“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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,

We begin another liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The purpose of Advent is to help us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. The readings of this season tell us how God prepared the people of Israel for the Birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. We are the beneficiaries of all the promises God made to the people of Israel. May this season of advent help us to appreciate the great blessings that God has given us in the person of Jesus Christ. The advent season or the preparation for Christmas is also a very busy time because of all that we do: shopping, buying gifts, exchanging gifts, celebrating with family and friends. May all of us experience, tranquility, joy, peace and hope during these days as we look forward to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but because it falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the Sunday takes precedence. The obligation to attend Mass does not transfer to December 9th.

TIME OF PREPARATION
This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.
—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

LITTLE BLUE BOOK- The “Little Blue Book” is in the back of the church. Please take one home and read the daily stories and reflections for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. What a beautiful and simple way to truly grasp the “Reason for the Season”.

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2019-1568
1st Collection: Refer to next week’s Bulletin
2nd Collection-Campaign For Human Development: $ Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
December 1– St. Anselm School
December 8– Retired Religious
December 15– Building & Maintenance
December 29– St. Vincent de Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Jim Fagundes

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

ADVENT
Let’s approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.
—Anonymous
HIT THE RESET BUTTON- Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God’s love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to take stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us “stay awake” to Christ’s higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent or coming of our Lord.

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to our thoughtful and generous St. Anselm Community for their donations to the Ritter House food drive. Our parishioners donated 130 bags of groceries as well as financial support. The members of St. Anselm Church are perfect examples of what it means to share life’s blessings with those who are less fortunate.

The parish Spiritual Growth Committee is forming a Prayer Petition Group, which will pray each evening for the intentions of anyone who requests our prayers. If you normally set aside time each evening to pray or would like to establish a routine of evening prayer, this is the perfect opportunity for you to begin, continue, or enhance your prayer life while providing a meaningful and comforting service for all those asking for our prayers. There will be no meetings; you’ll simply access a web site where the requested intentions will be posted. Your task is to remember those intentions in your prayers. Requestors will not have your email address, so your participation will be anonymous but definitely appreciated by those who need our prayers. Deacon Bob will acknowledge our praying for the requestors’ intentions, should they choose to receive such an acknowledgement. If this role appeals to you and you’d like to participate, please email Deacon Bob at robt88@gmail.com. He will be in-touch as the group takes shape and will send brief instructions on how to practice this beautiful ministry of prayer.

St. Anselm’s Adopt a Family
29th Annual Christmas Appeal!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported our “giving tree” over the past 29 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 November 30th & December 1st, please take a gift request tag from our “giving tree”, return the tag attached to the wrapped gift to the church by December 7th & 8th and no later than December 14th & 15th. Help spread Christmas Cheer to others in need. THANK YOU very much.

Questions please call: Paulette 415 453-9596

Individual Confessions
Saturday, December 21st - 3:45pm-4:45pm

Christmas Eve Masses: Tuesday, December 24th
4:00pm                                       Children’s Choir
6:00pm                                       Cantor
8:30pm                                       Concert of Carols String Quartet
9:00pm                                       Adult Choir/String Quartet,
                                            Organ & Harpsichord

Christmas Day Masses: Wednesday, December 25th
8:00am                                       Cantor, Organ & Harpsichord
9:30am                                       Concert of Carols String Quartet
10:00am                                      Adult Choir/String Quartet,
                                            Organ & Harpsichord
11:30am                                      Cantor, Organ & Harpsichord

New Year’s Eve Mass: Tuesday, December 31st
8:00am

New Year’s Day Masses: Wednesday, January 1st
8:00am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

School News

You are invited to the St. Anselm School Mistletoe Marketplace. On December 5th from 4pm-8pm the St. Anselm School Gym will be transformed into a festive Christmas Market. Several local vendors will be there with items for everyone on your list. Jewelry, clothing, decorations, hostess gifts, even activities for the kids. Our annual book fair hosted by Copperfield’s Books will also be open in the school library. Get your Christmas shopping done all while supporting St. Anselm School.
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events
And “Save The Date”

December 5–Centering Prayer– 9:30am– 10:30am– Hall
December 8– Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass –10:00am
– Reception to Follow
December 17– Teachings on Tap– 6:30pm-8:30-TBD
December 18– Advent Vespers Program–7:30pm–Church
December 22– Christmas Caroling & Refreshments– following 10:00am Mass– Hall

EVENT DATE - SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 7th 11:00am - 1:00pm
The PTG Sponsored Gingerbread
House Workshop and Wreath Sale is
back! Due to high demand from last
year, we are offering a plan ahead
option where you can pre-order your holiday wreaths and
gingerbread houses. These festive items can be used for
decorations in your home and make wonderful holiday
gifts for friends, family and clients! This event gets you
in the holiday spirit and is a wonderful way to support our
school. Preorder forms will be available as of Monday,
November 4th in the church and school office as well as
the website through the school.

Dates for your Calendar:
The Gingerbread website is up and running to place or-
ders and/or a reserve seating for a spot at the Parish Hall.
Dec 5: Christmas Market at St. Anselm School where
you can preorder Gingerbread House Kits and purchase
holiday wreaths.
Dec 7: Gingerbread Workshop at Parish Hall
11:00am -1:00pm
Dec 6: Pre-ordered Gingerbread Kits will be available
for pick up after 3:00pm at the Parish Hall

For New St Anselm families, here is some additional
information: On Saturday, December 7th we
transform the Parish Hall into a gingerbread house work-
shop. You can book a spot for your kids to create their
holiday masterpiece and keep the mess out of your
kitchen! Come and sip coffee or hot apple cider and
listen to Christmas music as your kids work away.

The Gingerbread House Kit includes the following for
$50: a beautiful gingerbread house sourced from a San
Francisco Bakery, a bucket of decadent frosting from
M&H Bakery, large assortment of the perfectly selected
candies to decorate the entire house. The entire kit comes
wrapped beautifully with holiday ribbon.
Our wreaths are sourced from Oregon, amazing quality
and they come with a hand-tied holiday
festive ribbon. Wreaths are $30 for one,
$50 for two.
Any Questions, please contact Angela
Quinlan at angmquinlan@gmail.com.
Thanks again for your support!
St. Anselm School Gingerbread House Committee
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 15th at the 10am mass- reenactment by Religious Education & First Communion program
Sunday, December 15th 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 preforming 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 8th 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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