July 14, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

Christ Jesus ...is the head of the body, the Church.
- Colossians 1:15, 18
Dear Parishioners,

Jesus begins the parable of the Good Samaritan with these words, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.” Jesus does not attach any social or religious labels to him. It is reasonable to assume that he was a Jew. Jesus does not say whether he was a good man or a bad man, rich or poor. Those considerations are quite irrelevant. He was a person, a human being and that is all that matters. Through this parable Jesus is saying, “Our neighbor is anyone who needs help.” Jesus reduced the Ten Commandments to just two, ‘Love of God and love of one’s neighbor’. Each of us has the capacity to care and to love. It is within our power to say a kind word, to offer a little sympathy, to give a little support and to love. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho represents the road of life. At the end of the story Jesus tells the lawyer, “Go and do likewise.” And since we are on that same road, He gives us the same message, “Go and do likewise!”

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

Going on vacation?
Go to www.mastimes.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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Bonaventure
Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis
Saturday: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2019- 1675
1st Collection: $6,160
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625

Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
July 21 – Building & Maintenance

Mass Intentions

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Judie McDonald, Ed Bennett, Grace Komo, Marietta Oliver

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 -- 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 -- 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Registration is Now Open!

Religious Education – Tk-7th grade
First Communion – 2nd grade and up
Confirmation – 8th grade and up

*Any adults or confirmed youth who would like to be in our teaching rotation, please contact us. We would love to have you on our team.

Please visit our webpage to access the registration forms for all three programs. Contact Natalie at Dre@saintanselm.org for more information.

Teachings on Tap
St. Anselm Church is so excited to extend an invitation to all adults 21 and up for our monthly ministry called Teachings on Tap. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant for appetizers, drinks and conversation about God. Our next outing is scheduled for July 17th from 6:30pm-7:45pm (location TBD). Must RSVP to Dre@saintanselm.org by July 15th.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Are you interested in the Catholic Faith?
Do you need to know more about Catholicism before making a commitment?
Are you already Catholic but have not received all the sacraments?
If you answered, YES, to at least one of these three questions, contact DRE@saintanselm.org.

MARRIED COUPLES: The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is Aug 9-11, 2019 in San Francisco, CA. For more information and/or to register for the Weekend, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org.

St. Anselm Youth Ministry
St. Anselm Church cordially invites all Middle & High School youth to join our new youth ministry group focused on the call to discipleship through the works of service. The youth will be involved in various fund raising throughout the year to support the various activities of the Youth Group and to support worthy, charitable and humanitarian causes. The youth group decided to use the majority of the funds they raise this year to support organizations that work to End Human Trafficking.

We meet every fourth Sunday in our parish hall from 6pm-7:30pm. Dinner and Snacks are included. OPEN TO ALL youth. If interested contact Natalie at DRE@saintanselm.org.

Adventure Camp: Around the World in 80 days
St. Anselm Church is excited to announce its first Summer Camp adventure. Children K-4th grade are invited for a 4 day camp around the world: Africa, Mexico, Asia, and Europe. Culturally sensitive music, dance, history, and snacks fill the day.

Monday July 15th– 18th
9am-2pm
$35/day
*8am drop off welcome for $10 extra
*Snack included
*Please bring own lunch

RSVP by emailing Natalie: Dre@saintanselm.org
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events
And “Save The Date”

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Family Movie Night
Hosted by Youth Ministry

- **Date:** Friday, July 19th
- **Time:** 6pm
- **Location:** Parish Hall
- **Cost:** FREE to attend– but donation based concession stand
- **Age:** Open to all ages
- **Movie Screening:** Around the World in 80 days

St. Anselm’s is part of a group of institutions that prepare dinner for up to 70 housing insecure individuals at the First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael on Tuesday nights. **Our next dinner is July 23.** We start preparing dinner at 4pm and clean-up is generally finished by 7:30pm. Some volunteers start at 4, others at 5. If you would like to be part of the team of 15 (middle and high school students are welcomed to join an adult family member) or would like more information, contact Pat Langley. Call: 415-453-4460.

The parish **Spiritual Life Committee** plans to sponsor a series of **Community Conversations** based upon Conversation Starters suggested by Commonweal Magazine. Each session will probably last about two hours, and will deal with a single topic around the Church, spirituality, or social justice. Prior to each session, participants will be provided with a series of articles or other readings that will deepen our familiarity with the session’s topic. Deacon Bob will facilitate the Conversation.

Please email Deacon Bob for more information:
robt88@gmail.com.

We hope you’ll find these Community Conversations interesting and thought-provoking.
Excuses, Excuses

If you get pulled over for speeding, you might have several excuses to use, but did you ever say that you didn't know you had to obey the speed limit? As the saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse. That is what Moses is telling the people in the first reading. The laws of God are not difficult to understand. Anyone with a conscience should be able to live with them.

By the time of Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees had added many more laws. The scholar who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew what was important: loving God with all your being and loving your neighbor as yourself. If he had stopped there, he would have been all right. But by asking "Who is my neighbor?" he implied that there are limits to love. That's why Jesus used the parable of the good Samaritan to show that love is as simple as helping someone in need.

Even today, we find people making excuses for not doing what God asks of us. We want someone else to interpret it for us, hoping they will find a loophole we can use to ignore God's commands. We judge people who need help, saying they choose to be poor or homeless. We say that between work and family obligations, we have no time to give to the community. We sign our kids up for so many sports that we don't even go to church on Sundays. We always have time to watch our favorite TV shows, but there's never enough time for daily prayers.

Before you start beating yourself up with guilt, remember that God expects us to take care of our families, to spend time with our children, and even to take time to rest and relax. If we are willing to look at our lives and bring them to God, asking for guidance, we are making the first steps to keep God's law of love. Even Jesus, whom Paul describes in the second reading as the image of God and source of all creation, had to die on the cross to show God's love to the world. Jesus understands the difficult choices we make. Ask for his help and you shall receive.—Tom Schmidt
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