December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. – Mark 1:3

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
Dear Parishioners,

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Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

**Confessions**

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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th:
4:00pm– Children’s Mass (very crowded) 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th:
8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am

**Calendars**
A heartfelt thank you to Ed Leon and Brian Hood at Monte’s Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home for their donation of our 2018 Calendars. Thank you for your generous gift.

**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**
Registered Parishioner Families 2017-1675
1st Collection $5,076
2nd Collection – St. Anselm School $1,040
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:**
Retired Religious – December 10
Centennial Building & Maintenance – December 17
St. Vincent de Paul – December 31

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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

**For the Repose of the Soul:** Rita Crowley

**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 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bede; 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 1:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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A QUESTION OF FAITH
It is never a question with any of us of faith or no faith; the question always is, "In what or in whom do I put my faith?"
--Anonymous

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 11th to: 415-453-2342 or info@saintanselm.org

St. Anselm's REST Season Has Begun
Last Saturday night our parish REST leaders gathered for our first dinner of the season. Our thanks to: Terra Condit, Daniel Costello, Maryellen Danehy, Pat Langley, Nancy Mc Garry, Carole & Rick Sheviak, Daniel Shimabuku, Joan Mann Thomas, Ellen Snell, Carolyn Vavrek. (Dorothy Weaver and Sharlyne Balano are not pictured) If you would like to participate in this program where we share dinners with up to 40 men each Saturday night until the end of April, please email stanselm.restdinners@yahoo.com. You will then receive a link to the online schedule where you can choose a date convenient for you. Or you can call Pat (415-453-4460) to arrange a date.

2017 Christmas Pageants
This year we have two Christmas Pageants! Each pageant is performed after the homily. Our Children and youth are so excited to reenact the memory of Our Lord’s Nativity. So mark your calendars and experience the gift of Christ!

Performed by Religious Education & First Communion Children
Date: Sunday, December 17th
Time: 10:00am Mass

Performed by Youth Ministry & Confirmation Youth
Date: Sunday, December 17th
Time: 5:00pm Mass

BRINGING HOLY COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:
If you know of a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Rectory so that arrangements can be made for a Eucharistic Minister to bring the parishioner Holy Communion. Homebound includes anyone who is unable to attend Mass on an ongoing basis or anyone who is temporarily unable to go to Mass due to, for instance, a surgery, illness or injury.

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.
Please return your Giving Tree gift, with the tag attached, this 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 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
Bulletin Number: 513520

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