

The Last Sunday After the Epiphany

February 15th at 10 a.m.

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

Lafayette, California

Welcome to St. Anselm's!

*Whether this is your first time visiting or you worship with us every week, **please know you are warmly welcome.** Restrooms are located next door in the Parish Hall. Children are a blessing and encouraged to participate in worship alongside their parents. On the left of the sanctuary is an area with toys, coloring sheets, and crayons. Feel free to enjoy the playground as well. Please accompany your child.*

The people's responses are in bold. All hymns can be found in the Blue Hymnal.

This type of note, offering direction about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrics (red) - referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We begin our worship as a gathered community for praising God in song. Sung by all.

H#381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Source, Word, and Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

***People* And we beheld thy glory.**

S#280 "Gloria In Excelsis"

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord
 God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:
 re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit for the readings.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted:

Exodus 24:12-18

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the

mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

2 Peter 1:16-21

Lector: A reading from the second letter of Peter.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received

honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence follows.

The people stand as able for the introduction of the hymn.

GOSPEL HYMN

The Gospel hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of The Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

H#137 "O wondrous type!"

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

This reading is taken from the four Gospels (Mathew, Mark, Luke and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus’ word and actions.

Matthew 17:1-9

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the Presider.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Will Scott

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the spiritual readings and relates them to daily life. A period of silence follows the Sermon.

The people stand as able.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

St. Anselm's uses a variety of affirmations of the Christian faith, such as the Nicene Creed, this one is from the Iona Community.

Leader: Let us affirm our faith by saying together:

***We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of male and female.***

***We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.***

***We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People ***For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.***

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop; and Austin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People ***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

Leader For the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. For the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Church of Our Saviour, Oakland, and Church of Our Saviour, Mill Valley. For the St. Anselm's Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Worship Commission.

Leader I invite those who are with us via Zoom to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **"In Your Mercy"** to which the congregation is invited to respond **"Hear Our Prayer."**

When they are finished:

Leader I invite those who are present to offer their prayers, either silently or aloud. When you have concluded, please say **"In Your Mercy"** to which the congregation is invited to respond **"Hear Our Prayer."**

Leader Come, Lord of Light, shatter the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Hear the prayers we offer to you, and give us the courage and conviction to make these prayers a reality. We pray to you in the name of our hope, Jesus, the Christ. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing sign of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the wrongs that enslave us, the wrongs we have done,

and the wrongs done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

The Presider offers absolution, and the people respond, Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Christ be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, the deacon, presider and parish leaders may make announcements.

PRAYERS FOR THE INDIVIDUALS

Tim Brown, Don Liddle, Amity Buxton

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS: *O Lord, watch over your children as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARIES: *O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true Godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS: *O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

Loose plate offerings and checks so designated will go toward the Rector's Discretionary Fund on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This fund is used primarily for charitable needs in the wider community at the discretion of the Rector.

An offering is received to support the church's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online at: <https://stanselms.us/give>

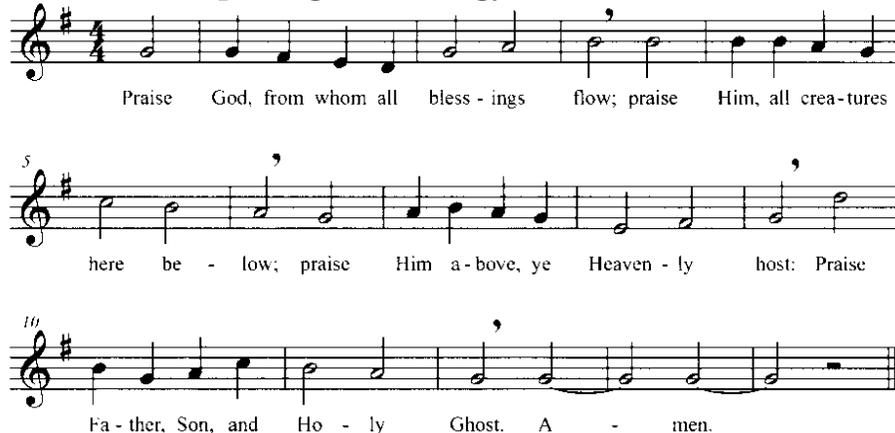
OFFERTORY ANTHEM MP#857 "Here I am, Lord"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The people stand as able

Presider and People sing the doxology.



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise Him a - bove, ye Heaven - ly host: Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Presider God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Anselm and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people remain standing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People ***Whoever eats this bread will live forever.***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The people are seated.

All are invited to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

Please proceed to the altar rail, depart your pew from the right, as directed by the ushers. Please return to your pew from the left.

At St Anselm's we are sharing a common cup. If you wish grape juice, please tell the assistant.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please assist us by placing your right hand on your chest so that you may be served accordingly.

If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, but would like a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

If you are unable to approach the altar rail, please stand in place and the table ministers will bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

H#301 "Bread of the world, in mercy broken"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand as able.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

Presider Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**
(source: from Saint Clare)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

H#518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: [Worship Commission](#)

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER are donated by Naomi Chamberlain Harris in loving memory of her husband Paul.

DRIVE-OF-THE-MONTH:

During Lent, the Outreach Committee will be collecting white socks for the Annual Deacon's Sock Drive to benefit Trinity Center. Please bring new white socks to church to donate. Thank you!

The Outreach Commission will meet on **Sunday, March 1st** during coffee fellowship in the library to discuss upcoming service projects. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

FEBRUARY WORK PARTY

Rain or shine, bring your work gloves for a work party on Saturday, February 21, 2026 From 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be provided. We will be deep cleaning several areas on our church campus, and we would love to have you join us. If you are available, the whole time or even part of the time, we would appreciate you lending a hand. Please let us know if you will be joining us by emailing Peg at plmatson@comcast.net

2026 LENTEN SERIES

Understanding & Responding to Community Needs: Sundays March 8th, 15th & 22nd at 11:30 a.m. We welcome speakers with expertise in housing, racial wealth inequity and healthcare for presentations and conversations.

Understanding & Responding to Christian Nationalism: Thursdays February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th & 26th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. A Zoom study & discussion series will consider how Christian Nationalism emerged, explore how it shows up in American public life, and analyze how and where it diverges from a gospel of love.

Sign up on our website: www.stanselslafayette.org

SPIRIT WALKS FOR LENTEN SEASON

Join Rev. Krista of St. Paul's Walnut Creek & Rev. Will for Spirit Walks. Enjoy fresh air, connection and sacred contemplation in nature. Each Sunday afternoon for six weeks – rain or shine – we will walk for two to three miles, starting with a prayer and reflection. Halfway into our walk, we'll take a brief break and check in with each other. Then, we'll return to our starting point and enjoy a closing circle and prayer. We'll walk paved local trails of easy to moderate difficulty:

Sunday, February. 22, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail in Lafayette. We'll meet at the trail entry point across the street from the Stanley Middle School parking lot on School Street. We will enter the paved trail, turn right, and walk east. (3455 School St, Lafayette, CA 94549)

Sunday, March 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – Iron Horse Trail meet at the Creek Walk bridge at the north end of the Civic Park parking lot, in Walnut Creek. We will cross the bridge and walk left on the Creek Walk, connecting with the Iron Horse Trail. (1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek 94597)

SOLI DEO GLORIA CONCERT

St. Anselm's hosts Grant Us Peace – The Music of Ralph Vaughan Williams with Orchestra Gloria on Saturday, March 7th at 3:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Advanced tickets: \$28 general admission; \$23 students/seniors, grades k-8 free. Order online: www.sdgloria.org/tickets

THIRD SUNDAY OFFERINGS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Today's loose plate offerings will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. As the name indicates, Reverend Will may, within boundaries, use these funds at his discretion. The funds are for charitable purposes, primarily to aid the poor and needy, for example to assist with food, rent, utilities, and medical bills for individuals facing a crisis. Contributions may also be used to support a recognized charitable organization whose mission aligns with the mission of St. Anselm's. Adding the plate offering from one week per month to the Rector's Discretionary Fund is a common practice among Episcopal congregations and has been done at St. Anselm's at times in the past. Individuals in need or facing a crisis may reach out to Rev. Will on a confidential basis to explore potential assistance.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

Each week the altar is graced with a beautiful flower arrangement that is donated by our generous parishioners. Altar flower donations can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, in honor of a family member or simply to the glory of God. The requested donation is \$50 per date. Please sign up for your selected date and complete a green dedication card. The flower chart and dedication cards can be found next to the east entrance to the church. Please make your check payable to "St. Anselm's" and indicate "Altar Guild" on the memo line. You can submit the check and dedication card to the church office or put them in the collection plate. Thank you for your support!

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Everyone is invited to enjoy conversation and refreshments in Jackson Hall, immediately following the service. We are in need of volunteers to host coffee hour. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45A5AF22A64-58747416-stanselms#/> or contact Sylvia Williams at 925-586-0730 to reserve a date. Thank you!

ST. ANSELM'S PRAYER CHAIN

The St. Anselm's Prayer Chain is a list of our parishioners and loved ones for whom prayers have been requested. Prayer is voluntary and on your own whenever you wish to pray. If you would like to receive the Prayer Chain or if you would like to add someone to the Prayer Chain, please email Vicki at vrpappas@gmail.com.

FRAUD ALERT

Please be aware that fake emails and texts from members of the congregation are being sent out asking for unspecified help: I need a favor from you, please text/email me back as soon as possible. Please be careful and verify email addresses and phone numbers that you receive before responding to requests.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For personal inquiries, please contact Rector Will Scott: rector@stanselmslafayette.org.

For questions, please contact Office Manager Margaret Wolfe: margaret.w@stanselms.us. Please submit announcements by noon on Wednesday. Office hours: Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9am – noon, or by appointment. **Office closed Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.**

For bookkeeping questions, please contact Bookkeeper Steve Zimmerman: bookkeeper@stanselms.us.

For choir questions, please contact Director of Music Chris Kula: choir@stanselms.music.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

To receive the readings on a weekly basis, please email parish@stanselms.us.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: February 15 – 21

Tim Brown, Don Liddle, Amity Buxton

COMING UP AT ST. ANSELM'S

Sunday, February 15th Vestry Meeting will meet in the conference room at 11:30 a.m.

[Agenda](#)

Tuesday, February 17th — Morning Prayer will be led by Deacon Naomi via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at orchidsnrch@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, February 18th — Ash Wednesday Service at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th — Stephen Ministers will meet at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Thursday, February 19th — Book Club will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church Library to discuss 107 Days by Kamala Harris.

Thursday, February 19th — Lenten Series: Understanding & Responding to Christian Nationalism will meet via Zoom from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, February 20th — Lamorinda Village Strength & Balance Class 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Sunday, February 22nd — Spirit Walk: Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail 3455 School St, Lafayette, CA 94549, from 2:00-3:30 p.m.



Worship Commission

Activities Involved with Worship

Every Sunday these people facilitate and play important roles in the morning worship service:

- Lectors read and lead the congregation in the designated Bible readings from the podium.
- LEMs (Lay Eucharistic Ministers) carry the cross in the Processional, read the Prayers of the People and assist the Priest at the altar in serving communion. LEMs are officially trained and certified by the Diocese to perform their duties. They vest and represent the congregation at the altar.
- Assistants to LEMs follow the LEM with wine and juice for those who wish to take them from a paper cup. They do not vest.
- Ushers greet parishioners as they enter, hand out the Bulletin, take the offering, and prompt parishioners to approach the altar for communion.
- Counters are volunteers who are directed to assist Vestry members in dispatching the Sunday offering after the service.

We work together:

- Each of these groups of volunteers are scheduled ahead on a 2-3 month basis. Lectors generally serve once every 2 months, LEMs once a month, and LEM assistants, ushers and counters once or twice every 2 months
- All members are encouraged to participate as they feel most suited. Sunday morning service is easy as there is no additional time requirement.

For more information:

- Lector, LEM, and Assistant Lem, contact Judy Peak— jpeak@comcast.net
- Usher, contact Greg Heiman— gregmh35@gmail.com
- Counter, contact Peg Matson— plmatson@comcast.net

SERVING TODAY:

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