December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy. -- Isaiah 35:10a

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

Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: 8:30am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Holy Day Masses: 8:00am, 11:00am, 5:30pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00pm-4:45pm
or by appointment

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.
Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist comes to us as an uncompromising, fearless, tough and demanding man. He lived on the edge of society. The clothes that he wore, the place where he lived and the food that he ate tells us that. Jesus, like John, came from the desert and appeared at the edge of society. But unlike John, he came in and sat down with the rich, the poor, the sinners and the outcasts. He created a new kind of society where everyone was wanted, everyone was a member of the family of God. If John were alive, he would have been part of that society. He would have been an ardent follower of Christ and unlike the disciples, would have run away when Jesus was arrested because he did not live in fear. His raging fire would long since have been transformed into intense love, his judgments into compassion. As we approach Christmas and as we are preparing ourselves for Christmas, let our inner passion be transformed into love and our judgments transformed into compassion.

On Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:00, we will have our Advent Penance Service.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:
Mark Gardner, Garth Stanton, 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, Erik Week, Allison Chichizola, Sara Stander

For the repose of the soul of: Nancy Johansing Hall

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

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 50:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 45:6b-8, 10-11; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Saturday: Gn 49:1-2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Justice and Obedience

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it. – William Penn

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**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1675

Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): $3,835

St. Anselm School - $1,134

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

Second Collections:

Retired Religious-December

Centennial Building & Maintenance- December
Green Tip: How green is your holiday?  
Here are a few tips to make it fun and eco-friendly.  
*Remember to bring your own reusable bags when shopping;  
*Add rechargeable batteries and a charger to gifts of battery operated toys;  
*Give a living plant to your favorite aunt instead of scented candles;  
*If you are buying candles, look for beeswax, not (petroleum based) paraffin;  
*Use greeting cards and gift wrap from recycled paper;  
*Tie packages with fabric ribbons, not plastic;  
*Use LED outdoor lights, on a timer.  
What are some of your family’s favorite green practices? Let’s share!

Health Tips– Common Sense Reminders  
-Shop well for yourself– have healthy snacks readily available  
-Savor your favorite Holiday foods in moderation– the average person consumes 6000 calories on Christmas Day-take a walk to burn off those extra calories  
-Hydrate– don’t get too busy to drink your water-keep your water bottle with you at all times  
-Sleep– try to stick to your regular sleep routine

AN UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT  
We are fast approaching another Christmas and the often frantic rush to buy the right gift for our spouse or loved one. How about a wholly different take on the season of giving– give him or her a 3 day retreat free of home responsibilities and full of the spirit of Christmas, a Cursillo weekend? Cursillo, a Spanish word meaning a “short course” in Christian living, is a unique retreat experience that is presented largely by lay individuals who share their Christian walk in life through a series of informal talks and discussions. It is open to adult men and women of all Christian denominations and provides an opportunity to reflect on values and goals as Christians and is filled with music, great food, and tremendous humor.  
Cursillo weekends are held at the Angela Center in Santa Rosa. Our next weekend will be March 23rd –26th for men, and March 30th-April 2nd for women. January 29th, at the 10:00am Mass, you will hear from parishioners who have made Cursillo, and after Mass, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and pick up an application.  
Come join us and give the gift that may last a lifetime!

Religious Education Christmas Pageant:  
On December 18th, 2016 at the 10:00 am Mass, after the homily, our Religious Education children will be putting on a Christmas Pageant for you all to enjoy. Come and hear the Good News, for in Bethlehem, away in a manger, our Savior was born.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF CHRISTMAS TREES  
We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who took a gift request ornament from our Christmas tree last weekend. We look forward to every wish being fulfilled by the very generous and thoughtful parishioners of our St. Anselm Church community. Return wrapped gifts, with the name tag attached, to the church by Dec. 10th-11th and no later than December 17th-18th. Financial donations are greatly appreciated and can be made by picking up an Adopt-A-Family envelope from the vestibule of the Church. Help spread Christmas Cheer to others in need, and make our 25th Anniversary our most successful year of giving.

How lovely is your dwelling place, 0 Lord of Hosts  
It’s time to decorate the Church!  
We would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in volunteering their time and talents by helping with decorating our church for the Christmas Season. A work party is scheduled for Friday, December 16th, at 10:00am. Work side-by-side with fellow parishioners, our Deacons, and Fr. Jose in making our church festive for the birth of our Lord. Remember...many hands make light work.

Christmas & New Year Eves  
St. Anselm's is the host for the homeless REST dinners on both Christmas and New Year Eve. We need additional volunteers to prepare and share the meal. Dinner is served at the First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo; we arrive at 5 pm and leave by 8 pm. If you are able to share your holidays with those who are spending their holidays on the hall floor, please email stanselm.restdinners@yahoo.com. You will then receive a link to the online schedule. Thank you.

Do you want to make a difference in our community? Volunteer with your neighbors to help us understand homelessness in Marin County.  
On Friday, January 27th, Marin County will be conducting our 2017 Point-in-Time Count to understand the number of homeless individuals living throughout the county. We are in need of community volunteers to work alongside currently or previously homeless guides to count the number of homeless individuals they see across all areas of Marin County. There will be a 1-hour training on January 20th to prepare you for the count, and you do not need any experience with homelessness. The data we collect will be combined with shelter and survey data to give us a valid, accurate snapshot of homeless individuals, youth, and families. The resulting data will also help secure Marin County’s funding for homeless services for the following year.  
Please visit our online registration link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017marinpit; or feel free to call Connie Chu, Applied Survey Research, at (408) 813-2419 or Eric Petersen, County of Marin, at (415) 473-3340

Reminders  
-Snacks readily available  
-Shop well for yourself– have healthy snacks readily available  
-Day-take a walk to burn off those extra calories  
-Hydrate– don’t get too busy to drink your water-keep your water bottle with you at all times  
-Sleep– try to stick to your regular sleep routine
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

**SAVE THE DATE**
December 11—Wine & Cheese following the 5:00 Mass
December 16—Help decorate the church-10:00
December 18—Christmas Pageant-10:00am Mass
December 20—Advent Penance Service-7:00pm

*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 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
An Evening of Storytelling with Mirza Khan
Story, poem, short story and music captivated all of us as Mirza Kahn held up the Advent Darkness and led us to see the “crack” that lets in the light of renewal. Mirza’s quiet voice took us to a garden in Jerusalem, the Bethlehem of Mary and Joseph, and finally to the journey of the “Other Wiseman”.

This was an amazing culmination for our three-part storytelling series. I wish you all could have been with us. There will be a follow-up article this coming week in the San Francisco Catholic newspaper.

First REST Dinner of the Season
Last Saturday night the St. Anselm REST leaders (Sharlyne Balano, Dan Costello, Tom, Guilfoyle, Joan Mann Thomas, Rick & Carole Sheviakov, Christa Forsiak, Ellen Boesner Snell, Pat Langle, Gail Pierce and Dan Shimabuku) gathered under the leadership of Nancy McGarry (picture taker) to share dinner with our homeless guests. It was a great opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with the kitchen and processes before leading a dinner. We serve dinners every Saturday night from December through April. If you would like to participate, please send an email to: staselm.restdinners@yahoo.com to get a link to the online schedule and/or to have your questions answered.
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