The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
-- Isaiah 50:7a
Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday is the beginning of a week unlike any other week in the calendar. The entire city of Jerusalem gathers to welcome their Messiah. A few days later, the same men and women and the followers of Jesus abandon him. His followers go into hiding. Bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ at the Last Supper. Signs of love and affection, like a kiss, become a sign of betrayal. Enemies like Herod and Pilate become friends. An innocent man is found guilty while a murderer like Barabbas goes free. What appears to be a total failure in the crucifixion of Jesus becomes the greatest victory—Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. This is what we commemorate and celebrate during this Holy Week. May we conclude our Lenten journey in a prayerful way. May the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection make us a people of hope!

Yours Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor.
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION-
The **Chnism Mass** is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop’s ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, the unscented olive oil for catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same liturgy and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum.

Remember when Noah’s dove returned with the sign of the world’s rebirth? The dove carried an olive branch, a pledge that God was breathing the world to life again. Yet olives require human nurture. Olives are inedible unless they are cured by human labor. Olive trees grow on sunny slopes, away from the shade of city walls, so they can only be properly tended, cured, and laboriously pressed in peace time. The Chrism Mass with its olive oils expresses God’s deepest desires for us, and our resolve to place our lives in service to God’s saving, healing, loving plan.

**ESSENTIAL REDUCTION**
All my theology is reduced to this narrow compass: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

--Archibald Alexander

**Earth Day**

On Monday, April 22nd, St. Anselm Parish will recognize and celebrate Earth Day with a picnic and hike at Lake Lagunitas. If you are interested in joining us, please meet at the Rectory parking lot at 10:00am to carpool. Please bring your own lunch and drink and, if you would like, a snack to share. The parish will provide dessert.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS**

Taize is a contemplative prayer service based on the worship of the ecumenical monastic Christian community in Taizé, France. The service consists of scripture, music, candlelight, and meditation. We’ve been blessed at St. Anselm to have this 30 to 45 minute service on Good Friday evening at 7:30pm, led by Dolores and Deacon Bernie O’Halloran and Janet Garvin. It is much loved for the quiet contemplation it invokes.

**Deciding Our Legacy**

Fr. David Pettingill
Saturday, April 27
10am till Noon
Centennial Hall

When members of St. Anselm’s MOC (Marin Organizing Team) met with Fr. David Pettingill to talk about his presentation, many laughs were shared as we discussed the topic of Legacy – how we will be remembered. We invite you to join us on Saturday, April 27, 10am for his presentation and to share in a discussion of Deciding Our Legacy.

Fr. Dave referenced a T. S. Eliot quote: “Where is the Life…, Where is the wisdom…, Where is the knowledge…” Questions we all may ask as we reflect on our lives. Come with your reflections!

We would appreciate an RSVP to help us plan for the event; call Sissy at the rectory: 415-453-2342.

**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.

**Teachings on Tap**

St. Anselm Church is so excited to extend an invitation to all adults 21 and up for our new monthly ministry called **Teachings on Tap.** We meet every third Thursday of the month at a local restaurant for appetizers, drinks and conversation about God. Our next outing is scheduled for **May 16**th from 6:30pm-7:45pm (location TBD). Must RSVP to Dre@saintanselm.org by May 6th.
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### Events Near St. Anselm Parish

**ST. RITA LENTEN LECTURE SERIES 2019**

“The Future of Life on Earth”
Reflections on the 4th Anniversary of *Laudato Si’*

**April 16, 7:00pm**

*“Classical Music and Quiet Reflection in Holy Week”— Michael McCarty, grand piano; Peter Chase, violin*

The evenings begin with a Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall, followed by the Lenten Lecture.

Location: St. Rita Church, 100 Marinda Dr, Fairfax, 94930

All are invited. For further information and Soup Supper reservations, please call: 415-456-4815

**If you are able to offer a ride to others or are in need of a ride to the Lectures, please call the Rectory-415-453-2342**

**Centering Prayer-The Sacred Gaze—**

With Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP

“Interior prayer can open us to the experience of God gazing upon us as we truly are.”

**Saturday, April 27, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Duncan Hall, 1123 Court Street, San Rafael, CA 94903

Refreshments, coffee/tea will be offered. There is no cost, but a free-will offering is most welcome. There will be a 20-minute meditation at the end of the presentation. For more information contact Richard Olive at ollipops@comcast.net.

### Save the Date-Sunday, May 5, 2019

**15th Annual Bocce Picnic and Tournament Benefiting the Society of St. Vincent De Paul—St. Raphael’s & St. Isabella’s Conferences**

Please join us for a day of fun, including a great BBQ lunch with all of the fixins’. Most importantly, you will be helping a worthy cause with 100% of the proceeds supporting the St. Vincent De Paul’s charity activities. Thank you for your continued support. For more information, please contact Dean DiGiovanni @ 485-3855 or John Zeiter @ 479-3286
Come to the Triduum. Come for your faith, for your spiritual renewal, and for the Lord.

With today’s celebration of Palm Sunday, we have entered Holy Week. These days are the most solemn and reflective of the Church’s year. Often, we are aware that Lent is the preparation for Easter, so we view Easter as simply the culmination of Lent. Take advantage of the opportunities this week to witness beautiful and meaningful celebrations of God’s redeeming love.

The word “triduum,” in Latin, means “three days,” and refers to Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. During these three days, we celebrate the central mystery of our faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In reality, there is only one liturgy spread over three days which begins with the sign-of-the-cross and greeting at the beginning of Mass on Holy Thursday and concludes with one final blessing and dismissal at the end of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The whole mystery is too great to do everything at once! These three days are intimately tied together and form a unity which builds dramatically to the crescendo of Easter. In these three days, we celebrate the Passover of Christ from death to eternal life.

All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to attend all three “movements” of the Holy Week liturgy.

**Holy Thursday night, 7:30pm,** we celebrate our Lord’s institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. We watch and pray with him in the Garden. Anyone in the congregation who would like to partake in the “washing of the feet” is welcome. We depart from this celebration in silence as Jesus is arrested and taken from us. Everyone is welcome to be with the Lord in Adoration in Centennial Hall until 10pm.

**Good Friday,** we gather to remember His saving death on the cross. We recount the Passion and we venerate the cross, seeing in it the way to salvation. **12:00pm** Living Stations of the Cross, **1:00pm** Meditations & Prayer-followed by Good Friday Liturgy, **7:30pm** Taize Prayer Service.

Then, on the most sacred night of the year, we experience the joy of the Resurrection and Easter at the **Holy Saturday Vigil-8:00pm.** Fire and water are blessed. Hundreds of flames from candles dispel the darkness of sin and death. New life is brought forth in Baptism, and the Spirit is called down in Confirmation for our RCIA candidates. **Easter Sunday** is a continuation of the celebration that began in the stillness of the night. **Masses are offered at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.**
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