He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way. — Hebrews 2:17a
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE
The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration
Deacon Bernie O’Halloran has been serving our community as one of our parish Deacons for the past 25 years… and counting. His wife, Dolores, participated in the years of classes and training along side Deacon Bernie.

Together, they are vital to both the physical and spiritual well-being and growth of St. Anselm. It is our privilege and honor to celebrate Bernie’s 25th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, February 23rd. Please join us for the 10:00am Mass and a light lunch reception in Centennial Hall following the Mass.

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

For the Repose of the Soul: Adrienne Hale Berardi, Pat Mason, Sr. Colleen Kern, John Smith

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

"Our Prayer Petition group will gladly pray for your intentions; simply use the link on our Parish website (https://saintanselm.org/) or go to https://forms.gle/9C3WH4mtng33qLmn7"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mt 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2020-1565
1st Collection: $6,083
2nd Collection-Latin America: $1,269
Electronic Weekly Donations: $2,625

Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
February 16-Building & Maintenance
March 1–St. Anselm School
This is the time of the year I remind you to think about what you must do to keep yourself well. Think about medical screenings: breast, cervical, prostate, colon, and skin cancers. If you are on blood pressure medications, have your blood pressure checked regularly. If you are a diabetic be sure your blood glucose is checked on a regular basis.

—Remember to get your vaccines: flu, pneumonia (the most recent vaccine) shingles (this is a newer vaccine).

—Make an appointment with your doctor for a wellness check-up. Ask for a thyroid test, if you haven’t had one, a Ca-125 if there is a history of ovarian cancer in your family. Ask the doctor to listen to the sides of your neck, to listen to the blood flow.

—It has come to my attention that many people stop their medicines when ordered for a specific time. The people give the reason, when asked why they stopped, “I felt better.” You Feel Better Because You Are On The MEDICINE!!!! Please do not stop medicines unless you consult your doctor; there can be problems if you just stop certain medicines.

God Bless, Rose

### Youth Mass -
Youth Masses are offered most 2nd & 4th Sundays at our 5pm mass. Here is the tentative schedule: February 9 & 23, March 8 & 22, April 26, May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and August 9 & 23.

**Highlights:** Contemporary Music & Youth Led Roles: greeters, ushers, gift bearers, and readers. Must be in 6th grade or up to have an active role. Please contact [DRE@saintanselm.org](mailto:DRE@saintanselm.org) a week before the scheduled mass to sign your youth up for an active role.

### Youth Ministry -
Our Youth Ministry is open to all 6th-12th graders. Highlights “the 7F’s:” Foster leadership skills, fundraising for a cause (#endHumanTrafficking), Fellowship, Faith Formation, Food, Fun Outings, and Free to attend.

**Schedule (Parish Hall)**
- February 9th - 3:30pm to 4:50pm
- March 8th - 3:30pm to 4:50pm
- April 26th - 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- May 31st - 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Must RSVP two days before attending. Contact Natalie at [DRE@saintanselm.org](mailto:DRE@saintanselm.org)

### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ST. ANSELM’S VALENTINE TEA PARTY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th**
3:00 P.M.-4:30 P.M.
CENTENNIAL HALL

SUGGESTED DONATION-$10.00-
THANK YOU

**Lunch with Friends** - We invite women parishioners (many of us are retired but everyone is welcome) to come to a luncheon on Tuesday, February 4 at Cafe Arrivederci, 11 G St, San Rafael at noon. It is a purely social gathering, no agenda, dues,... just a time to enjoy being with friends and meeting new friends. The cost of the luncheon is $25 (you choose the entree among 3 or more choices). To make reservations, call Tippy (453-8495) or email Pat (plangley@att.net). The group meets the first Tuesday of every even month. If you can't come this month, put it on your calendar for April.

Persons with special needs (shut-ins, developmentally disabled, etc.) who would enjoy fellowship are cordially invited to the **Marin Handicapables Mass and Luncheon on February 22.** This event will be held at St. Anselm Church, 97 Shady Lane, Ross with Mass at noon, followed by lunch and entertainment in Centennial Hall. Sponsors are The Order of Malta Western Association. There is no fee to attend, but reservations are requested. RSVP: Cheryl Giurlani, 415.308.4608 or cherylgiurlani@gmail.com.
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events
And “Save The Date”

February 4– Fr. Joe Eagan– 7:00pm– Hall
February 6– Centering Prayer– 9:30am– 10:30am
- Hall
February 13– Valentine Tea Party—3:00pm–
4:30pm– Hall
February 17– Office Closed– President’s Day
February 18– Teachings on Tap– 6:30pm-8:30pm
Location TBD
February 23– Deacon Bernie’s 25th Anniversary
Ordination to the Deaconate-10:00am
Mass- Reception to follow in the Hall
March 14– Women’s Retreat– Details to follow–
Church & Hall

You are invited to a Mass Celebrating God's
Special People at the Cathedral of St. Mary of
the Assumption, Saturday, February 8th at 11:00
AM, with principal celebrant Archbishop
Cordileone. A reception will follow. Catholic adults
and children with disabilities, and their families and
friends, are invited to participate in a mass designed
for them. Every parish has members with disabilities
– this is a day for all to join in the celebration of
Mass as a community supporting inclusivity of our
special needs brothers and sisters. This Mass sends a
message that all of God's children and adults with
special needs and disabilities are welcome and are an
integral part of the Catholic family.

If you want to work on your marriage, please
pray about going on a Retrouville weekend.
San Francisco Retrouville: February 28-March 1
Francis & Joanne Agbayani
415-893-1005, SF@RetroCa.com

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 pro-
ceeds 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!

St. Vincent de Paul Society Vehicle Program
St. Vincent de Paul of Marin has a 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.
Faith and the “Big Game” - There are so many young athletes who live in our midst that dream about being professional athletes-playing in the Super Bowl, or the World Series, winning a Gold Medal at the Olympics. We must help them to not lose perspective on what is important in the world of athletics and what it truly takes and means to be a “winner”. Here are some quotes from famous athletes who use their faith to guide them in their craft.

Philip Rivers is the starting quarterback for the Los Angeles Chargers: “It’s funny, because it’s always been a dream of mine to play in the NFL, but I was concerned about the games being played on Sundays. I love to play football but wanted to be able to attend Mass as well. Now, I do that by going to a vigil Mass or an early Sunday morning one. **Once I’ve received the Eucharist, then I’m prepared to go out and play.”**

Jeff Suppan is a former MLB pitcher: “Always stay focused on Jesus, to attend Mass as much as possible and when you fall into sin, **take advantage of the tremendous gift of confession** and of course, pray. I always ask for the protection of my angel. I think it’s important because there is a big spiritual battle going on over us.”

Mike Piazza is probably one of the most well-known MLB catchers. He is also a devout Catholic who credits his mother for instilling the faith along with a devotion to the Blessed Mother in him. Though the baseball season is long and teams are on often on the road, Piazza said **there was no excuse to miss Mass.**

“It’s easy for me not to go to Mass on the road. **But I’ve made a fundamental decision. I’m going to be dedicated.** I’m going to make the time. I’m going to get up, if that means getting up at seven on a Sunday morning before a day game and do it, I’m going to do it.”

Olympic Medalist in Gymnastics

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I give all the glory to God. It’s kind of a win-win situation. The glory goes up to Him and the blessings fall down on me.

– Gabby Douglas
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