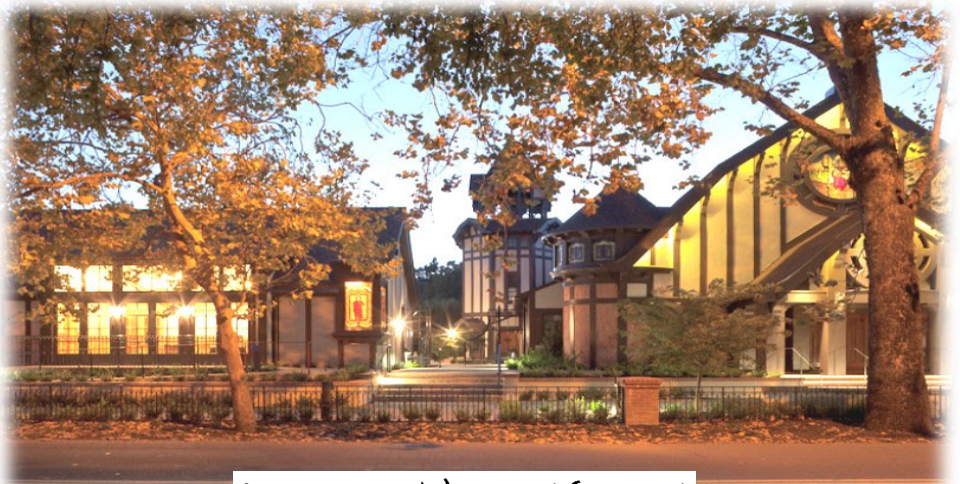


St. Anselm Catholic Church



Happy New Year!

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January 1, 2017 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.* -- Luke 2:19

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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, 12:00pm, 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,
 On the 1st of January, the Church celebrates the solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer". On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among us. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, "Let it done to me according to your word". The solemnity is celebrated on the 1st of January.

Let me wish you all a happy New Year! May God bless you with His choicest blessings in the New Year!

Another year has gone by. Let us look forward to the New Year as a year of surprises. What adds joy, beauty and excitement to our routine lives is surprises. May the coming year be filled with pleasant surprises that will make every day exciting and worth looking forward to. And, on our part let us also surprise family, loved ones and friends with acts of kindness, love, compassion, generosity and encouragement!

Yours Sincerely,
 Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor



Have you moved? Or changed your phone number or email address? Please let us know. We are updating our database and want to make sure the information we have in our database is accurate.
 415 453-2342; st.anselmooffice@att.net

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
 Registered Parishioner Families 2016 = 1675
 Last Sunday Collection (Envelope & Loose): \$ Refer to next week's bulletin
***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

Mon.	Jan. 2	8:00 am	Robert Smith (D)
Tues.	Jan. 3	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Patrick Jordan (D) Elena Espinosa (D)
Wed.	Jan. 4	8:00 am	Lars Hansen (D)
Thurs	Jan. 5	8:00 am 5:30 pm	Andrea Collier (INT) Sam Shillinglaw (INT)
Fri.	Jan. 6	8:00 am	Ceil Hahn (D)
Sat.	Jan. 7	5:00 pm	William & Dorothy Innes (D)
Sun.	Jan. 8	8:00 am 10:00m 5:00 pm	Parish People Marsha Delaney (D) Lois Catherine Saccone (D)

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: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
 --Benjamin Franklin

New Year's Holiday Schedule for the Rectory Office:
 The Office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

Green Tip: How green is your “post” holiday?

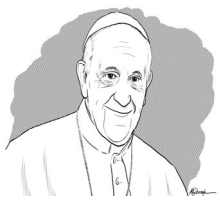
Here are a few tips to make it eco-friendly.

*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!



Quoting Pope Francis: “The Canadian bishops rightly pointed out that no creature is excluded from the manifestation of God: *‘From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine.’*”

The bishops of Japan for their part made a thought-provoking observation: *‘To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God’s love and hope.’*” Laudato Si, (85)

Can we reflect this divine goodness in our own lives by resolving to protect and honor the gift of creation with renewed energy and commitment?

A SPECIAL NEW YEAR GIFT

Do you struggle with gift ideas for a loved one? Or maybe your New Year’s resolution is to take better care of yourself—both body and soul? Give him or her or yourself a 3 day retreat free of home responsibilities and full of spiritual goodness— 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 Pro-life Heroism. The walk from Civic Center Plaza to Justin Herman Plaza at the foot of Market Street begins at 1:30 p.m. The Walk for Life Committee says: The Mission is to change the perceptions of a society that thinks abortion is an answer, because abortion does violence to women and to their children. The Goal is to be a vocal and visual message, to reach out to women harmed by abortion and to inform society of the damage done to women by abortion. The Action is to peaceably protest abortion, walking through San Francisco every year on or near Jan. 22, the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision.

Thank You!

Thank you!!

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Our parish volunteers are wonderful. As both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve were on

Saturday nights this year, we hosted 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 made sure that the REST guests had a celebration dinner. On New Year's Eve, Dan Shimabuku led the team: Laura, Luke & Kyle Cheidhim; Jody & Tate Gustke; Tina Hunerberg & family, Laurie Joyce, Kevin, Jackie, Katrina and Caroline Lozaw worked 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.

Religious Education Christmas Pageant

On Sunday, December 18th 2016 at the 10am mass, our Religious Education class shared the Good News by putting together a Christmas Pageant for our congregation. They ended on a high note by singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," and "Feliz Navidad." They reminded us about the gospel message found in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whomever believes in him should not

perish, but have eternal life." Let us, too, find moments to proclaim the Good News!



"Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus." LK 1:30-31



Shepherds from the fields, the Heavenly Host, and the Three Magi all came to give homage to the New Born King.



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