Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

-- Jeremiah 23:5a
Dear Parishioners,

When the apostles returned from their mission, they reported to Jesus all they had done. Jesus invited them to come to a deserted place and rest. They were so busy that they did not even have time to eat. William Barclay calls this ‘the rhythm of the Christian life’; being active with people and retiring to solitude. It is just like time spent in work and sleep. Both are absolutely needed. In Christian life we can call it work and prayer. A mature and balanced Christian life is when a person can have a healthy balance between work and prayer.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

FROM SABBATH TO THE REST OF THE WEEK

Taking Sabbath to heart has a significant impact on the way in which we live our lives, practically and spiritually. The practical part is evident on the surface. Setting aside time for Sunday Mass, quiet, and time with others requires planning and commitment. There is a practical dimension to the physical and emotional benefits of such time away from the stress and busyness of our daily lives as well. The spiritual impact of Sabbath may take a little while to begin to perceive. When we put God first in our lives, everything else falls into place in a different, holier way. We begin to see God's grace in the daily circumstances of our lives, and to grow in understanding of what we are to do and how we are called to act. We know who we are in God's sight, and whose we are, as children of God.

Going on vacation? Go to www.masstimes.org to locate a church near you. An easy way to be sure that St. Anselm receives your Offertory while you are away is by going onto the church website and signing-up to make electronic fund donations. Thank you!

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675
1st Collection: $4,426
2nd Collection: Building & Maintenance-$1,238
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625.00
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. Vincent de Paul-July 29
Building & Maintenance-August 19
St. Anselm School– September 2

SOLITUDE- Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself.
--St. Teresa
St. Anselm Summer Luncheon—“Take Two”
Back by popular demand…
Are you free for lunch on July 25th? Join fellow members of our St. Anselm Community for a Summer Luncheon in our Church Courtyard. Enjoy good food and great company!

Date: Wednesday, July 25th
Time: 12:00pm
Place: St. Anselm Church Courtyard
RSVP by July 23rd
(Call Sissy at our parish office at 415-453-2342 or email st.anselmoffice@att.net)

Cursillo Weekend
Women’s Cursillo– November 8-11
Men’s Cursillo– November 15-18
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. Questions?
Please email Cathy Cunningham at info@saintanselm.org.

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

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Movie and a Potluck
You are cordially invited to attend the screening of the 2018 Hollywood blockbuster, Paul, Apostle of Christ. Come join us Sunday, July 29th after the 5pm mass for the screening. Since it will be around dinner time, we will have a potluck dinner. We will provide pizza and some drinks. Feel free to bring any dish, dessert, or drink you would like to share with the group. This event is open to all ages (Parents - please be advised that this movie is PG-13). We look forward to seeing you. Feel free to invite any people outside our community who you think will like to attend.
Contact Natalie for more information DRE@saintanselm.org.

Green Tip: These beautiful weekends make hopping on our bikes irresistible! How about including a bike ride to Mass on Sunday? The bike rack in the church parking lot is waiting for you. Bring your lock, of course.

5 reasons to ride your bike to church:
1– Wake Up & Unwind: It’s better than morning coffee. Get the metabolism moving and jump start your mind
2- Smell the Wildflowers: Become more aware of your natural surroundings and notice all the beauty God has gifted you.
3- Save Money: With average gas prices on the rise, it adds up quickly.
4– Get Fit & Lose Weight: The more you ride, the more ice cream you can eat.
5– Protect the Environment: You’ll be one less car on the road. Help cut greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the nation’s dependence on oil. Put the bike rack in the church parking lot to good use.

CENTERING PRAYER–Everyone is welcome!
Prayer is when you talk to God; meditation is when you listen to God. Come Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30, to Centennial Hall and experience how wonderful, peaceful, and contemplative Centering Prayer is.
Please direct questions to Dolores O’ Halloran at 415-454-3496

MUCH-NEEDED PRAYER-Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.--St. Francis de Sales
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

July 25-Summer Luncheon II-12:00-Courtyard
July 29-Movie Night & Potluck- After 5:00pm Mass– Centennial Hall
August 18-19-Wine & Cheese after 5:00pm Mass-Hall
August 22-Back to School

Events Near St. Anselm Parish

Together in Holiness Marriage Enrichment Conference: Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 9:00AM to 3:30PM, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont, CA
The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 3rd annual Together in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage & Family Life. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Speakers include Dr. John & Mrs. Claire Grabowski, Rev. Joseph Illo, and Dr. Chris Stravitsch. On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: $59/couple or $35/individual. An early bird discount is available until August 20 and scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email conference coordinator Susie Lopez at susie@forlifeandfamily.org.

Catholic Pilgrimages to the Shrines of Spain and The Holy Land
Spain, September 10 - 21, 2018, $4,049.00 per person including air from San Francisco.
Holy Land, November 7 - 17, 2018, $4,049.00 per person including air from San Francisco.
Most meals included. Holy Mass daily at the Shrines.
For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 1-800-773-2660

St. Vincent de Paul Society Vehicle Program
St. Vincent de Paul of Marin has launched a new vehicle donation program in collaboration with SVDP National’s vehicle vendor, CARS. If you have a car that you would like to donate for a tax deduction, you can call 800-322-8284 or go online and fill out the donation form at http://vinnies.careasy.org/HOME.html. Your gift supports the SVDP Free Dining Room in San Rafael which serves over 500 meals daily.
Mary of Magdala is perhaps the most maligned and misunderstood figure in early Christianity. In Christian art and hagiography, Mary has been romanticized, allegorized, and mythologized beyond recognition. Since the fourth century, she has been portrayed as a prostitute and public sinner who, after encountering Jesus, repented and spent the rest of her life in private prayer and penitence.

Nowhere in scripture is Mary of Magdala identified as a public sinner or a prostitute. Instead, scripture shows her as the primary witness to the most central events of Christian faith. It was impossible to relate the story of the Resurrection without including “Mary, the one from Magdala.” Luke 8:1-3 tells us that Mary traveled with Jesus in the Galilean discipleship and, with Joanna and Susanna, supported his mission from her own financial resources. In the synoptic gospels, Mary leads the group of women who witness Jesus’ death, burial, the empty tomb, and His Resurrection. The synoptic gospels contrast Jesus’ abandonment by the male disciples with the faithful strength of the women disciples who, led by Mary, accompany Him to His death. John’s gospel names Mary of Magdala as the first to discover the empty tomb and shows the Risen Christ sending her to announce the Good News of His Resurrection to the other disciples. This prompted early church Fathers to name her “the Apostle to the Apostles.”

What Happened? Why are contemporary Christians uninformed about Mary’s faithful discipleship and prominent leadership role in the infant church? One explanation is a common misreading of Luke’s Gospel which tells us that “seven demons had gone out of her.” (Luke 8:1-3) To first century ears, this meant only that Mary had been cured of serious illness, not that she was sinful. According to biblical scholars such as Sr. Mary Thompson, illness was commonly attributed to the work of evil spirits, although not necessarily associated with sinfulness. The number seven symbolized that her illness was either chronic or very severe.

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