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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, John Loughran, William Ghiringhelli

Sick Relatives & Friends

Home is where the family is- The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
To help you calculate your assessment for your contribution, we have prepared an AAA giving table.

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Christmas Flowers Donated In Memory Of:
Matthew Hubal, Salvador & Matilda Olivares, Helen & Larry Hubal, George Muller, Tom Cieply, Ann Smith, Peter R. Giorgi, Anthony Cogandro
Christmas Flowers Donated In Honor Of:
Linda Spediacci, Muller Family, Gloria Giorgi

"Let us not speak of charity; let us rather do it; let us help the poor."
The Fairfax and San Anselmo chapters of the St. Vincent’s de Paul Society attempt to answer this call by helping our neighboring senior citizens, families, children who are in need and living on the economic margins of our community.
Mary is 70 plus year old single woman who has been helped by SVdP. She will lose her apartment on Jan. 1st. If we cannot find housing she will become homeless. Mary is quiet and responsible and can afford a modest monthly rent for a room, an in-law apartment or whatever housing accommodations can be offered to her.
We are asking parishioners in the Ross Valley area if they have or know of any housing resources that might be available for Mary.
Please call Jack Hayes at 415-454-6420.

MOC in the News, Again - Renting in Marin is challenging. There is a lack of housing availability and, before the last year or so, no renter protections. The Marin Organizing Committee (MOC), 21 institutions, including St. Anselm, which work together around issues that affect the whole community, has been advocating for renter protections to be implemented throughout the County. We focused on three ordinances: Source of Income (which bans rental ads from saying ‘No Section 8’ or Veteran’s Vouchers) gives renters a chance to be judged on their own merits; Mandatory Mediation (requires owners to meet with renters when the rent is raised over 5%) and Just Cause Eviction (if a landlord has more than 3 units they must have a reason to evict someone). Last week the Board of Supervisors passed the third ordinance – Justice Cause Eviction – capping a multi-year effort of research and advocacy. San Anselmo, Fairfax and San Rafael have passed at least one of the ordinances, and MOC will be advocating before all county cities and towns to see if they will do the same. MOC stood up for a group of renters who received 65% rent increases, just as it did earlier this year for renters facing a 40% increase. MOC did this by bringing the issue before the public (meetings, press conference, and San Rafael City Council meeting). MOC also brought together renters and city and county officials. The officials agreed to work with the owners on their behalf. The reality is that most of renters will eventually have to move, but it wasn't the week before school started (67 affected students) or during Christmas. If you would like to learn more about MOC, contact Deacon Bernie O’Halloran (berniohall@yahoo.com, 415-454-3496) or Pat Langley, 117plangley@gmail.com.
### St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
February 9 – First Reconciliation – 10:00am  
May 4 – First Communion – 10:00am  
May 12 – Confirmation – 2:00pm

### Events Near St. Anselm Parish

Register for Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral Saturday, February 9, 2019, 10:00 am St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco  
Ed Hopfner, Office of Marriage and Family Life 415-614-5547 hopfner@sfarch.org The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 9 at the Cathedral. All couples who in 2019 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0 (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) and all couples married more than 40 years, are invited to celebrate with us. Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P. will be the principal celebrant. Register at anniversarymass.info or call 415-614-5547 for more information.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE RETREAT** “For all that has been — Thanks-For all that will be — Yes!”  
Dag Hammarskjold  
**Monday December 31, 2018** NEW TIME for this retreat! 7:00pm - 10:30pm Reflection Eucharist  
Festive Dessert (provided by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose)  
Free will offering  
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Chapel 43326 Mission Circle (of Mission Tierra) Fremont, CA 94539  

**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.

**The Catholic Adult Singles Association of Marin** is a group of 50+ single or single again Catholics who are interested in making new friends, taking part in social activities, sharing opportunities for spiritual growth and becoming involved in volunteer projects that will benefit our parishes, our community, and one another. We welcome those who are interested. For Membership & Event information, please call Bob at 415 897-0639
Children’s Christmas Pageant
On Sunday, December 16\textsuperscript{th} at the 10am Mass our Religious Education and First Communion Programs reenacted our Lord’s Nativity, reminding us that Christmas is a time to remember the greatness of God’s love. Thank you to all the children who gave their time and talents to make this reenactment possible.

Youth Christmas Pageant
Our Confirmation class, Youth Ministry, along with some young helpers, delighted parishioners at the 5pm Mass with a wonderful reenactment of our Lord’s Nativity. The highlight was definitely when the Magnificat was sung by Emma McNeill and Nathan O’Halloran. Thank you to all who made this possible.
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