

St. Anselm Catholic Church

September 13, 2026

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Rebuking or Calling of Saint Peter—Unknown, c.1600

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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
(415) 453-7174

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: 24th Sunday Ordinary Time A

This Sunday's Gospel delves into a profoundly sensitive aspect of our faith: forgiving those who have caused us harm. Forgiveness is a deeply personal request, and in certain instances, it may be the most daunting task we are ever asked to undertake. As we are moved by God's boundless mercy, forgiveness naturally flows from our broken and humbled hearts. Let's explore today's Gospel in four distinct movements:

1. Presentation of the problem – Peter's question in the Gospel reading seems to presuppose that it is unrealistic to expect human beings to forgive without limit. Jesus responds in a Jewish manner, stating that we can't impose boundaries on mercy or forgiveness. This raises questions: Should I allow my alcoholic uncle to stay with us and disrupt my children's lives, as long as he apologizes and promises not to repeat his actions? No. Forgiveness doesn't compel us to put ourselves or others at excessive risk or set the sinner up for further failure. Nor does it imply reverting to the *original situation or not setting boundaries*. It means releasing resentments, bitterness, hatred, desires for revenge, and the urge to lash out at someone for their actions or inactions. It involves letting go of the need to change the past. Ultimately, forgiveness is freeing; a crushing weight is removed when we receive this gift from God.

2. Poverty that is profound – The Lord's parable begins by describing a man who owes an immense amount—ten thousand talents (μυρίων ταλάντων). His profound poverty makes it impossible for him to ever repay his debt. This man represents each one of us; we have all committed the infinite offense of rejecting a God who is infinitely loving and faithful.

3. Pity that is personal – *Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.* Notice how personal the mercy is. This man is you and me. We must know our poverty and recognize our inability to save ourselves. Knowing that Jesus saves us wholly and freely, we forgive and love others.

4. Pitilessness that is personal – *When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, "Pay back what you owe."* Apparently, this wicked servant never confronted his true poverty and refused to accept the gift he had received.

In the week ahead, let us remember that forgiveness is a gift that we must receive from God, and it is a work of God in us. We should—we *must*—ask for it. Even if we feel hurt, we must seek the gift; it will bless us and prepare us to receive more mercy.

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	Sep. 14	8:30am	Parish Staff and Volunteers
Tues	Sep. 15	8:30am	Safety of Our Construction Crew
Wed	Sep. 16	8:30am	Soledad Arosa Jayme (D)
Thur	Sep. 17	8:30am	Joe McGarry (D)
Fri	Sep. 18	8:30am	Julie Maples (INT)
Sat	Sep. 19	5:00pm	Ligaya Carandang-Villanueva (INT)
Sun	Sep. 20	8:00am	Jim Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Teresa Cunningham Gardner (D)
		5:00pm	Lori Schimm (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, 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, Melody Tufo

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

September—For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Why Do We Exist as a Parish?

At St. Anselm, we have much to be grateful for: worship, education, faith teaching, music, service, family support, fellowship, and prayer opportunities. All of these are good and beautiful gifts. Yet, we must ask: *Why do we exist as a Catholic parish?*

The answer lies deeper than our programs, buildings, or activities: **We exist to lead people to Jesus Christ and, through Him, to eternal life.**

The Catholic Church exists because God wants to bring us into communion with Himself through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to save us from sin and open the way to eternal life, not just to make us nicer or improve the world. The Catechism teaches that the Church's origin, purpose, and mission are rooted in God's Plan of salvation (CCC 748–780).

A Catholic Parish is more than a group of people sharing a neighborhood or interests. While maintaining a church, running programs, and providing activities are important, we exist because God desires to save His people and bring them into communion with Himself in Christ. Every parish participates in and advances this mission. We are a community gathered around Christ, helping one another **know Him, love Him, receive His grace, grow in holiness, and become His disciples (Cf. Canon 515 §1 and Canon 528 §1–2).**

As Catholics, we encounter Christ most profoundly **in the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist**, which the Catechism calls the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Everything we do—catechesis, music, ministries, fellowship, outreach, and charity—should flow from Christ and lead us back to Him (Vatican Council II Document Lumen Gentium 8, 11, and 17). This doesn't diminish our service to others. We care for the poor, defend human dignity, strengthen families, and serve those in need because these are Gospel fruits. **Christian charity flows from our faith.** So, we should ask: Does this help people know Christ, love Christ, receive His grace, live according to His truth, grow in holiness, and reach heaven? That is why we exist.

*Not to maintain a parish, but to make disciples
Not to make people comfortable, but to help them become like Jesus Christ
Not to improve this life, but to prepare souls for eternal life*

Our parish exists to lead people to Jesus Christ—and through Him, home to the Father.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- We're kicking off our Autumn Date Night Challenge, a simple way for couples to commit to one date a night out each month together! This will run from September to November. Scan the QR code below or contact Jessica at jgonzalez@stanselmschool.com to learn more and register.



- **Please Note:** Infant Baptisms are generally performed on the **second Sunday of the month** after the 10 am Mass. A Baptism prep class is required for parents and Godparents. This class generally takes place via Zoom at 12:30 pm on the **first Sunday of the month**. To learn more about baptizing your child or becoming baptized yourself, contact Fr. Wankar to schedule an orientation call by calling [415-453-2342 x103](tel:415-453-2342) or emailing wankar.gabriel@sfsarch.org
- Our Ritter Center food drives will return on September 26-27. We depend on volunteers to assist donors as we fill the truck with much needed non-perishable food-stuffs. There is one shift on Saturday afternoons, 4:30-5:15 and on Sundays there are two hour shifts from 7:30am-5:15pm. Students, accompanied by an adult, are welcomed to volunteer. If you would like to be notified of an upcoming Food Drive and be provided the link to volunteer sign-up, please email Pat Langle: 117plangle@gmail.com



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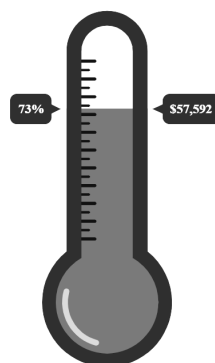


Recurring donation



Registration

2026 AAA
GOAL: \$78,673



St. Anselm Planned Giving
Consider listing St. Anselm's as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one).
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