

St. Anselm Catholic Church

February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Christ with His Disciples—A.N. Mironov, 2016

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Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 8:30am, Rosary 8:00am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Adoration: with Rosary, weekdays from 7:25—8:25am &
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Eucharist for Homebound: (415) 453-2342

Reconciliation: Before 8:30am weekday Mass, Saturday
4:00pm-4:45pm, during Adoration on First Fridays 9:00am-
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Baptism: Preparation Class required. Please email
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Anointing of the Sick: Anytime upon request.
Contact Pastor.

Matrimony: Six months notification required prior to
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Pastor's Reflection: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The Gospel for Sunday's Mass is from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), specifically 5:17-37. Let us reflect on this lengthy text in three parts.

I. The Power of New Life in Christ – The Christian moral vision is received, not achieved. Godliness (not merely ethical rule-keeping) is possible only by and through God's grace (Gal 2:20). The power of His cross goes to work in us and puts sin to death (Rom 6:2). Our old self is crucified with Him so that sin will no longer master us (Rom 6:6-7). Hence, in today's Gospel, Jesus is not giving us a rigorous set of rules to follow (and they are rigorous) but is describing what the transformed human person is like. All this comes to a person as the fruit of God's grace.

II. The Principle of New Life in Christ – Jesus' moral vision is that, by His grace, we do not merely keep the Law but *fulfill* it. "Fulfill," meaning to fill something until it is full, to exceed the minimum requirements. When we meet the Law, we enter the whole vision and meaning of the Law. Thus, to use Jesus' examples from today's Gospel: It is not enough to refrain from killing. True life in God means that I do not slander nor smear. It is not enough to avoid adultery. True life in Christ means that I am chaste and pure even in my thoughts. In all these ways, the Law is not merely kept; it is *fulfilled*.

III. The Picture of New Life in Christ. – The Lord then continues to provide descriptions of a transformed person, often called "antitheses" because they are all formulated in this way: *You have heard that it was said ... but I say to you* The key point is to see them as pictures of what happens to a person in whom Jesus Christ is really living: **A. On Anger** –The Lord teaches us that the commandment not to kill has a deeper meaning. The anger that is condemned is that which is born of hate and vengeance to cause harm; this is what leads to murder. **B. On Lust** –The Lord teaches us that the commandment against adultery has a deeper meaning. It is not merely about transgressing marital boundaries. To fill this Law fully means to be chaste in all matters, in mind and in heart. **C. On Divorce** –At the time of the Lord Jesus, divorce was permitted in Israel, but a man had to follow specific rules. However, the Lord says that fulfilling the marriage law is to love your spouse. He teaches that when He begins to live His life in us, love for our spouse will grow; love for our children will deepen. **D. On Oaths** –The people of Jesus' time had lots of legalisms associated with oaths and lots of tricky ways of watering down the truth. The Lord says, Just be a man or woman of your word!

A special welcome to any visitors or those worshipping with us for the first time or those returning home. Please know that you are warmly welcomed & deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register at www.saintanselm.org/register so we can stay in touch.

We're so glad you're here—Welcome home!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb. 16	8:30am	John Dohmer (D)
Tues	Feb. 17	8:30am	Colin Edward Schreck (D) Joe McGarry (D)
Wed	Feb. 18	8:30am	Lauri Schimm(D)
		11:00am	Neil Bucci (INT)
		5:00pm	Matthew Finzen (D)
Thur	Feb. 19	8:00am	Eugene Tansey (D)
Fri	Feb. 20	8:30am	John Rowe (D)
Sat	Feb. 21	5:00pm	Pauline O'Brien DeLury (D)
Sun	Feb. 22	8:00am	Dora Hayes (D)
		10:00am	Nelly Martino (D)
		5:00pm	Mark Chapman (D)

Sick Relatives & Friends

Note: please call parish office to update names

As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill: Stan & Donna Pechalonis, Mark Gardner, Terese Marklinger, Karen Poligono, Marilyn Marklinger, Don Orlandi, , Jordan Roggenbuck, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Lorraine Matteucci, Deidra Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Elaine Innes, Arlene Hansen, Rose Michelle D'Haiti, John Peterson, Erin Granucci, Bruce Hubal, Charles Cavagnetto, J.R. Maricich, Isabella O'Brien, Dorothy Laddish, Penny Maioli, Gretchen Libby, Murhal Orendorff, Dennis O'Keefe, Martha Yasar, Claire Muller

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Sal Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward, Theresa Sullivan, Michael Killelea, Gary McPartlin, Fr. Neil Healy, Michael Mello

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

February—For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- **Lent begins on February 18.** Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:00am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm. Each Friday of Lent, there will be **Stations of the Cross** in the Church at 7pm.
- On **Saturday, February 21 at 10:00am**, all **sacramentally married couples in the Archdiocese are invited to St. Mary's Cathedral for a Mass** celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone, followed by a reception. Couples celebrating "five-year anniversaries" (5, 10, 15, 20...) will receive special recognition. Donation requested is \$20/couple. Register at <https://sfarch.org/event/2026-wedding-anniversary-celebration/>
- Catholic speaker, Astrid Bennett, will give a talk on how God calls parents & grandparents to protect their families and transform our culture. **Astrid will speak on Saturday, February 28 at 10:00am at Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Novato**
- A baby changing station for your convenience is located in the courtyard restroom out the left side of the Church.



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HELPING THE UNSEEN FEEL SEEN DURING LENT

February 18 marks the beginning of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Every year, during this sacred season, something quiet but significant happens in parishes like ours.

- A visitor slips into a pew after being away for many years.
- A young family comes for the first time, unsure where to sit or how their children will be received.
- A parent from our school quietly attends Mass, hoping to reconnect.
- Someone searching online wonders if this parish might finally feel like home.

They come quietly—and often, they leave quietly, without ever being noticed.

Lent is a season of return, renewal, and encounter. It is a time when hearts are more open, when wounds surface, and when many feel a gentle pull back toward the Eucharist—the source of our unity and life. For this reason, Lent may be one of the most critical moments in the year for helping people move from simply showing up to truly belonging.

Often, what makes the difference is not a program, but a person:

- A smile that feels genuine.
- A simple "Good morning, we're glad you're here."
- An invitation to sit together.
- Patience with children.
- A willingness to notice someone standing alone.

These small, tangible gestures quietly communicate something powerful: *You are seen. You belong here.*

As a parish and school community, I invite us to take on a kind of *Lenten warmth*—a realistic obligation of accompaniment:

- At Sunday and daily Mass, notice someone unfamiliar and offer a brief word of welcome.
- During Eucharistic Adoration or the Stations of the Cross, be attentive to those who seem unsure or new.
- Long-time parishioners can make space for conversation outside the Church following Mass rather than leaving immediately.

We all can model a spirit of calm, reverence, and approachability.

My prayer and hope for this Lenten season is that, through these ordinary acts of faithfulness, we foster a culture of welcome that is both deeply Gospel-rooted and realistic for parish life. Genuine hospitality is not about doing more—it is about drawing others into the life of the Body of Christ.

This Lent, I invite and urge every member of our Church and School community to notice who God is placing in our midst, and to walk with them—quietly and faithfully—toward deeper communion, lasting belonging, and life in the Eucharist.

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