as this candle, I wish to stand in your presence to be consumed in the light and warmth of your love.

Please hear my prayer and if it is your will, grant my petition, but above all, make me loyal and faithful to you in all my life’s circumstances.

Amen

Peter’s Pence Collection
In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called each of us to be a witness of charity for our suffering brothers and sisters living on the margins. He encourages us to “open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!” (Misericordiae Vultus [MV], no. 15).

Through the Peter’s Pence Collection, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See. In Pope Francis, we have a joyful witness of charity. By supporting this collection, we can experience more fully how “mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope” (MV, no. 10). Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Peter’s Pence Collection.

Crossroad Walkers Update
The Northern Team has finished their fourth week of walking, and are ready to relax over the weekend. For the Northern Walk that means spending the weekend in the breathtaking Black Hills, South Dakota. Over the past 4 weeks, we Northern Walkers have waltzed our way through 4 states: Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and now South Dakota.

St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATE

June 26  Peter’s Pence Holy Father 2nd Collection  
Baptismal Prep Class 1-3pm RSVP  Hall

July 4  Holiday Office Closed Independence Day

July 10  Mission Appeal  2nd Collection

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

2016 San Francisco Engaged Encounter
1 day classes are held at the S.F. Archdiocese: cost $200 & lunch is included: 8/6, 10/1, 12/3/16: contact
Marriage Preparation Programs for the Engaged at 415 269-8620, www.sffamilylife.com or www.marriageforlifesf.com or email: sfcath@gmail.com

Engaging the Heart: One Saturday class: 8/20, 10/22/16 or 11/17. 650-325-5614 at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA. Contact Vallombrosa.org for further information.

Carmelite Monastery: The Discalced Carmelite Nuns cordially invite you to attend their annual Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel from July 8th-16th, at 7:30 p.m. each evening, in the Monastery Chapel. This year’s Novena will be conducted by Rev. Godfrey Chandya, OCD, from Uganda. Father is an excellent homilist, with a wonderful knowledge of our Carmelite Spirituality and Sacred Scripture. 530 Blackstone Dr. San Rafael, 94903

GOD IS CALLING YOU! A vocation – marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc. - is a call to love and every baptized person has one! But perhaps you’re feeling a tug to give your heart to Jesus exclusively, sitting at His feet like Mary Magdalene, or perhaps you’ve wondered what life is like as a cloistered nun? If you’re a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-40 years, we invite you to spend a day of discernment on July 16th with the Dominican Contemplative Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsmenlo.org, or visit our website at www.nunsmenlo.org/vocation-discernment-event. Space is limited and fills fast!
Looking for a new
Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation

St. Anselm’s is seeking a full-time position for the director of Religious Education and Faith Formation. He/She will be responsible for the religious education of parish children and youth, as well as the ongoing faith formation programs for adults. The director will organize and manage the parish Religious Education Program, the Confirmation Program, Youth Ministry, and the RCIA Program, as well as other pastoral responsibilities as delegated by the Pastor.

A successful candidate will have a passion for evangelization as well as a good working knowledge of Church teachings and administrative skills. A master’s degree in theology or related field is preferred as well as experience in parish ministry. The ideal candidate will have excellent communication and teaching skills, as well as the ability to collaborate with a variety of volunteers, parents and parish staff. This is a full time, benefitted position. Salary is commensurate with experience and education.

Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Jose Shaji at fr.shaji@saintanselm.org or by mail to Nick Case’s New Vocation

He is leaving for an exceptional reason:
“I will be reporting to St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park on August 14th, for which I am very excited. I am also incredibly grateful to all the parents and parishioners who welcomed me into their parish family. St. Anselm's will always have a special place in my heart and I look forward to the day (very soon hopefully!) when I come back to celebrate Mass.”

Although this is a great loss to our particular parish, the Archdiocese is gaining a very special person to the priesthood.

Join us in saying farewell and give your blessing to Nick at a celebration on Sunday, July 17th following the 10am Mass.
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