

St. Anselm Catholic Church

November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Last Judgment—Viktor Vasnetsov, 1904

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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 ext. 11

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: 33rd Sunday Year C

During November, the Church has us ponder the Four Last Things: death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Today's Gospel gives us a road map of life and calls us to be sober about this world's passing and perilous nature.

I. Portrait of Passing Things— *"The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."* The Temple is a symbol of passing things. This is a sober truth that we must come to accept, difficult though it may be. This world is passing, and we, too, will pass from it one day.

II. Points of Passage to Promised Things – When the disciples ask for signs that will precede the coming end, Jesus warned them of four perils on the passage to the promised land of the New Testament age of the Church: **a. False Messiahs**— *"For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them!"* A false messiah is anything or anyone other than Jesus Christ telling you how to organize your life: popular culture, economics, ideology, politics, which can be deceptive. While these are sometimes useful, they do not replace the Messiah. **b. Fierce Militarism** – *"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."* A war was looming for those ancient people. We, too, are in a battle with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Scripture says, *Resist the devil and he will flee from you* (James 4:7). **c. Far-flung Marvels**— *"There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."* In the time of Jesus and the era just preceding the war, there were, in fact, many earthquakes, droughts, and even heavenly signs. What are the earthquakes of our life? Maybe it was the sudden death of a loved one, the loss of a job, or a diagnosis of cancer. Without God as our foundation, we cannot last. The foundations of this world will all ultimately crumble. Christ must be our sure foundation. **d. Fearful Malice**— *"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you because of my name. . . You will be hated by all because of my name, but no hair on your head will be destroyed."* The early Christians were greatly persecuted. For us, even if we are not "handed over," many of us today are not taken seriously, are written off, or are called names, even by our friends and family. The world can only harm our body; it cannot harm our soul unless we allow it to do so.

III. Prescription for the Passage to Promised Things – *"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."* We must always journey on and not lose faith or lose heart. In the week ahead, let us remember that there is glory waiting for us if we persevere.

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 and deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register on our website as a parishioner so we can stay in touch.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Nov. 17	8:30am	George Muller (D) Joe McGarry (D)
Tues	Nov. 18	8:30am	Lars Hansen (D)
Wed	Nov. 19	8:30am	Judith O'Connell Allen (D)
Thur	Nov. 20	8:30am	Julie and Mike Maples (INT)
Fri	Nov. 21	8:30am	Karen McLaughlin (INT)
Sat	Nov. 22	5:00pm	Gary McPartlin (D) Nick & Inez Andreis (INT)
Sun	Nov. 23	8:00am	Arthur Tobin (D)
		10:00am	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Adrienne Stroub (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, 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

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

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

November— For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

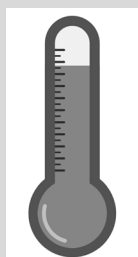
- **All Souls envelopes** are still available in the back of the Church for the month of November. The names of your loved ones will be placed on the Altar and remembered throughout the month.
- **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be on **November 27 at 9am.**
- Please pick up a bag in the back of the church to support the Ritter Center Thanksgiving Food Drive. Collection of the food will be on **Sunday, November 23.**
- Our parish is embracing a relationship ministry to support family life and healthy relationships. We will be hosting an evening for the divorced and separated focusing on healing on **December 3 from 7-8:30pm.** This will be a hybrid presentation, on Zoom or in-person.
- **School Children's Advent Confessions** will take place **one class per day from December 9-16.**
- Our **Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held on **Wednesday, December 17 from 7pm-8pm.** This service will be facilitated by the Sisters of Charity—the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta group.
- **Religious Education for Children**
The Religious Education program is still accepting new students. Classes for Pre-K to 7th meet Sunday mornings at 9am and conclude in time to attend the 10am Mass. The Confirmation classes for students in 8th+ grade meet on Sunday evenings and include attending the 5pm Mass. Visit SaintAnselm.org to learn more and sign up.



One time donation Recurring donation Registration

St. Anselm Planned Giving 2025 Annual Appeal
Consider listing St. Anselm's as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one). It preserves the mission and values of the church in its ministry.
Contact Steve Easley for Information
415-272-6147

Upcoming second collections
11/30—**Saint Vincent de Paul**



\$71,409

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Praying for the Faithful Departed in November

The practice of praying for the souls of our departed loved ones is not just Catholic; it is biblical. In Scripture, Judah Maccabee and his men were retrieving the bodies of fallen comrades when they discovered the men who had fallen were wearing pagan amulets, and so "they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out" (2 Macc. 12:42). The New Testament also contains a plausible instance of prayer for the dead. After praying for the household of a man named Onesiphorus, Paul goes on to pray, "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day" (2 Tim. 1:18). Paul twice mentions "the household of Onesiphorus" (2 Tim. 1:16, 4:19) but does not greet him with the rest of his household and speaks of him only in the past tense. Many scholars have concluded that Onesiphorus had passed away, and thus, Paul was praying for the departed.

When we pray for the dead, whether privately or through Mass intentions, and especially at a funeral Mass, we should be there for two primary reasons: (1) To join in solemn acknowledgment of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection as what provides the pathway for us to enjoy eternal life. (2) To pray for the deceased's soul.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the primary purpose of Catholic funerals is to pray for the deceased because we do not know if they died in a state of grace. Or, if they did, we do not know how much purification they need before they can enter heaven (CCC 1030-1031). In other words, Catholics pray for the dead because we know that they might be in purgatory. Thus, contrary to common assumption, the funeral Mass is not to celebrate the life of the deceased with eulogies but to offer worship to God for Christ's victory over death, to comfort the mourners with prayers, and to pray for the soul of the deceased. It is never an attempt to deny family members their rightful grieving process; instead, it prevents the departed from being denied what they need.

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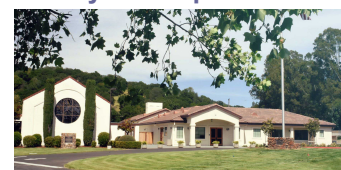
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