

St. Anselm Catholic Church

August 30, 2026

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,

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 7:30—8:25am &
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 ext. 11

Cursillo Information: Cathy Cunningham
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St. Anselm's Parish is a welcoming Church and School Community whose mission is the salvation of souls. We joyfully journey with people wherever they are in their faith, to build a culture of love and connection where every family grows in faith, strengthens their relationships, and becomes a living witness to God's love, rooted in the Sacraments and grounded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Reflection: 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time A

As we often struggle to understand the meaning of various crosses, this Sunday's Gospel firmly sets before us the need for the Cross, not as an end, but as the path to glory. Let's consider the Gospel in three stages:

I. The Announced Pattern – The Lord announces not only the Cross, but also the Resurrection. The pattern of the Christian life, known as the “Paschal Mystery,” is suffering, death, Resurrection, and glorification of Jesus as a whole. The Cross is not an end in itself but part of a pattern. St. Paul articulates this: “We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body” (2 Cor 4:10). This upward spiral brings blessings we enjoy. We often return to crosses God permits, but then even greater blessings and capacities come. Cross, growth, Cross, growth... The pattern continues until we die with Christ to live with Him. Neither the Lord nor the Church announces the Cross to burden us, but as part of a pattern that, if accepted with faith, brings blessing, new life, and greater strength.

II. The Attempted Prevention – Peter protests, “No such thing shall ever happen to you.” But by rejecting that Jesus suffers and dies, Peter inadvertently blocks His Resurrection and glorification. But Jesus cannot rise unless He dies. Peter doesn't fully understand this, but neither do we when we avoid our crosses or prevent others from accepting theirs. The Cross brings glory and growth; we risk depriving ourselves and others of these if we eliminate life's demands and difficulties. We also hinder our growth by refusing self-discipline, hard work, obedience, suffering, consequences, limits, and resistance to temptation. Rejecting the Cross means rejecting its fruits. This explains Jesus' severe reaction to Peter's words.

III. The Awarded Prescription – Jesus goes on to teach about the wisdom of—and the need for—the Cross, with a deep paradox that to find our life, we must lose it. More specifically, to gain Heaven, we must die in this world. That dying is a process more than an event at the end of our physical life. Jesus instructs us to be willing to exchange this tiny life for that which is true life. The world offers cheap trinkets that provide immediate gratification and evade the Cross. Jesus' final words remind us that the choice is ours. The day will come when He responds to our choice. Either we accept true life and win, or we choose the passing, dying life of this world and lose.

Make a joyful noise! The Saint Anselm choir wants YOU! Be a part of a caring and supportive group of parishioners who love to lift their voices to the LORD. Two Sunday choirs to choose from: 10:00AM or 5:00PM. Those who sing pray twice!

Contact Rebekah Wu, Sacred Music Director, for more details. Email: musicdirector@saintanselm.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Aug. 31	8:30am	Tommy DeVoto (D)
Tues	Sep. 1	8:30am	Miss Allison (D) Carrie Sherriff (D)
Wed	Sep. 2	8:30am	Miss Allison (D) Carrie Sherriff (D)
Thur	Sep. 3	8:30am	Fr. Silas Akpa (INT)
Fri	Sep. 4	8:30am	Catherine Staal (INT)
Sat	Sep. 5	5:00pm	Pauline Stanford (INT)
Sun	Sep. 6	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary, and Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Pauline O'Brien DeLury (D)
		5:00pm	For a Successful School Year for All Our School Families

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, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Deidra Carson, Fr. Bill Brown, Bryan Green, Chris Ryan, Elaine Innes, 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, Martha Yasar, Maria Tan, Renee Reyes, Pam King, Lois Markovich, Maria Bail, Joe Burke, Gavin Saysette, Didine Uwamahoro, Peter Jizrawi, Areme Szemanski, Diane Blackman

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Sal Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward, Michael Killelea, Gary McPartlin, Emile Hedouin, Georges Haudiquet, Patricia Ann Sahl, Fr. Neil Healy, Jim Davenport, Michael Mello, Klaus Binz, Ian Dillon, Isabella Welch, Jim Wagner, Jerd Formichi, Georgia Addington, Craig Caracozza, Dennis O'Keefe, Lorraine Matteucci, Shawn Crossley, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick

For Our Active Duty 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

August—For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcoming Our Young Families: A Sign of Hope

Beloved Parishioners, one of the greatest blessings I have witnessed at St. Anselm is the growing presence of young families with children at our Sunday Masses. The sight of parents carrying infants, holding little hands, or gently comforting a restless child during Mass is not a distraction—it is a profound sign of hope. It is a visible reminder that our parish is blessed with new life. The Lord Himself said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 19:14).

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our young parents. In a society where many competing voices seek to draw families away from God, your decision to bring your children faithfully to Holy Mass is a courageous and demanding witness of faith. Yet your efforts are invaluable, for as the Catechism reminds us, *“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith”* (CCC 2223). The entire parish shares in supporting that beautiful vocation through prayer, encouragement, and practical care.

For this reason, I ask every parishioner to continue making St. Anselm a place where families always feel welcomed, loved, and understood. The occasional sounds of little children should never diminish our joy. Rather, they remind us that the Church is alive. As St. Paul encourages us, *“Bear with one another through love”* (Ephesians 4:2). A smile, a word of encouragement, or a patient heart can reassure a young parent far more than we may ever realize.

Since our current cry room can comfortably accommodate only one family at a time, I am considering, as a first step, extending the Church’s audio system into the Centennial Hall. This would provide an overflow space, especially for families with children under two years of age for the 8:00am Mass, allowing parents to remain fully united with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while caring for their little ones. It will require furnishing the space with stackable children’s tables and chairs, along with a few simple items like those already available in our cry room. The intention is to make the space attractive, comfortable, easy to prepare before Mass, and easy to restore afterward.

We will evaluate this arrangement by the end of the 2026 calendar year. If it proves successful, we will begin planning toward introducing Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in 2027, also in the Centennial Hall, providing another

opportunity to nourish our children’s faith while preserving the reverence of the Sacred Liturgy. This is very much a parish journey. I would appreciate your suggestions, insights, ideas, and volunteers as together we discern how best to accompany our young families. May the Holy Spirit help us, that St. Anselm may always be a parish where every person encounters the welcoming love of Christ. - Fr. Wankar

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- We’re kicking off our Date Night Challenge for this Fall — a simple way for couples to commit to one date a night out each month together! Contact Jessica (jgonzalez@stanselmschool.com) to learn more and sign up.
- **Religious Education and Faith Formation News**
Thinking about become Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which individuals become Catholic and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.
Who should come to OCIA?
 - 1) Persons in need of Baptism
 - 2) Baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic
 - 3) Baptized Catholics who never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation**Contact** Fr. Wankar (Wankar.Gabriel@sfarch.org) or Dan (dre@saintanselm.org) for more information

Religious Education (Sunday School) registration is now open and available on our website.

To adhere to Archdiocesan guidelines, all sacramental preparation programs are moving to be two years long.

All first graders should register for First Holy Communion Year 1 if they wish to make their First Holy Communion during second grade.

All seventh graders should register for Confirmation Year 1 if they wish to make their Confirmation during eighth grade.

Contact Dan (dre@saintanselm.org) if you have any questions.



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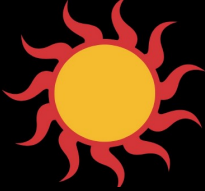
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