St. Anselm Catholic Church

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

-- Mark 13:33

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School Website:
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CYO Website:
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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 8:00am is a Communion Service)
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,

We begin another liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The purpose of Advent is to help us prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. The readings of this season tell us how God prepared the people of Israel for the Birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. We are the beneficiaries of all the promises God made to the people of Israel. May this season of Advent help us to appreciate the great blessings that God has given us in the person of Jesus Christ!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses are at 8:00am, 9:00am (school mass— all are welcome), 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

Advent Confessions
On the 12th of December, Tuesday, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually at St. Anselm Church. This will be a wonderful preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

LIKE A CHILD- One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.
--St. Nicholas

Mass Intentions

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St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2017-1675
1st Collection: 11/19-$4,026, 11/26-$3,620.50
2nd Collection-Campaign for Human Development: $1,385
Centennial Building & Maintenance: $1,487
Electronic Weekly Donations: $2,755.75
*Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
*Please log onto Parish Pay and update your CC expiration date!

Second Collections:
St. Anselm School- December 3

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:

For our military: Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

Please join your fellow parishioners for wine & cheese following the 5:00pm Masses December 2nd & 3rd in Centennial Hall.
Advent Retreat with Dan Schutte  
December 16, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, followed by Parish Mass

Step away from the glitter and noise of the season into a day of quiet retreat with noted liturgist and composer Dan Schutte. Among many other well-loved hymns, Dan Schutte is composer of Here I am, Lord, and Sing a New Song, and is composer in residence at the University of San Francisco. The day will consist of reflection, meditation, and sung prayer, inspired by some of his well-known compositions, such as Christ, Circle Round Us, City of God, Beyond the Moon and Stars, among others. Come join in an uplifting day of music and prayer! $20 donation requested. Bring a lunch; beverages will be provided.  
RSVP by December 7 to:  
Sissy Ratto at 415-453-2342, ext. 10 or info@saintanselm.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration  
Date: Sunday, December 10th at the 10am mass  
Hosted By: Youth Ministry & Adult Team  
During Mass: All are invited to bring and present a rose to Our Lady’s altar  
Reception: Enjoy the 2nd Altar which includes a box for petitions, boards with background history and information about the symbolism within her image, Mexican food, drinks, and music….etc.  
Art Competition: All children are invited to draw or paint a picture (standard size 8 ½” x 11”) of Our Lady of Guadalupe, depicting what she means or represents to them. All images will be displayed at the reception. Please drop off your child’s entry to our parish office by December 4th with your child’s name, parent phone number & email on the back. The winner will be contacted and receive a prize. Come light your hearts on fire for Our Lady of Guadalupe!

St. Anselm’s Adopt-A-Family  
27th Annual Christmas Appeal  
Thank you for your ongoing support through the years.  
This year, we have five local families who work hard to make ends meet but have little left over for their children at this joyous time of year. Additionally, we are reaching out to 24 families from St. Eugene’s Parish, in Santa Rosa, who are impacted by the wild fires. Many of these families lost jobs and are struggling with school expenses while trying to rebuild their lives.  
If you can help, please take a tag from our Giving Tree, purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it next weekend, December 9th, 10th or December 16th, 17th.  
The best way to help the fire victims is with a gift card and we are suggesting Target. That way parents can select gifts, assuring correct sizes and needs or cards can be used for household items.  
We assist some of our families year round so there are envelopes on the Giving Tree for those wishing to make a donation to our program  
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity and support.  
Questions - Dorothy- 415 215 1242
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

December 10– 10:00 Mass– Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration– Reception to follow
December 12– Confessions following 5:30pm Mass– 6:00pm-7:00pm
December 16– Advent Retreat Day with Dan Schutte– 10:00am-6:00pm (including 5:00pm Mass)
Hall & Church

Events At/Near St. Anselm Parish

A couple of weeks ago, my son David, a science teacher at Fairfield High School, opened his classroom at lunch time for students interested in playing the ukulele. Ten students showed up with ukuleles and fifteen more showed up the next time without ukuleles–they shared. My son set a web sight for gofundme and in three weeks he reached his goal to buy ukuleles for students who could not buy one. A very generous person in our church donated her ukulele to my son. That gave me the idea that there are probably more people who have a ukulele they do not use, and maybe they would like to donate it to a child at Fairfield High. The numbers of students showing interest to play is growing. You can contact me, Rose Shadduck at 415-453-6533. God Bless, Rose

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. Donate twin-size bed sets, wool socks, and warm blankets.
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 Regina O’Connor, Volunteer Manager, at volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or 415 972 1297.

Advent Speaker Series
St. Patrick Church
114 King Street
Larkspur, CA

God welcomes you to spend time 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?
Meditative Candlelit Prayer Time: 6:30 – 7:00p.m.
Guest speaker: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wine & Cheese Reception December 5th & 11th
December 4th & 5th
Fr. Michael Sweeney, OP
“Pondering the Words of Mercy”
December 11th
Fr. Charles Talley, OFM
“Waiting on the Lord”
Please RSVP: 415-924-0600
The Bell Tower Project

The Church bell was installed in the bell tower in 1908. For 109 years the Bell Tower has withstood the ravages of rain, water seepage, and the sun. These elements have nearly destroyed the foundation of the Tower. The time has come to redo the foundation and stabilize the structure. We are also looking at the possibility of recommissioning the bell since it is part of our rich history and tradition. We are beginning a capital campaign to complete this project. The Bell Tower Committee and I will be approaching you for suggestions, donations and pledges to complete this project. This is a project that needs to be done and I look forward to your support.

Fr. Jose
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