Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first born of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.
-- Revelation 1:5

| Mass Schedule: | Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,  
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm |
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| Weekday Mass:  | Monday through Friday 8:00am  
(Tuesday 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 |
| Baptistm:       | 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,

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. When we hear the word king, we almost spontaneously think in terms of familiar structures of political power. We think of presidents, prime ministers and other rulers, who have political power over a country and its people. When we look at Jesus, we think of power and dominion in a different way. In the Gospel reading of today, Jesus responds to Pilate, “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” What sort of power does Jesus have over this world? What we celebrate today is not a concept of kingship, but our recognizing Christ as the rule and norm of our daily living and our letting his values become our values. Obviously, this is not the rule or norm of our society, as the craze of Black Friday and the shopping season ahead of us lets us know. Are the values of our society the values of Christ? We will know Christ the king is ruling our world when his values become our values!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because the Holy Day lands on a Saturday, we will have a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th, at 5:30pm and then an 8:00am Mass on Saturday, December 8th.

From our Office of Worship: "When consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations."

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675
1st Collection: See next week’s Bulletin
2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development:
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625.00
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections: Building & Maintenance Fund– November 25
St. Anselm School-December 2

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill:
For the Repose of the Soul of: Victims of Natural Disasters
For Our Military: Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, John Loughran, William Ghiringhelli

PROPER ROLE
Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant.
--P. T. Barnum
St. Anselm’s Adopt a Family
28th Annual Christmas Appeal!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our “giving tree” over the past 28 years. Again this year we are reaching out to our generous parishioners of the St. Anselm Church community to help us fulfill Christmas wishes for local families in need. On December 1st & 2nd, please take a gift request tag from our “giving tree”, return the tag attached to the wrapped gift to the church by December 8th & 9th and no later than December 15th & 16th. Financial donations are always appreciated and can be made by picking up an Adopt a Family envelope from the vestibule of the Church. Help spread Christmas Cheer to others in need. THANK YOU very much.

Questions please call: Paulette 415 453-9596

ATTENTION LECTORS– Please pick up your 2019 Workbook from the back of the church. Please take the one with your name on it. Thank you for your continued dedication to such a vital Ministry in our Parish.

The 2019 Religious Art Calendars can be picked up in the Vestibule. We ask that each family take one calendar. We would like to thank Ed Leon at Monte’s Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home for his continuous generosity in donating these beautiful calendars to our Parish. Thank you.

GRATITUDE
What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God?
--Coventry Patmore

Advent Program,
December 2nd, 3pm.
Church
Actor Frank Runyeon presents The 3½ Stories of Christmas, a joy-filled story of light coming into the world, told from the angel’s point of view with laughter and music. Runyeon is a noted actor and performer of Biblical texts who in addition to numerous television credits, such as All My Children, studied at Fuller Seminary and Yale Divinity School. Adults and children of all ages are invited to join us for a thoughtful and entertaining program. Christmas treats will be served.

'Tis the Season for Wreaths & Gingerbread Houses
Help support the St. Anselm School community by purchasing a Holiday Wreath and/or Gingerbread House to enhance your holiday décor.

Following Saturday and Sunday masses the weekend of Nov.
24th Holiday Wreaths will be sold immediately outside the church. Then on Sunday, Dec. 2nd at 11:00am join the St. Anselm School community in Centennial Hall to decorate your own Gingerbread House for the holidays! This is a fun way to celebrate the season and get into the merriment of the holidays. And, don't forget you can also get a "to-go" house if you can't make the event or you want a fun holiday gift for family or friends. Reserve a house online at www.stanselmschool.com and go to community, events and click on the link. or stop by the St. Anselm school office and complete a registration form. Questions – email Angela Quinlan at angmquinlan@gmail.com

Healing Mass at St. Anselm Church,
Saturday,
December 15th 5:00pm
There will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. You are encouraged to come to this special anointing and to bring anyone with you who might, also, benefit from this special Mass.
A Wine & Cheese Reception to follow in Centennial Hall. If a ride is needed, please call the office 415-453-2342

ORIGINALLITY–Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others. --St. Peter Julian Eymard
**St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events**

December 2 – Advent Performance– Live Gospel Presentation by actor Frank Runyeon-3:00–Church

December 2 – Decorate Gingerbread Houses-11:00–Hall

December 15 – Healing Mass-5:00pm– Wine & Cheese Reception to follow-Hall

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**Events Near St. Anselm Parish**

**Luke’s Gospel:** Four-week course, Tuesday nights or Wednesday mornings, beginning Nov. 27/28, 6:30 pm or 10 am. Sr. Adele Gerlach, OP, at the Dominican Sisters Center, 1520 Grand, San Rafael. Call 415-453-8303 to register or for more information.

**Just Be-atitudes - December 8**

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Healy Hall St. Patrick Parish, Larkspur

Sr. Margaret Diener, Executive Director of the Santa Sabina Center, will guide us in reflection on the Beatitudes on this Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The morning will end with a simple lunch ($5 contribution). Please RSVP to Anna Biggio at (415) 388-1998 or sonoioann@gmail.com. Hosted by the Italian Catholic Federation; open to everyone who is interested in deepening their faith during Advent.

Persons with special needs (shut-ins, developmentally disabled, etc.) who would enjoy fellowship are cordially invited to the Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon on **December 15, 2018**. This event will be held at Marin Catholic High School, 675 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield, with Mass 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 cherylgiurlani@gmail.com.

**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](http://vinnies.careasy.org/HOME.html). Your gift supports the SVDP Free Dining Room in San Rafael which serves over 500 meals daily.
St. Anselm Christmas Pageants - Christmas is coming and the children and youth of our parish are rehearsing and giving their all to put together a wonderful reenactment of the birth of our Savior. Mark your calendars!

**Sunday, December 16th at the 10am Mass**
Reenactment by Religious Education & First Communion program

**Sunday, December 16th at the 5pm Mass**
Reenactment by Youth Ministry & Confirmation Program

Our Lady of Guadalupe - On December 12th, 1531 at Tepeyac Hill, Mexico City the people received the gift of the sacred image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is the first and only image we have of our Blessed Mother that is not manmade. It is a self-portrait that she left for us to draw us closer to her, so she can help lead us to her Son. During this time (1531) many Aztecs in the area were performing human sacrifice for their gods. Missionaries tried to convert them to our Lord but were unsuccessful. When Our Lady gave us her image it converted 5 million Aztecs within 3 years.

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Sunday, December 9th at the 10am mass.** We invite all parishioners to bring a rose or flower to offer to Our Lady at the beginning of the mass and join us for a Mexican inspired reception in the parish hall.
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