August 7, 2016
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20
Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading of this Sunday we read, Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock… Sell your belongings and give alms.” If I were to do that, I would have even more reasons to be afraid. Nobody wants to be left with nothing to live on. So, what does Jesus really mean? Jesus gave many warnings about the seductions of wealth. Money is very seductive because it appears to be the key to everything or it carries a promise to everything. There is nothing wrong in acquiring wealth and we need wealth. But, what can make it bad is greed. And greed makes people forget that half the world is hungry. We may also fail to notice that we are also hungry because our hearts are empty. Jesus says, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” If I treat money as my treasure then there will be nothing in my heart except thoughts of money and what money can buy.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on the 15th of August, Monday. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation because it falls on a Monday. There will be the regular morning Mass at 8:00 am.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

OUR FATHER IN FAITH

The Letter to the Hebrews today sings a hymn of praise to Abraham and to his faith, upon which are founded the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Abraham is called “father” in faith by more people on earth than anybody else, numerous as the sands of the seashore or the stars of the heavens. Hebrews tells us it was this foundational faith that led Abraham to obey God’s call when he heard it, though he was called to journey to a land he did not know and told he would father a mighty race through a marriage he thought was barren. But Abraham’s faith, the author of Hebrews tells us, was his realization of what he hoped for, and the evidence of what he could not see. How often are we, in simple daily events of our own Christian vocation, called to an unfamiliar place or told we are to do something we do not believe we can? How fortunate we are to have Father Abraham as our guide and example!

| MON. Aug 8 | 8:00 am | Bill Majerle (D) |
| TUES. Aug 9 | 8:00 am | Elizabeth Kilty (INT) |
| WED. Aug 10 | 8:00 am | Elie Wiesel (D) |
| THURS. Aug 11 | 8:00 am | Communion Service |
| FRI. Aug 12 | 8:00 am | Michaela Andrues (INT) |
| SAT. Aug 13 | 5:00 pm | Florence Orlando (D) |
| SUN. Aug 14 | 8:00 am | Parish People |
| | 10:00 am | Mae L. Smith (D) |
| | 5:00 pm | Marie Molteni (D) |

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:
Gaylene DeBisschop, Mark Gardner, Garth Stanton, Nancy Hall, Ethne Kilty, Kay Sisler, Quonnella Lee, Steve Leland, Dylan Jewell, Christopher Goward, Margaret Formichi, Debra Birell, Ray Johnson, Barbara Gilligan, Richard Green, Irene Lorente, Mario Perrando, Louisa Espinosa, Eileen Lloyd, Gary Mc Partlin, Howard Berggren, Joy Snyder, Valeria Venturini, Chris Spada

For the repose of the soul of: Fr. Jacques Hamel

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

**Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. Dominic

**Tuesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

**Wednesday:** St. Lawrence

**Thursday:** St. Clare

**Friday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal

**Saturday:** Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus; Blessed Virgin Mary

### Jubilee Prayer for Mercy

Loving God– Help us to live out in our daily lives the mercy which you extend to all of us. As you cast open the doors of your heart to us, may we respond with urgency to proclaim your mercy to others. May we always be credible witnesses to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. May we never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May we become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: “Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old”. Amen

### St. Anselm Church Stewardship

Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1654

Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose):

$3,522

St. Vincent de Paul: $3,301

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

**Second Collections:**

St. Anselm School—August 7

Centennial Building & Maintenance—August 21

### Medical Reminder

Precautions to take to stay safe from the Zika Virus: Get rid of standing water around your house; wear repellent when going near bodies of water (lakes, rivers, creeks) and wet, grassy areas.

Rose Shadduck– Parish Health-Senior Ministry

### Treasures from Our Tradition

Last week’s “Treasure” noted that the official headgear of the pope, the tiara, has been set aside in favor of the miter. Although Pope Paul VI had a coronation in 1963 to begin his ministry as pope, he later gave his tiara away to the Catholics of the United States as a stimulus to end poverty. He took care to say that he was not abolishing the tradition of coronation, but his successor, Pope John Paul I, decided to have an inauguration to begin his tragically short term. His successors have chosen inauguration as well. Pope John Paul II felt that a return to the coronation custom would be inappropriate since the Church was mourning the sudden death of a man already nicknamed “The Laughing Pope.”

So the end of coronations came about not because Paul VI gave the crown away. There are more than twenty tiaras on hand at the Vatican. One is used every year to crown the famous statue of St. Peter, whose sandaled foot has been eroded to a bright shine by the hands of millions of pilgrims. Today, it is left to the individual pope to decide whether he will begin his formal reign with a coronation or an inauguration. Pope Benedict chose an inauguration, as did Pope Francis.

### Have You Been Thinking About Possibly Becoming a Catholic?

Are you in need of baptism and seeking spirituality in your life?

Have you come from a different faith background and would like to learn more about what Catholics believe and why? Are you an adult who was baptized in the Catholic Church but never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?

If any of the previous apply to you, we would love to help in your faith journey through a process in the Catholic Church called The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

RCIA is a process of prayer, discussions, study and celebration. It is not a hurried process, but a deliberate, personal process of growth and understanding that takes as long as one needs. Typically, the process takes about 9 months, but it may be longer.

Contact the Rectory (415)-453-2342
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATE

August 20-21-Wine & Cheese after 5:00 Mass
Hall
August 30– Ice Cream Social– 3:00-4:30 Hall

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

Catholic couples through the Bay Area who desire to grow together in holiness and learn to form their children in the Catholic Faith are invited! Registration and more information is found online at www.togetherinholiness.org. The Conference Series will be hosted by Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont. Speakers include: Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, Arland Nichols, President of St. John Paul II Foundation, among others.

Come join The Catholic Adult Singles Association of Marin County!
The Catholic Adult Singles Association of Marin is a group of 50+ single or single again Catholics who are interested in making new friends, taking part in social activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual growth and becoming involved in volunteer projects that will benefit our parishes, our community, and one another. We welcome those who are interested. For Membership & Event information, please call Bob at (415 ) 897-0639.

An EASY way to donate to Catholic Charities—
Did you know that you can give back to Catholic Charities while doing your online shopping? AmazonSmile is a philanthropic giving program that allows shoppers to give back to the charity of their choice without spending an extra dime! The next time you visit Amazon, make sure to go to smile.amazon.com and choose Catholic Charities San Francisco and .5% of eligible purchases will be donated to support programs and services at Catholic Charities.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,
It is with humility and great joy that I take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as your Director of Religious Education. I first visited the Bay Area in 2012 when my younger brother was accepted to UC Berkeley. From that moment on, the Bay Area became my dream location. In Matthew 7:7 our Lord has said to us, “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.” Being a San Diegan, my whole life, I am so excited to be here. I will admit, I am still getting used to the colder climate and hospitality of locals.

As a way of introduction, let me briefly share with you my foundations. I am a single mother of a beautiful five year old. My daughter, Ariella, is the greatest joy in my life. I strongly believe I was born to be a mother, it suits me well. Both my daughter and I are vegans. I am Mexican-Basque with some French and Spaniard blood in me. My family is small but very proud.

Fun Fact: Initially I had planned on attending law school and becoming a criminal lawyer, but God had other plans for me.

I thank Fr. Jose for his invitation of employment and to all of you for what I expect to be a warm welcome into your community.

Peace,
Natalie Larraga

Degrees

**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy** - University of San Diego  
**Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies** - University of San Diego  
**Masters of Theological Studies** - Franciscan School of Theology
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