November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent

"You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." – Matthew 24:44

Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00am
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm
Holy Day Masses: Vigil at 5:30pm, 8:00am, 11:00am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm
Baptism: Preparation Class required, call parish office
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) 454-0366
Helping Hands: (415) 453-2342
Eucharist for Homebound: (415)-453-2342

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.
BE PREPARED
Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

TIME OF PREPARATION
This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.
--John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1675
Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose):
   will report next Sunday
Campaign for Human Development--

*Please log on to Parish Pay and update your CC expiration date!
Second Collections:
Centennial Building & Maintenance– November 27
St. Anselm School– December 4
Retired Religious-December 11
Centennial Building & Maintenance– December 18

MASS INTENTIONS

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As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:
Mark Gardner, Garth Stanton, Nancy Hall, Steve Leland, Christopher Goward, Margaret Formichi, Richard Green, Barbara Gilligan, Irene Lorente, Louisa Espinosa, Chris Spada, Terese Marklinger, Vincent Boyle, Joan Madden, Jeanie Paganetti, Al Dallara, , Antoinette Hanna, Rita Wardner, Bess Nuzzo, Jonathon Scott, Allison Chichizola

For the repose of the soul of: Carmen Aldes

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

ATTENTION LECTORS: Please pick up your 2017 Workbooks from the Usher’s Closet in the back of the church. Please take the one with your name on it. The new Workbooks start with the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 27th. Thank you for your dedication to such a vital Ministry in our church.

THE ADVENT “LITTLE BLUE BOOK” of daily reflections is available in the back of the church. Please take one per family.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday: St. Andrew
Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

Sick Relatives & Friends
Our Kindergarten Offers:
-A values Based Education in a Caring Parish School Environment
-Thematic Teaching
-A Multi-Sensory Approach to Reading Readiness
-Differentiated Instruction
-Hands-on, Child-centered Math & Science Instruction
-Developmental Motor Skills Program
-Art, Music, Spanish, & Integrated Technology Instruction
-Multi-faceted Extended Care
-10:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

The dates for the Kindergarten Information Sessions are:
December 7, 2016 and January 12, 2017-9:00AM

HEALTH TIP: Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol to clean hands. HOW TO CLEAN YOUR HANDS: Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Tis the Season for Wreaths & Gingerbread Houses-
Help support the St. Anselm School community by purchasing a Holiday Wreath and/or Gingerbread House to enhance your holiday décor. Following Saturday and Sunday Masses the weekend of Nov. 26th, Holiday Wreaths will be sold outside the church. Then, on Sunday, Dec. 4th at 11:00a.m. or 1:00p.m., join the St. Anselm community in Centennial Hall to decorate your own Gingerbread House for the holidays! This is a fun way to celebrate the holidays and get into the merriment of this joyous season. And, don't forget you can also get a "to-go" house if you can't make the event or you want a festive holiday gift for family or friends. Reserve a house online at http://stanselmschool.com/annual-wreath-gingerbread-house-event-sunday-december-4-2016/ or stop by the St. Anselm School office and complete a registration form. Questions – email Raquel Rose at rose114@mac.com

Wednesday, November 30th-7:00 pm, St. Anselm Church, Centennial Hall
The third in the series Storytelling and Sacred Scripture- Mirza Khan will share seasonal stories and teachings from the spiritual traditions of the world. Together we will interpret the inner meanings of these stories to find light and guidance in our own daily lives. Mirza is a religious scholar who has studied with Jewish, Christian, and Sufi teachers around the world. He is currently the director of the Religious Studies program at San Domenico School in San Anselmo. For more information 415-453-2342, www.saintanselm.org

Green Team Report: The St. Anselm Green Team has been meeting since October and has a number of projects ongoing. These include switching to reusable plates, cups and glassware for parish functions and installing a bike rack in the parking lot so more families are comfortable riding bikes to Mass. In addition, the parish and school have had a lighting audit to determine where cost savings can be made. A Marin Clean Energy review is scheduled, and a water audit will take place in January. A goal is to determine the feasibility of solar power for the school and/or parish buildings. The committee is in contact with First Presbyterian Church and St. John’s Episcopal to find areas of cooperation on environmental issues. The next meeting of the Green Team is December 13. To see minutes of the meetings, go to the parish website: www.saintanselm.org

Assistance Provided by St. Anselm’s St. Vincent de Paul (SvDP) Conference in Fiscal Year 2016
We, the members of St. Anselm’s SvDP Conference, Bill Langley, Elizabeth Melone, Pat Cahiil, Joan Madden, Libby Carra, Marlene De Voto, Annmarie Lechner, Sally Held, Doreen Malin, and Matthew McGrath, thank parishioners for the donations you made to the parish SvDP conference in fiscal year 2016, October 2015 through September 2016. During the year the conference received 68 requests for help. On-call members contacted requesters and provided $19,372.00 to help 22 men, 42 women, 31 children which included 27 families. The monetary assistance provided was used for food, rent, water, gas and/or electric utilities, vehicle repair, medical or dental care or basic furniture. In addition, $1,501.00 was provided to other neighboring parishes which requested assistance. Your donations to help the poor demonstrate your care, willingness and generosity in giving.

Thank you for your continuing support, especially in the second collection on 5th Sundays.
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

**SAVE THE DATE**
November 26-27-Purchase Holiday Wreaths following the Masses
November 30– Advent Story Telling– 7:00 Hall
December 4– Gingerbread House Decorating-Hall
December 5– St. Anselm School– Christmas Bazaar– 2:30-5:30- Hall
December 11– Wine & Cheese following the 5:00 Mass-Hall

*Events Near St. Anselm Parish*

Join us!
Marin Catholic’s Holiday Boutique
**Sunday, December 11**
12:00pm to 4:00pm
Marin Catholic Freitas Memorial Gym
675 Sir Francis Drake, Kentfield
Admission is FREE & open to the public!
Jewelry, Handbags, Designer Clothing, Unique Gifts,
And so much more!
Proceeds benefit MC’s Safe & Sober Grad Night

**Christmas Volunteer Opportunities with Catholic Charities**—Embrace the Christmas season by taking time to serve others and spread holiday joy throughout our community! There are several ways to get involved:
-Decorate, wrap gifts, or prepare food at any of the program holiday parties and luncheons.
-Donate gift cards to Target, Safeway, or Walgreens to help families in need buy gifts. Visit our website at CatholicCharitiesSF.org/All-Opportunities to see the full list of opportunities.
To volunteer with Catholic Charities, or for more information, please contact Diane Contreras at volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or 415-972-1297.

**Advent Speaker Series**
St. Patrick Church
114 King Street
Larkspur, CA
God welcomes you to spend one hour each week during Advent to wait for the One who can dramatically change your life for the better. Will you come and join us so we can await His arrival together?

Candlelit prayer time: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Guest speaker: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
**December 7**
Fr. David Pettingill
“Discovering the One who is Always Present”
**December 14**
Fr. Paul Warren
“Waiting in Joyful Hope”
**December 21**
Sr. Patricia Bruno, O.P.
“Wisdom Stands at the Door and Waits”
Wine & Cheese Reception
Please RSVP: 415-924-0600
Altar Server Spaghetti Dinner

Acolyte Joan Mann Thomas hosted a lovely Spaghetti Dinner for all our Altar Servers and their parents. We appreciate the dedication of these wonderful kids and the support they receive from their families.

Confirmation Retreat at Dominican University

Our youth enjoyed a private mass with Fr. Chris during their Retreat. They lounged in a charming setting for lunch. It was a great day.
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