Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

-- Psalm 95:6

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 of St Anselm,

Almost on the verge of leaving to have this chance for a final Message for the Week ahead which you will read with Pastor Jose happily back in station, and me back at my hill station, is indeed an additional opportunity to say 'thank you' to all of you at St Anselm's.

It was a joy to meet up and connect with many gracious and grace-filled persons at St. Anselm's. It is true I did come across very contented persons who never left their own secure surroundings of the village or the Darjeeling mountains, not having ventured even to the great Gangetic plains below. Contented with the beauty and the serenity of the place where they were born and also probably because no real reason or opportunity came their way.

On the other hand, we also know how opportunities to be at faraway places and with persons who welcome and care, acknowledge and appreciate, adds a new sense of 'contentment'. The first disciples and apostles who ventured far from their homeland probably felt something similar: the joy of being messengers.

Saint John Bosco (1815-1888), whose feast day we celebrate on 31 January send out many missionaries, even young ones to far off lands including America and India. Salesian College, where I work and live, had young missionary seminarians who were from Italy, Ireland and even Australia way back in the 1930s and up to late 1950s. The Church survived and expanded because of the daring faith of those who ventured out far.

Despite changes in ideologies and political affiliations over the centuries and even decades within a century, it is indeed inspiring to see how the Good News is alive in Christian Communities across the world.

Thank you Fr Jose and all of you at St Anselm's for this opportunity you provided to witness "your faith". May God be with you all and May He shower abundant graces on each of you all through 2018.

Yours in Christ,
Fr George Thadathil sdb
geothil@gmail.com

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675
Collection: $3,506
2nd Collection: Building Maintenance:$1,266
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– February 4
Centennial Building & Maintenance-February 18

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Sick Relatives & Friends**


For the Repose of the Soul: Barbara Mello (mother of Michael Mello), Jim Stillman, Mary Jane Daly

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a; 30 -- 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
January 31, 2018, 7:30 pm—
Centennial Hall

Fr. Joe Eagan, S.J. will discuss key questions in viewing Pope Francis’ four years in office, such as: What is behind Francis’s bold yet deeply spiritual take on contemporary Catholic belief and practice? What motivates his surprising choice of certain bishops? His choice of destinations around the world? What have we learned about the man Francis? Come, bring your questions and your observations.

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. It is filled with music, great food, and tremendous humor. This year’s Cursillo weekends will be held at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo on April 12th -15th for women and April 26th-28th for men. On February 11th, at our 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.

You get about 27,375 days on earth. Can you spare 3 of them with whom you’ll be spending eternity?

Youth Ministry
The youth of our community have been involved in many parish activities and this year they will be attending LA Congress, “Youth Day.” More than 14,000 young people and their chaperones gather for a Rally, Keynote, Liturgy, Workshops, Music and more, focused just for them. It is a day that will surely rejuvenate the youth of our community. Our youth are fundraising for their trip in March. So far they have raised $600/$3,000. Their next fundraiser is a “Children’s Night.” Please help us spread the word and reach our goal of having 25 children registered for this fun event. If you would like to help fund their trip, please feel free to write a check in any donation amount to St. Anselm Church and write Youth Day in the MEMO. All and every donation is greatly appreciated. Ask the front office how you can get a tax write off.

St. Anselm School Open House
January 28th 11:30 – 1:00

St. Anselm School
Kindergarten Information Presentation
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 16th

Our Kindergarten Offers
A faith-based experience in a caring Parish school environment
Thematic teaching
Religious instruction, prayer, & community building activities
A multi-sensory approach to reading readiness
Differentiated instruction
Hands-on, child-centered Math & Science instruction
Developmental Motor Skills Program
Art, Music, Spanish, & Integrated Technology instruction
Multi-faceted Extended Care
Science, Spanish, Art, Theater & Music classes after school
10:1 student to teacher ratio

Our 1st-8th Grade Program Highlights
Faith-based, caring, and rigorous academic experience
Differentiated, small-group instruction, project-based learning
Service learning opportunities and enrichment field trips
Art, Music, Spanish, P.E. & Integrated Technology instruction
Science, Art, Theater, Robotics & Music Classes After School

Call for tours and availability | 415-454-8667
www.stanselsmschool.com

You may have noticed that scaffolding has been placed around our beloved Bell Tower. This marks the first phase of our previously announced restoration project for this iconic structure. We are beginning by doing an exploratory look at the structure to determine if and where water intrusion may be affecting the ‘bones’ of the tower. This exercise will help us establish the extent of restoration work that may be required in addition to the foundation work which we know must be accomplished. The scaffolding will remain in place for the duration of the tower work. Thanks go out to all those who have so generously provided funds for this important project. We welcome everyone to take part in the restoration and renewal of this special building.
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

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Events At/Near St. Anselm Parish

**Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon**
Persons with special needs (shut-ins, developmentally disabled, etc.) who would enjoy fellowship are cordially invited to the Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon on **February 10th**. This event will be held at Marin Catholic High School, 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield. Mass will begin at noon in the Chapel, followed by lunch and entertainment in the Student Center. Sponsors are The Order of Malta Western Association. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are requested. **RSVP:** Cheryl Giurlani, 415.308.4608 or ferrari1954@yahoo.com

**Have fun while helping support St. Rita’s St. Vincent de Paul 10th Annual Free-Throw Championship**
This event brings together the community in the spirit of neighbors helping other neighbors in need.

**Date:** February 10th  
**Time:** 8:30am-12:00pm (followed by awards presentation)  
**Place:** Drake High Gymnasium  
**Entry Fee:** $5.00 under age 14, $10.00 all others  
Contests and trophies for all grades, all age groups, male and female, parents and children, families!  
All proceeds from this year’s event will go toward helping individuals and families living in the towns of Fairfax, San Anselmo, and San Geronimo Valley to get back on their feet. Help will be provided for food, clothes, utilities, rental assistance, and other basic living requirements.  
Apply in person at the event or if you want to sign-up/pay/donate ahead of time, email George Maloney at redmaloney@sbcglobal.net
Confirmation Retreat
On Saturday, January 20\textsuperscript{th}, our 20 Confirmandi had a wonderful time at Dominican University for their Retreat. The Youth played fun icebreakers, had serious discussions, heard testimonies, and had time to center themselves and pray. Overall, a wonderful retreat. They truly are a great group, and, God willing, this retreat was a way for them to strengthen their faith and grow in community together. Our youth will be Confirmed on Saturday, April 28\textsuperscript{th}. 
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