December 25, 2016
The Nativity of the Lord

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it - John 1:5

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,

Advent is a period of waiting, waiting for the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. From the beginning of creation the world waited for the birth of the Messiah. Waiting is a normal and necessary thing in our lives. We spend so much of our time waiting, waiting for things to happen. This waiting can be very frustrating. But, waiting can also be a period of grace if only we can wait with the right disposition. When we wait hopefully, with expectation, with joy in our hearts, with gratitude, good things will always happen; Godly things will happen or will be awaiting us. May this Christmas season be a time of waiting when God will let wonderful things happen in our lives! May the coming year be also a time of waiting when Godly things happen or take place in our lives!

The Christmas Pageant on Sunday 18, at the 10.00 am Mass was very beautiful. I would like to thank Natalie Larraga, the parents, the Catechists and the children who made it happen. Thank you for the inspiring pageant!

Let me wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

Christmas at St. Anselm Church
Individual Confessions
Saturday, December 24th
10:00am-11:30am

Christmas Eve Masses: Saturday, Dec. 24th
4:00pm  Children’s Choir
6:00pm Religious Ed. Children’s Choir
9:00pm Adult Choir

Christmas Day Masses: Sunday, Dec. 25th
8:00am   Ensemble Christmas Music
10:00am  Adult Choir
5:00pm  

New Year’s Eve Mass: Saturday, Dec. 31st
5:00pm

New Year’s Day Masses: Sunday, Jan. 1st
8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1675
Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): $6,112
Centennial Building & Maintenance- $1,678

*Please log onto Parish Pay and update your CC expiration date!
Second Collections:
St. Anselm School– January 1
Centennial Building & Maintenance-January 15
St. Patrick Seminary-January 22
St. Vincent DePaul– January 29

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, Richard Green, Barbara Gilligan, Irene Lorente, Louisa Espinosa, Chris Spada, Terese Marklinger, Vincent Boyle, Joan Madden, Jeanie Paganetti, Al Dallara, Antoinette Hanna, Rita Wardner, Jonathon Scott, Erik Week,
Allison Chichizola, Sara Stander, Archbishop Quinn

For the repose of the soul of: Peggy Formichi

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: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Green Tip: How green is your “post” holiday?
Here are a few tips to make it eco-friendly.
*Did you know that wrapping paper is NOT recyclable? Much of the wrapping paper contains plastics and other materials that make it impossible for it to be recycled into post consumer products. Keep all wrapping paper out of the blue sides of your dual sort recycling cart.
*Add rechargeable batteries and a charger to gifts of battery operated toys; it is illegal to throw away electronics and hazardous waste—such as batteries and light bulbs in your garbage bins. Bring all electronics and hazardous waste materials to the Household Hazardous Waste Center at 565 Jacoby St, in San Rafael– free of charge.
*Christmas trees will be collected at the curb on your regular garbage service day during the month of January. Each residence is allowed one free tree pick-up. Remove all ornaments and metal stands. Trees more than 6ft tall need to be cut in half. Or you can drop off up to 2 trees at the Marin Resource Recovery Center. No flocked trees will be picked up, but for a small fee, they can be brought to the Recovery Center.

**What are some of your family’s favorite green practices? Let’s share!**

“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; God never forsakes his loving plan or repents having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.” Pope Francis, Laudato Si (13)

**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!

**WALK FOR LIFE: The annual Walk for Life West Coast, which draws 50,000 participants each year, takes place on January 21. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone begins the day with a special Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 9:30 am. The Walk for Life Rally begins at 10:45 am at the starting point of the Walk, at Civic Center Plaza. There the archbishop will announce the recipient of this year’s Saint Gianna Molla Award for Prolife Heroism. The walk from Civic Center Plaza to Justin Herman Plaza at the foot of Market Street begins at 1:30 p.m.**

**Thank You!!**
Our parish volunteers are wonderful. As both Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve are on Saturday nights this year, we are hosting the homeless men in the REST program. On Christmas Eve Rick & Carole (team leaders) and Sarah Sheviakov; Sharlyne Balano; Arlene Hansen; Pat Langley; Penny Maioli; Ellen, Phil Snell & their nephew; and Dorothy Weaver are making sure that the REST guests have a celebration dinner. On New Year’s Eve, Dan Shimabuku is leading the team: Laura, Luke & Kyle Cheidhim; Jody & Tate Gustke; Tina Hunerberg & family, Laurie Joyce, Kevin, Jackie, Katrina and Caroline Lozaw will work together to provide a meal and best wishes for the New Year. Thanks, also, to those who volunteered after the teams were full. Continue to keep those who are without a warm place to call home in your prayers. Also keep in your prayers our quest to find a permanent location for the REST program.

**STABLE FAMILIES, STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS**
Please join fellow parishioners and MOC (Marin Organizing Committee) congregations and non-profits as we address these important local issues:

**STABLE FAMILIES, STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS Standing for Immigrant Rights and Renter Protections!**
Wednesday, January 18 - 7:00-8:30pm
St. Raphael Catholic Church
1104 5th Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901
Relationships with law enforcement and changes to local policy can diminish the risk for immigrant families in Marin County. On January 18, join us to stand for the rights of immigrants and make progress toward more stable families and neighborhoods for all people!
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

SAVE THE DATE
January 14 &15– Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm
Mass
February 9– Valentine Tea-3:00 Hall

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

Friday, January 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. -Gather@Grand -
An evening with Archbishop John Wester speaking on The Vocation and Mission of the Laity. A long-time friend of the Sisters, Archbishop Wester has deep local roots. A fourth generation San Franciscan, he attended Our Lady of Mercy School in Daly City. After seminary, he earned Master’s degrees at the University of San Francisco and Holy Names College in Oakland. Ordained in 1976, he served as an associate pastor at St. Raphael Parish, and as teacher, Director of Campus Ministry, and later President, at Marin Catholic High School. Pope John Paul II appointed him an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1998. He was named Bishop of Salt Lake City in 2007, and was installed as the Archbishop of Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2015. Pope Francis has said that the laity are “Christ’s disciples who are called to animate every place and human activity in the world according to the spirit of the Gospel.” Please come listen to Archbishop Wester’s thoughts on the role of the laity in the Church today. All are welcome! We will have light refreshments and time for your questions.

The Gathering Space - Dominican Sisters Center
1520 Grand Avenue, San Rafael between Acacia and Locust Sts
RSVP CommunityRelations@sanrafaelop.org or call 415 453 -8303

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 a 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 the 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

Come And See Days– Cloistered Dominican Nuns:
For Catholic single woman ages 18-38. January 21, July 15, & October 21. Contact Sr. Joseph Marie at vocations@nunsmenlo.org for more information and to register.
Christmas Flowers Donated In Memory Of:
Frederick & Janice Baumsteiger,
Mary Buck, Balano, Norlin, & Schutz Families, Peter & Teresa Massavelli, M/M WJ Cunningham,
Joe Cunningham, Matilda DeFenzi, Ambrose & Victor Gotti,
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