

St. Anselm Catholic Church

October 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Tribute to Caesar—Bartolomeo Manfredi, 1650

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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: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel for Sunday presents several intriguing contrasts: the animosity towards Jesus alongside reluctant respect, genuine questions versus rhetorical ones, the interplay of politics and faith, and the responsibilities to Caesar versus those to God. Let's examine the specific contrast between our obligations to God and our obligations to 'Caesar.'

I. The Plotting of the Peculiar Partners – The Pharisees and the Herodians, despite their mutual hatred rooted in politics and race, found common ground in their desire to eliminate Jesus. This highlights a crucial lesson for true Christians: We do not conform to the world's classifications, and many have reasons to dislike—or even hate—us. *Catholicism, in its complete form, is an "equal-opportunity offender."* While we might align with one political party or another on specific issues, in general, we are seen as a nuisance. *Welcome to Jesus' world*, where groups with seemingly nothing in common united in their opposition to Him.

II. The Praise that is a Perilous Provocation – In their initial conversation with Jesus, His adversaries commend Him mainly as a strategy to provoke Him into choosing sides in a trivial human argument about politics and earthly power. If Jesus responds with "Yes, pay the taxes," it will make Him unpopular with the people. If He replies with "No, don't pay the taxes," He will be arrested and probably executed. Ultimately, Jesus exposes them for what they truly are: hypocrites, a Greek term meaning "actor." This entire situation is not about seeking the truth; it is about setting a trap.

III. The Protesting of their Pretext and Pretense – *Aware of their ill intentions, Jesus questions, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?"* In discussions about the Gospel's truth, it often becomes apparent that genuine dialogue is absent. In such situations, it is acceptable to assert the truth firmly, clearly, and with kindness, then conclude the conversation as Jesus did, by exposing their pretense.

IV. The Pointed Proclamation of the Principle – *Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.* Essentially, we should love the Lord our God with all our soul, strength, and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves (e.g., Matt 22:37). Although God and Caesar are distinct, Caesar is, in fact, a creature of God, and love connects both. Loving our country means loving our neighbor. Engaging in and supporting the common good is an expression of love for our neighbor. By loving our neighbor, we start to love God. Being grounded in God's truth and raising our children as disciplined followers of the Lord is a way to bless this country. *Nevertheless, it must be emphasized that God is and must remain our ultimate love.* As faithful Catholics, we should anticipate being outsiders, outliers, and outcasts.

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	Oct. 19	8:30am	Pope Leo (Healing)
Tues	Oct. 20	8:30am	Jose Wilson (INT)
Wed	Oct. 21	8:30am	John Achiaga (D)
Thur	Oct. 22	8:30am	Isabel Baldovino (D) Alodia Magat (D)
Fri	Oct. 23	8:30am	Rodolfo Rodriguez (Healing)
Sat	Oct. 24	5:00pm	Karen Poligono (INT)
Sun	Oct. 25	8:00am	Emma & Jared Lazor (INT)
		10:00am	Tom Blumberg (D)
		5:00pm	Karen Poligono (INT)

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, 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, Joe Burke, Cecilia Connell, Maryalice Starzan
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

October—For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Jesus' Mission and Ours - Celebrating World Mission in October.

The Catholic Church consecrates the year through holy feasts and seasons that remind us of God's saving deeds. In October, we feel the change of seasons and the lectionary shifts focus to the Last Things and Christ's coming at the end of time, preparing us for Advent and the Incarnation.

In October, the Church celebrates and prays for Jesus' mission, the essence of our Catholic Church's existence. It's a month of prayer for World Missions, with World Mission Sunday on October 18th uniting Catholics worldwide. As baptized Catholics, we recommit ourselves to our missionary vocation, praying for and supporting missionary work globally.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo invites us to renew our commitment to bringing Christ to the world. He thanks us for supporting missionaries and blesses us all. The Pope's message and World Mission Sunday emphasize that a Catholic parish is more than just neighbors, friends, or people with similar opinions. While outreach, social networks, and community are important, a parish is a community of the faithful gathered around Christ, helping each other **know, love, receive His grace, grow in holiness, and become His disciples.**

October, is also the month of the Rosary, commemorating the miraculous victory at Lepanto (October 7th) that saved Christendom from Turkish invasion. Pope Leo urged Christians to pray the Rosary, especially in October, "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated October as Respect Life Month, encouraging prayer, reflection, and action to build a culture of life.

We can share in the Church's mission to spread the faith through prayer and sacrifice. By so doing, we will remain true to Jesus' mission and ours: that we exist as a parish to lead people to Jesus Christ—and, through Jesus Christ, to the Father. *Not simply to maintain a parish, but to make disciples. Not merely to make people comfortable, but to help them become like Jesus Christ. Not only to improve this life, but to prepare souls for eternal life.*

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- **Stay and Play will be after the Sunday 5pm Mass on 10/25.** All children and their families are welcome!
- **The next food drive will be next weekend, 10/24-25.**
- All Souls Envelopes are available for pickup by the front entrance of the Church. To have your deceased loved ones included in the bulletin, **please submit your envelopes to the office by Sunday, 10/25**
- We are continuing 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. 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 by contacting [415-453-2342 x103](tel:415-453-2342) or wankar.gabriel@sfarch.org



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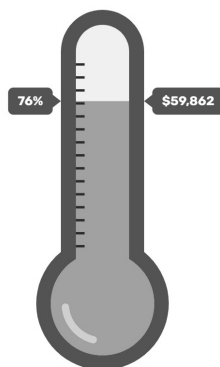


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GOAL: \$78,673



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