

St. Anselm Catholic Church

August 17, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Assumption of Mary by Giuseppe Craffonara

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, and 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—8:25 am
and First Fridays from 9 am—12 noon

Eucharist for Homebound: (415) 453-2342

Reconciliation: Before 8:30am weekday Mass, Saturday
4:00pm-4:45pm, during Adoration on First Fridays 9:00am-
12:00pm or by Appointment

Baptism: Preparation Class required. Please email
dre@saintanselm.org or call the Parish Office ext.105

Anointing 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) 454-3303

Cursillo Information: Cathy Cunningham
(415) 453-7174

St. Anselm's Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals and clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, and seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, and educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Reflection: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

An expression of Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel always attracts our attention. While He is on His way to Jerusalem, where death on a cross awaits Him, Christ asked His disciples: "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division". And He adds: "[H]enceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law" (Lk 12: 51-53).

Anyone who has even the slightest knowledge of Christ's Gospel knows that it is a message of peace par excellence; as St Paul wrote, Jesus himself "is our peace" (Eph 2: 14), the One who died and rose in order to pull down the wall of enmity and inaugurate the Kingdom of God which is love, joy, and peace. So how can Jesus' words in this text be explained? To what was the Lord referring when He said He had come - according to St Luke's version - to bring "division" or - according to St Matthew's - the "sword" (Mt 10: 34)?

Christ's words mean that the peace He came to bring us is not synonymous with the mere absence of conflicts. On the contrary, Jesus' peace is the result of a constant battle against evil. The fight that Jesus is determined to support is not against human beings or human powers, but against Satan, the enemy of God and man. Anyone who desires to resist this enemy by remaining faithful to God and to good, must necessarily confront misunderstandings and sometimes real persecutions as was the case with the Prophet Jeremiah. By refusing to tell Jewish leaders what they wanted to hear, but what God told him to transmit to them, Jeremiah was beaten and thrown into the cistern to die. Many true prophets of our day face the same challenge. As Christians, to follow Jesus and to commit without compromise to His truth, will always attract opposition. We will become a sign of division between people, even in our own families, for proclaiming the truth of the Gospel, and not political correctness.

Thus, like the Lord Jesus, in accordance with St Francis of Assisi's famous words, Christians become "instruments of peace"; not of a peace that is inconsistent and only apparent but one that is real, pursued with courage and tenacity in the daily commitment to overcome evil with good (cf. Rom 12: 21) and paying in person the price that this entails.

The Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, shared in Jesus' fight with the devil till His death and continues to share in it to the end of time. Let us invoke her motherly intercession so that she may help us always to be witnesses of Christ's peace and never to sink so low as to make compromises with evil in the name of political correctness.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Aug. 18	8:30am	Fr. Wankar (INT)
Tues.	Aug. 19	8:30am	Regina Collinson (D)
Wed.	Aug. 20	8:30am	Johannes Meave Ohrt (INT)
Thur.	Aug. 21	8:30am	Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone (INT)
Fri.	Aug. 22	8:30am	Bill Buckingham (D)
Sat.	Aug. 23	5:00pm	Jay and Pat Cahill (INT)
Sun.	Aug. 24	8:00am	Janice Whitehouse (INT)
		10:00am	Mary Kate Andruess (INT)
		5:00pm	Bill Buckingham (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, Fr. Neil Healy, Jordan Roggenbuck, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Mike Killelea, 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

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward, Theresa Sullivan

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

August—For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

The 2025 Church Restoration Campaign **Our remaining goal is \$700,000**

This campaign requires all of us to consider a contribution from our hearts.

Questions: call/email, Steve Easley, Chairman of the Parish Finance Council
415-272-6147/ steve@meridiancommercial.com

Notice on Father Neal Healy

Please pray for the health of Father Neal Healy who is currently residing in a convalescent home in San Mateo. If you would like more information on visiting him, please contact the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

- ♦ Wine and Cheese Night will now happen every 2nd Saturday of the month following the 5pm Mass! The next one will be on September 13.
- ♦ **Back to School Barbecue** after the 5:00pm Sunday Mass on **August 24**
- ♦ **An Evening of Recollection on Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm** Theme: *"Peace Within, Peace Around: An Evening of Reflection on Inner Peace in a World That Never Stops."* [Led by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist teaching at Marin Catholic High.]
- ♦ There will be no Ritter Center Food Drives until September due to low volunteer recruitment during the summertime. Thank you for your support for this important ministry. We look forward to resuming in the Fall.
- ♦ Every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm Deacon Bob will lead a discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. This is a unique opportunity to explore what you and other parishioners take away from the Readings! **You may attend in-person (Centennial Hall) or via Zoom.** Contact Deacon Bob to get a copy of the readings in advance and the Zoom link. ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com



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Upcoming second collection on August 31
Saint Vincent de Paul

2025 Annual Appeal: \$43,532 collected; goal of \$71,409

2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500,000

Catechesis on Singing and Music— An Essential Part of the Catholic Liturgy

The origins of singing in the Roman Catholic liturgy are deeply rooted in Jewish worship, especially the synagogue tradition, where psalms, Scripture, and prayers were chanted. The Gospels tell us that after the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples “sang a hymn” before going out to the Mount of Olives (cf. Matthew 26:30).

Early Christians continued this practice, and by the 4th century, communal singing had become a structured part of the Mass. This eventually gave rise to Gregorian Chant, named after Pope St. Gregory the Great (6th century), which formed the foundation of Roman Rite music.

The tradition of singing psalms and hymns has never been about performance but about giving glory to God and fostering the unity of the Church in prayer. As the Church’s tradition reminds us: *“He who sings prays twice”* (often attributed to St. Augustine).

The Second Vatican Council teaches that sacred music is an *“integral part of the liturgy”* because it expresses the soul of the Church’s prayer (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 112). It calls all the faithful to participate actively through *“acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs”* (30), reminding us that *“liturgical services are not private functions but celebrations of the Church”* (7).

According to *Musicam Sacram* (#4), the aim of liturgical music is *“the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful.”* When music is treated as a performance, the congregation often falls silent. But when the choir sings with the assembly and for the Church’s prayer, something sacred and unifying takes place (cf. *Why Catholics Can’t Sing*).

In the Roman Catholic tradition, songs for each Mass are prayerfully chosen to reflect the readings, season, and liturgical theme, forming one seamless act of worship. Special care is given to selecting music that the whole congregation can sing with ease and confidence. This includes keeping the pitch accessible—not just for the cantor or choir, but for the entire assembly.

We are all called to sing at Mass—not as spectators, but as full participants in the Church’s prayer. Let us not remain silent when the Church is at prayer. Let us sing *to the Lord*, for He is good!

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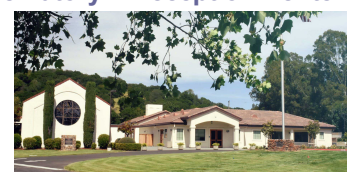
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