Mass Schedule:  Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,  
                    Sunday  8:00am, 10:00am, and 5:00pm  
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  
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  

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
Dear Parishioners,  
In the Gospel reading of this Sunday Jesus goes to his synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath. Jesus read a passage from the prophet Isaiah. The prophet speaks about the mission of the Messiah. Jesus said, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” He was letting the congregation know that he was the Messiah. The people who listened to him knew him and his family. Jesus was the son of Joseph, the carpenter. They could not accept that the words of the prophet Isaiah could be applied to Jesus. He was just like any one who lived in the unknown town of Nazareth. So, they decided to do away with him. This foreshadows the ultimate fate of Jesus: his crucifixion and his death. In the Gospels we read that Jesus was not able to perform any miracles in his home town of Nazareth because of their lack of faith. When we look at our lives we realize that God did indeed work many miracles in our lives. God continues to work miracles even today. But, God can work these miracles in our lives only if we have faith, only if we believe in the power of Jesus!

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

**Catholic Schools Week** begins this Sunday with the 10:00am Mass, followed by an Open House at the school, 11:30-1:00. Drop by and see all of the work, as well as the fun, that takes place at our parish school. On Monday, January 28th, the students, faculty and staff will show their appreciation to our wonderful clergy: Fr. Jose, our Pastor, Fr. Francis, Deacon Bernie, Deacon Ed, and Deacon Bob. Our clergy will be honored at the morning Salutes and given cards and posters, handmade by the students, with words of gratitude and acknowledgments for all that they do for our St. Anselm Community.

**St. Anselm Church Stewardship**  
Registered Parishioner Families 2018-1675  
*Collection*: 1/06 -$3,867; 1/13-$4,213  
1/20- $2,978  
*2nd Collection*: Building & Maintenance-$1,346  
*Electronic Weekly Donations*: $2,625.00  
*Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations*  
*Second Collections*:  
St. Patrick Seminary– February 3  
Building & Maintenance– February 17  
St. Anselm School – March 3

** MASS INTENTIONS **

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

**For the Repose of the Soul of:** John Komo, Jeff Scales, Errol Friedman, Greg Friedman

**For Our Military:** Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Sean Courtz, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, John Loughran, William Ghiringhelli, Daniel Lowe

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday**: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- **Tuesday**: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- **Wednesday**: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- **Thursday**: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- **Friday**: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- **Saturday**: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- **Sunday**: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

**BROKEN BRIDGES-** When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.  
--George Herbert
**School News**

**Congratulations** to our St. Anselm School students who won awards for the Annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Essay Contest. We are so proud of you!

**Grades 1 & 2**
- Grand Prize– Husdson Hertel
- Honorable Mention– Matthew Warmby

**Grades 3 & 4**
- 1st Prize– Conner Baird
- Honorable Mention– Grace Bassso & Chiara Machotka-Farley

**Grades 5 & 6**
- Honorable Mention
- Dempsey Boone

**Grades 7 & 8**
- 1st Prize– Alessandra Alioto
- Honorable Mention
- Gracyn Lovette

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**“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 Feb. 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.

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**Middle School Youth Ministry:** St. Anselm Church cordially invites all Middle School youth to join our new youth ministry group. We meet every fourth Sunday in our parish hall from 6pm-7:30pm. Dinner and Snacks are included.

OPEN TO ALL 6th-8th graders. A ministry focused on service.

If interested contact Natalie at DRE@saintanselm.org to add your youth to our contact list.

Our first meeting is a Meet & Greet Youth Social on Sunday, January 27th from 6pm-7:30pm.

*In the parish hall
*Parent drop off
*Bring a friend

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**You are cordially invited to St. Anselm’s**

**VALENTINE TEA PARTY**

**Thursday, February 14th**

3:00-4:30 P.M.

CENTENNIAL HALL

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TEA-CUP

SUGGESTED DONATION-$5.00

THANK YOU

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**Theology on Tap**

Interesting Voices... Good Conversation... Fellowship...

Starting Soon!

Drinks...

Appetizers...

Theology on Tap!
**St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events**

February 9 – First Reconciliation – 10:00am
February 14 – Valentine Tea Party – 3:00pm Hall
February 16-17 – Wine & Cheese – after 5:00pm Mass – Hall
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.

2019 Catholic Men’s Conference - Saturday, March 9, 2019, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm St. Bartholomew Church, 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo Ed Hopfner Hopfner@sfarch.org 415-614-5680 SFBayMen.info The Bay Area Catholic Men’s Conference in 2018 was a great success—2019 will be even better. Join men from around the Bay Area to be energized and inspired by an outstanding lineup of speakers. The day includes Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Robert F. Christian O.P., and opportunities for Confession. Registration includes lunch; “early-bird” registration is open now and available until the end of January. Fathers are encouraged to bring their sons (teens) for a reduced rate. For more information, and registration, visit the website, above. With questions, contact Ed Hopfner, above.

**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.

**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
Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, In Your love and providence, You call each of us to a more holy and abundant life. We pray for our young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a priest, Brother, or Sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your challenging call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen

Miracles do happen and I believe in them. I arrived at the Theological seminary unaware that it was Presbyterian, but then there was a Catholic community two blocks away. This gladdened my heart. Fr Jose has been kind and generous, and as we would say in my culture: “thank him for me.”

I’m the third of five siblings and the others are married with children. Just before leaving Nigeria, I served as the director and superior of the Redemptorist retreat center for seven years. I have also served on the mission to the island of Dominica and as associate pastor at various parochial ministry.

These past two and half years has been fulfilling and the Graduate Theological Union is indeed the place to study Spirituality. Presently I’m branching out into Advanced Theology. My goal, however, for acquiring these degrees is to better serve the people of God.

I’m grateful for the opportunity to participate in the parish ministry here in St. Anselm. You are indeed a beloved community. As St Paul says in Eph 4:3: “let us do all that we can to preserve the unity that we have in Christ Jesus.”

May this New Year be a blessing for everyone and may we be light unto one another.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Francis Okoroafor
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