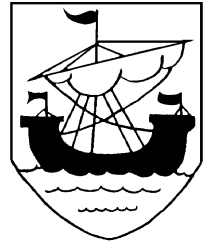


# Canterbury Tales

The Newsletter of St. Anselm's Church, Lafayette, California



April 2025

## *From Rev. Will*

Dear St. Anselm's,

With April now upon us and Easter around the corner, it is tempting to fast-forward through these remaining days of Lent, but the church, in her wisdom, invites us to stay present to the unfolding story of Jesus. This Sunday, we will reflect on Jesus' visit to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus from John's gospel and Mary's extravagant gift, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. On Palm Sunday, we'll join the crowd waving palm branches as we process into the church singing "Hosanna" and then be reminded of how quickly celebration shifted to lamentation.



In these challenging times for our nation and world, showing up for church and prayerfully considering these ancient stories will not remove the frustration, anger, grief, heartache, fear, anxiety, and pain so many of us feel. Doing so, though, will remind us that we are not alone and that we walk the way of Jesus together.

I am looking forward to sharing Holy Week and Easter with you. Below, you will find details about the services we have planned. Thank you to St. Anselm's Altar Guild, Director of Music & Choir, and Worship Commission for all they do to support our engagement with these sacred liturgies.

### **Palm Sunday**

April 13th at 10 a.m.

*The service will begin on our front patio with a blessing of palm branches and a procession into the sanctuary, followed by a reading of the Passion from Luke's gospel.*

### **Maundy Thursday**

April 17th at Noon

*The service will begin in the Parish Hall with a light Mediterranean-inspired meal, conversation about the readings, optional foot washing, and communion in the sanctuary.*

### **Good Friday**

April 18th at Noon

*This service will include a reading of the Passion from John's Gospel, the Sol-emn Collects, and close with the Stations of the Cross.*

### **Easter Sunday**

April 20th at 10 a.m.

This celebratory service will include traditional Easter hymns, a homily, and communion. An Easter Egg Hunt will begin immediately following the service at 11:15 a.m.

See you soon!

Peace, Will

*Thank  
You*

## *Anselm's Angels*

Many thanks to **Bob Eddy, Peg Matson, Joni Pearce, David Rowe, Hank Gatlin, Dharmini Harichandran, Iris Hillman, Katie Taggart, Pamela Green, Sheila Riedy, Maggie McCloskey, and Julia Starr** for serving on the Vestry. And to our Deanery Delegates **Bob Eddy, Georganne Eddy, Marty Fischer.**

Thank you to the Christian Formation Commission members **Jeff Boero, Marian Mulkey, Judy Peak, Julia Starr, and Peg Matson** for organizing the Lenten Series.

Much appreciation to **Shelley Frost** for organizing the Spirit Walks and to everyone who has participated.

Special thanks to **Katie Taggart** for spear heading welcome bags for visitors.

Much gratitude to **Bob Eddy, Marian Mulkey, Katie Taggart and Peg Matson** for attending the Diocesan Vestry and Lay Training at St. Stephen's on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to our March Coffee Hosts **Joni Pearce, Keith Pearce, Kayce Rane and Katie Taggart.** And to our March counters **Bob Eddy, Iris Hillman, Peg Matson, Joni Pearce, Joan Martin, Maggie McCloskey and Sylvia Williams.**

A very big thank you to **Peg Matson** for helping to update Parish Directory.

*Image above by Julia Stankova*

## *From The Senior Warden*

What a wonderful celebration we had on March 1<sup>st</sup>! This was a spectacular event with all the grandeur of Episcopal tradition, as well as a fun time sharing pizza and beer, that solidified Will+'s relationship with St. Anselm's and strengthened our connection as a congregation. It seems to have stirred up a positive, electric energy that has been buzzing all through the month of March. It's kind of like when you get married or enter into a long-term commitment, and everything takes on a new meaning—somehow a deeper and more committed connection. Nothing has technically changed, yet the experience of coming together has created a deeper, more meaningful bond.

Throughout this month of March, we've also had quite a few new faces popping up in our pews on Sunday mornings and joining us for the many offerings we've been enjoying during this Season of Lent. Our Lenten Speaker Series on "Welcoming Our Neurodiverse Neighbors" has been very informative and well attended. We have also been blessed to have Miguel Escobar sharing his knowledge and insights with us on three Thursday evenings via Zoom for his series on "Thirty Pieces of Silver". We have enjoyed Sunday afternoon "Spirit Walks" that have brought new friends from St. Paul's together with several of our members. Some of the new faces are parishioners we have not seen in a while, and others are new guests we've never hosted before. For me it's been a joy participating in the events and connecting with these guests, both old and new.

Katie Taggart, our Jr. Warden, has been working hard with Margaret to create a Welcome Bag for newcomers, with plans to have them ready by Palm Sunday. Several bags will be lined up on the shelf to the left of the door as you enter the church. Please alert Katie or me if you see someone new—or better yet, introduce yourself and hand them a bag if their hands are empty. We have also been busy publishing a new Parish Directory and new welcome pew cards with a QR code for visitors to connect them with St. Anselm's.

Welcoming new visitors and fellow members is a vital part of our life and ministry at St. Anselm's. However, an even more important part of our fellowship and congregational ministry is to be present, active, and supportive as we connect with one another each Sunday. During the month of April, I'd like to challenge us all to find someone we don't know well or have never spoken to before and strike up a conversation. Maybe they've been here a long time, or maybe they are just visiting for the first time. Introduce or reintroduce yourself to them and have a little or a long chat. It's easy for us to gravitate toward our "church buddies" and engage in conversations without giving the other people around us a second look or thought.

This challenge may start a new friendship or spark an interesting or funny conversation about a common interest. It may also help us remember names and offer a warm greeting each time we meet in the future. But my hope is that we all mindfully grow closer as a congregation, forming stronger connections with one another and deepening our engagement with St. Anselm's congregational community. I would love to hear your feedback on how this challenge goes for you in the month of April.

In faith and service,  
*Peg Matson*  
*Sr. Warden*

## *Vestry Update*



At the March 16th meeting, the Vestry discussed:

- \* Welcomed Dharmini Harichandra and Hank Gatlin as new members
- \* Discussed the Vestry retreat that will happen April 26th from 1-8pm
- \* Safe Church Training & Fingerprinting will be on May 17th at St. Paul's in WC
- \* New Lock Up procedures were discussed. Vestry will be responsible for locking up church after meetings.
- \* Endowment Foundation will meet next month
- \* Christian Formation - activities are well attended (spirit walks, speaker series, evening Zoom meetings) \*. Property Commission is continuing to investigate solutions for church fire/smoke alarm systems. They are also getting bids for lighting in the sanctuary.
- \* Providing Home Communion will begin April 6th with Peg Matson, Pam Green and Marian Mulkey, who have received training, helping Will+ provide this service to members who are not able to attend Sunday services.

-Joni Pearce  
*Clerk*

# HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday Service  
April 13th at 10 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Service  
April 17th at Noon

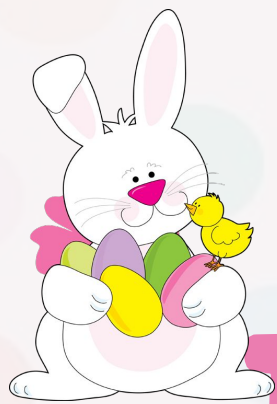


Good Friday Service  
April 18th at Noon



Easter Sunday Service  
April 20th at 10 a.m.

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HOP ON OVER  
to our

EASTER

Egg Hunt



St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

Sunday  
April  
20

11:15AM

In the Memorial  
Garden

682 Michael Lane Lafayette, CA

Take your picture with the Easter Rabbit



**MICHAEL LANE PRESCHOOL PRESENTS**

# **WHEEL PARADE**

## **FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY APRIL 26TH**

**9-11am**

**ST ANSELM'S CHURCH PARKING LOT**



**Vehicle Decorating, Parade, Light Bites, Raffle, Auction**

## **HOW TO SUPPORT**

### ***Sponsor a float***

Send your sponsorship amount to  
@Kate-Leyva or via check to St. Anselms Church

### ***Buy Raffle Tickets***

\$5 each or 5 for \$20.  
Payments can be made via Venmo @Kate-Leyva. Note your name and number of tickets in the memo

### ***Bid on Auction Items***

Silent Auction items will be available for bidding Thursday 4/24 through Saturday morning 4/26



## **Michael Lane Preschool**

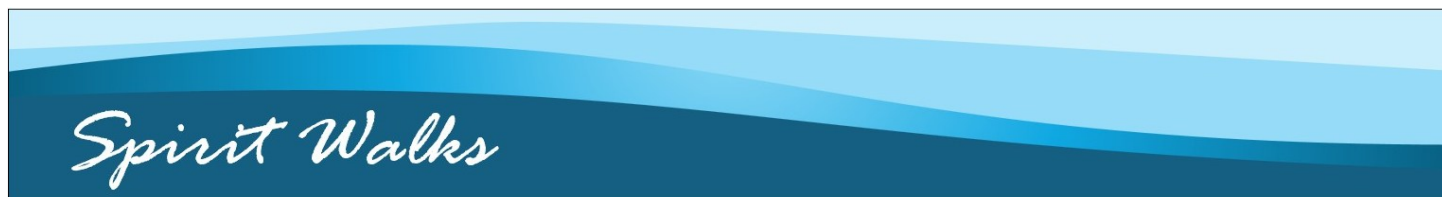
Happy Spring!

We are enjoying our Spring Break this first week of April and are headed into our final stretch of the school year. We are currently studying food and after looking in many magazines, each child was able to pick out a snack for us to enjoy as a class. Yogurt Parfaits, anyone? Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place during this month, and with so many children moving on to Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK), conferences are the perfect way to connect before the end of the year.

We hope you can join us at our first annual Wheels Parade Fundraiser on Saturday, April 26th from 9-11 am here in the St. Anselm's parking lot. The children will be decorating their bikes and parading through the parking lot. A light breakfast will be served and there will be an awesome raffle and silent auction to support our school! See page 5 for more information.

Looking ahead, we will be offering 2 weeks of summer camp this June with a "Camping" and "Beach" theme. Currently acceptance letters and registration paperwork is being sent out with dates, times, and plans for the new year. Where does the time go?

Warmly,  
Holly Higgins  
Director, Michael Lane Preschool



**Enjoy fresh air, connection and sacred contemplation in nature. Join Rev. Will Scott and friends for Spirit Walks.**

On Sundays during Lent, 2:00-3:30 p.m. – rain or shine – we will gather on a local, paved trail for a prayer and reflection. We will walk about two to three miles together, taking a break halfway and returning to our starting point for a closing circle and prayer.

### **April 6: Lafayette Reservoir**

Meet at the east end of the reservoir parking lot, then walk clockwise around "the Rez." This moderately challenging walk includes hills.

### **April 13: Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail**

Meet in the St. Anselm's church parking lot. We'll walk through the neighborhood to the trail and turn left, to walk south.

Bring walking shoes, a hat, water and a snack, if you wish. Leave extra time to find parking or carpool. (And we love our furry friends, but please leave pets at home.) Interested or have questions? Reach out to Shelley Frost or email [parish@stanselms.us](mailto:parish@stanselms.us).



## **SOCK DRIVE**

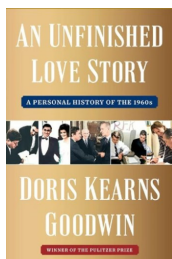
Dear Family of St. Anselm's,

I am so appreciative for the socks for the homeless that so many of you have donated. If you have not donated and would still like to date, I will be collecting the socks until Palm Sunday, April 13th. After that date, I will deliver the socks to Trinity Center in Walnut Creek. Thank you and Blessings for your generosity

With thanks for your generosity,  
Deacon Naomi

## **BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, April 16th  
at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Library



At our April meeting we will be discussing in length the book that we have been reading, "An Unfinished Love Story" A Personal History of the 1960's By Doris Kearns Goodwin, one of America's most beloved historians. We will share the name of our new reading choice at that time. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sharyn Barrington Carlson at 847.337.0875 or Naomi at 925.395.1395.

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

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 there is someone you would like to add to the Prayer Chain, please email Vicki Pappas: [vrpappas@gmail.com](mailto:vrpappas@gmail.com).



## **EASTER LILY FORM**

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday by donating an Easter Lily. Please fill out the enclosed [dedication form](#) and make your check payable to the St. Anselm's Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is unable to accept Zeffy payments. Please submit forms to the church office by Sunday, April 13th.



## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Help provide refreshments following the service. To sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044bada722a2f85-coffee> or contact Sylvia Williams at 925-586-0730.

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In-Person & Virtual Sunday Service:  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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Greg Heiman  
Sheila Riedy  
Eva Woo  
Keith Pearce  
Anne Brown  
Naomi Chamberlain-Harris  
Sally Fischer  
Andrew Orear  
Nathan Pearce

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**Next *Canterbury Tales* deadline is April 27th**

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

**Tuesday April 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th — 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](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Tuesday April 1st — Grief Support Group** will meet via Zoom at 12:00 noon. To be invited, email Deacon Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday April 2nd/9th /16th/23rd/30th — Contemplative Prayer Gathering** will meet from 9:00a.m. – 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Thursday April 3rd/10th/17th/24th — Evening Bible Study** will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. We will be exploring the Book of Genesis. All are welcome. Please contact Naomi at [orchidsnrch@yahoo.com](mailto:orchidsnrch@yahoo.com).

**Sunday April 6th — Altar Guild** will meet in the conference room at 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday April 8th — Property Commission** will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday April 13th — Palm Sunday Service** at 10 a.m..

**Sunday April 13th — Cancer Support Group** will meet in the library and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. To be invited, email Julie Rinkenberger at [jripmaggie@hotmail.com](mailto:jripmaggie@hotmail.com).

**Sunday April 13th — Vestry** will meet in the conference room and via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. Parishioners are welcome to attend vestry meetings or to listen in via Zoom.

**Wednesday April 16th — Book Club** will meet at 2:00 p.m. in the church library.

**Wednesday April 16th — Stephen Ministers** will meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday April 17th — Maundy Thursday Service** at 12 p.m. Noon.

**Friday April 18th — Good Friday Service** at 12 p.m. Noon.



# 2025 EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



To donate Easter lilies this year please complete this dedication form and return to the office no later than **Sunday, April 13th.**

**The cost is \$15.00 per plant.**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please make your check out to:  
ST. ANSELM'S ALTAR GUILD***

***noting "EASTER LILIES" on the memo line.  
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