**St. Anselm Catholic Church**

**Sunday of Advent**

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

December 22, 2019

**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**

**They shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”**

— Matthew 1:23

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

**Weekday Mass:**
Monday through Friday 8:00am
(Tuesday 8:00am 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.

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May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours;
And may the coming year be filled with happiness.

— Merry Christmas 2019
Dear Parishioners,
On the 4th Sunday of Advent we are presented with the annunciation scene from the Gospel of Mathew. Mathew’s Gospel tells the story from the point of view of Joseph. “She will bear a son” (Mt. 1:21) The story is the same: the virgin will give birth to the messiah. The messiah came to give hope. Christmas is the most beautiful time of the year. People are filled with hope as Christmas approaches. Often it is dictated by commercial interests. When that happens, there will be lots of disappointments on Christmas day. What our hearts should long for is for what the angels announced to the shepherds, “Behold, I bring news of great joy; today a savior has been born to you” This is the real hope of Christmas! Let us open our hearts to receive it!
I would like to wish you a Blessed Christmas!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

EMMANUEL
Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: “Emmanuel: God is with us” and “Jesus: God saves.” The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God’s Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2019- 1568
1st Collection: Refer to next week’s Bulletin
2nd Collection-Building & Maintenance: $2,625
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
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: Jeanne Lynch, Vivian Felton, Joseph Cross, Richard McDonald, Tess McDonald
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: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 7-29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:2-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
On the weekend of Dec. 28 & 29, there will be a second collection for the St. Anselm Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. We are so grateful for the support you have given us over the year and now that Christmas is upon us, we hope that you will be generous in next week’s collection.

Please know that your kind donations make a huge difference in the lives of the families and individuals in our community whom we serve. Our clients often express feelings of being overwhelmed and helpless. Your generosity and prayers enable us to offer them a lifeline of support and hope in the midst of crisis and confusion. We could not do this work without you.

Thank you for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year and in the upcoming collection on December 29.

In gratitude,
Your St. Anselm’s Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Libby Carra, Cari Case, Marlene De Voto, Bill Langley, Elizabeth Melone and Therese Pedemonte

**LAST CALL FOR PARISH SURVEY** - If you haven’t already done so, please consider sharing your thoughts on our parish and the Universal Church by completing our Parish Survey, either with a paper submission or (more conveniently) using the online form, which can be accessed on our parish webiste- https://saintanselm.org/

We want to wrap up the survey collection so that we can share with you the results and begin prioritizing steps we might be able to take to address your suggestions. With that in mind, we need your responses no later than December 31st. Please be assured that all responses remain anonymous - the website form does not collect your email or other identifying information, and providing your name is optional.

We hope you’ll take a few minutes to tell us what you think; your opinions and suggestions mean a great deal to our community.

**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

* This Mass is considered our Family Mass and is very crowded

**A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS**
The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:00am, 12:00pm and 5:30pm.
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events
And “Save The Date”

December 22– Christmas Caroling & Refreshments–
following 10:00am Mass– Hall
December 26- No Centering Prayer
January 2– Centering Prayer– 9:30am– 10:30am– Hall
January 21– Teachings on Tap– 6:30pm– 8:30pm– TBD

The Carmelite Nuns invite you to their Annual Jam Sale. The Sales go until 2/14. We hope you will enjoy the fruits of our labor: Apricot, Peach, Strawberry, Plum–Pear & Bumbleberry Jam And Pear-Apple sauce. (The proceeds are used for the purpose of supporting the Sister’s life of prayer. Questions? call 415-847-3381 -530 Blackstone Dr. San Rafael, 94903. Thank you. God Bless You!

-Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Volunteering with Catholic Charities: Help bring cheer to our formerly homeless Leland House Community residents who have disabling HIV/AIDS. Volunteer to help set-up, clean-up and join in the fun for our Christmas Eve Party, December 24th, 6–8 PM; or our Christmas Day Party, December 25th , 8:30–11:30 AM. Must be 21 or older to volunteer at Leland.
-Bring in the New Year with Brunch with Catholic Charities Families: Help serve brunch and mingle with Catholic Charities families and seniors at our 10th and Mission Family Housing and Edith Witt Community on December 31st from 10 AM – 1 PM.
To volunteer and for more information, contact Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or visit us at www.catholiccharitiessf.org

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality present:
New Year’s Eve Retreat with Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P.
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – 7-10:30pm – Free Will Offering
Dominican Center - 43326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra) Fremont, CA 94539
Register by 12/28/19 http://bit.ly/2019NewYrRtrt or call (510) 933-6360

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference
– Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society. The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Region XI of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick’s Seminary & University, present the second Converging Roads health care ethics conference on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 8:15 am to 6:00 pm at St. Patrick’s Seminary & University. The conference theme is Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. For more information, visit convergingroads.com.
A CHRISTMAS BLESSING- God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.

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