March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”
— Matthew 4:10

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

Weekday Mass:
Monday—Friday 8:00am & 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours:
8:30am-1:00pm, 2:00pm-4:30pm

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Help Desk: (415) 454-0366
Helping Hands: (415) 453-2342
Eucharist for Homebound: (415) 453-2342
Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading of this Sunday we have the story of Adam and Eve who were tempted. In the Gospel reading we have the story of Jesus being tempted. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were directed to do the will of God. But then, God gave them the freedom to choose. God gave them the freedom to be moral, to live by choice and to live consciously. Unfortunately, they chose to abuse that freedom. In the desert Jesus was faced with the same choice: to do his own will or to do the will of God. Jesus chose to do his Father’s will. God has given us the same freedom: to choose good or evil. We can choose God or reject him. All our achievements, all our discoveries, all our technological advancements, all our wars are about using the freedom of choice that God gave us. In our day to day lives, when we are faced with a temptation, may we always have the courage to choose God!

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

Our weekday Mass schedule during Lent is Monday-Friday 8:00am and 5:30pm.

The Holy Blood of Christ— For the time being, St. Anselm will not give communion under both species. We will refrain from distributing the Holy Blood until the flu, cold, and virus season is over.

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life’s difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

St. Anselm Church Stewardship
Registered Parishioner Families 2020-1565
1st Collection: $4,986
2nd Collection-N/A
Electronic Weekly Donations-$2,625
Please visit our church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations
Second Collections:
March 1– St. Anselm School
March 15–Building & Maintenance

As a community we ask God’s blessing for the ill: Michael Bruciati, Jose Larraga, Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Emerico Sauceda, Mark Gardner, Steve Leland, Christopher Goward, Richard Green, Irene Lorente, Terese Marklinger, Allison Chichizola, Karen Poligono, Frank Dal Gallo, Steve McDonald, Jacob Aceto, Joan Woods, Erin Murphy, Stephen Corr, Marlene DeLong, Donna Przybyski, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, Barbara Werner, Avani Khanna, Fr. Neil Healy, Tina Vorraro, Laura Shea, Michael Cavagnetto

For the Repose of the Soul: Agnes Frohling Jackson, Lives lost due to violence and natural disasters, 1st Responders.

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

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Youth Mass - Youth Masses are offered most 2nd & 4th Sundays at our 5pm mass. Here is the tentative schedule: 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 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)
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

On February 26th we started Lent. We associate Lent with fasting and abstinence, and that is partly so because we do fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. During Lent, we abstain from meat on all Fridays. Lent is also a good time to nourish our soul by meeting with small prayer groups in preparation for Easter. You could renew your Renew Group, if you have not been getting together. You could join our Centering Prayer Group which meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 in Centennial Hall, or reach out to our homebound seniors. An enriched Soul can enrich your body, mind and spirit!!
God Bless,
Rose

WOMEN’S RETREAT
Comforting Christ: Women on the Way of the Cross
March 14th, St. Anselm’s Church
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Join Marin Catholic’s Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, for a contemplative and meditative women’s retreat. This retreat is a chance for women to enjoy being loved by God. It is a gift of time and prayer with our community.

Lunch will be provided ■ Suggested $20 donation ■ Call 415-453-2342 to register

St. Patrick’s Day
Celebration at St. Anselm
(Please note updated changes)

This year’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration will be a bit different (unfortunately, no one volunteered to cook). We will celebrate with a “Wine & Cheese” Party. The evening will also include Irish Beer, Soda Bread and Fr. Jose’s famous Irish Coffees.

Date: Sunday, March 15th
Time: 6:00pm- (following the 5:00pm Mass)
No reservation is needed. There is no charge for the event, but donations are greatly appreciated.

PRAYER
The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.
—William McGill
St. Anselm Church Calendar of Events
And “Save The Date”

March 5– Centering Prayer– 9:30am– 10:30am– Hall
March 14– Women’s Retreat– 9:00am-2:30pm– Church & Hall
March 15– St. Patrick’s Day Wine & Cheese– 6:00pm –Hall
March 26– Teachings on Tap– 6:30pm-7:45pm– TBD
May 2– 1st Communion-10:00am
May 10– Confirmation– 2:30pm

CANAL FAMILY SUPPORT KIDS CLUB NEEDS AFTER SCHOOL TUTORS.
Catholic Charities welcomes adults and college students to help children improve their reading and math skills. Mon.-Fri, 3:30-5:30 at Pickleweed Park. Please contact Carol Laughlin, CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org to learn more.

Show Your Community Some Love—Ensure that your household is counted in Census 2020 – including infants. All communities need love and support to grow and thrive. Join Catholic Charities and other faith-based organizations and social services in participating in the Census 2020, which can help bring a whole lot of heart to your community when it comes to jobs and road maintenance as well as funding critical social service programs that people rely on like affordable housing, early childhood education and food and nutrition assistance. The Census helps communities get funding they need so show your community some love and pledge to participate in the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1st. You can respond by phone and online beginning March 12th in multiple languages. Census 2020 Toolkit and Resources for Congregations available at https://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/Census resources also are available at https://marincensus2020.org/

Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2020 Spring Retreat / Seminar on March 27-29, 2020 for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa and Latin America. This will be held at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)) are available on the website: www.MissionDoctors.org or by calling the office for more information (213) 368-1872.
Deacon Bernie– On February 23rd, at the 10:00am Mass, we acknowledged and celebrated Deacon Bernie’s 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate. The pews were filled with friends and family who were there to show their love and to thank Deacon Bernie and his wife, Dolores, for their service to St. Anselm parishioners and our surrounding community. A huge thank you to the committee who put together the beautiful reception that followed the mass: Cathy Cunningham, Bess Nuzzo, Rose Shadduck, Joan Mann Thomas, and Gail Meave. And thank you to all who were a big part of the serving and cleanup especially Elizabeth & Chris Meloney & Carole Sheviakov.
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