

St. Anselm Catholic Church

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld

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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: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Sunday Gospel, the Lord illustrates through a parable an old saying that goes, "Faults in others I can see, but praise the Lord, there's none in me." Let's look at what the Lord teaches us.

Prideful Premise – *Jesus addressed this parable to those convinced of their righteousness.* Scripture says, *One cannot redeem himself and pay God a ransom. The price is too high to redeem a life; he would never have enough* (Psalm 49:8-9). Only Christ and His righteousness can ever close the gap: *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God. We are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should walk in them* (Eph 2:8-10). Interestingly, the Lord indicates that the Pharisee "spoke this prayer to himself." Here, we see a prideful premise on the part of the Pharisee, who sees his righteousness as his own and something *he* has achieved. He is badly mistaken.

Problematic Perspective – Notice that the Pharisee is glad to report that he is *not like the rest of humanity*. Not only is his remark foolish, it is also impertinent. One will not get to Heaven merely by being a little better than someone else - being better than a tax collector, prostitute, drug dealer, or dishonest businessman is not the standard we must meet. The standard we must meet is Jesus. Jesus said, *Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect* (Matt 5:48). There's a lot of talk today about being "basically a nice person," but being nice isn't how we get to Heaven. We get to Heaven by being like Jesus.

Prescribed Practice – *The tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."* Notice that the tax collector in today's parable did three things; we should also do them: Realize your distance – *he stood off at a distance*. The tax collector realizes that he is a long way from the goal. His recognition of his distance is already a grace and a mercy. God is already granting the humility by which he stands a chance. Recognize your disability – *he would not even raise his eyes to Heaven*. Scripture says, *No one can see God and live* (Ex 33:20). In humility, he looks down. His recognition of his disability is already a grace and a mercy. God is already granting him the humility by which he stands a chance. Request your deliverance – *he beat his breast and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."* Notice that the tax collector's humility is steeped in hope. He cannot save himself, but God can. In the week ahead, let us beware of pride, our worst enemy. Beg for the gift of humility, for only with it do we even stand a chance.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct. 27	8:30am	Corrie Angela (INT)
Tues	Oct. 28	8:30am	Bryan Olsen (D)
Wed	Oct. 29	8:30am	Frank & Catherine Pereira (INT)
Thur	Oct. 30	8:30am	Dorothy & Howard Brown (D) Michael Rossi (INT)
Fri	Oct. 31	8:30am	Eric Smith (INT)
Sat	Nov. 1	5:00pm	Gerard O'Connor (D)
Sun	Nov. 2	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Deceased Parishioners
		5:00pm	People of the Parish

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

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

October— For collaboration between different religions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

- *Living the Gospel of Life: Understanding Human Life and Dignity*, a talk by Ryan Mayer will be hosted in Centennial Hall on **Tuesday, October 28 at 7pm**. Attending this lecture will assist in developing a personal appreciation for and approach to societal and personal issues founded upon the definition of LIFE and the VALUE of life, including but not limited to, the treatment of prisoners, restorative justice, end of life issues, homelessness, care for the poor, medical care for all, immigration, mental illness, and hunger in America.
- **All Souls Day Memorial Mass**
Our annual Memorial Mass for deceased loved ones will be on **Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the 10:00am Mass**. All Souls envelopes are available in the back of the Church. The names of your loved ones will be placed on the **Altar** and remembered throughout the month of **November**.
- **Friday, November 7** is the first Friday of the month. Spend time in Adoration with Our LORD from **9am to 12pm**. Confessions will also be available.
- **Wine and Cheese Night** returns on **Saturday, November 8** following the **5pm Mass**.
- **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.



One time donation



Recurring donation



Registration

St. Anselm Planned Giving

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.

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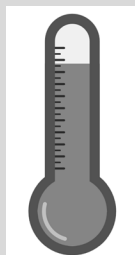
Upcoming second collection on
November 2

St. Patrick's Seminary

2025 Annual Appeal

\$71,409

\$64,006



St. Anselm St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference 2025 Annual Report

The Conference 2025 fiscal year ended September 30, 2025 and the following figures are provided to inform the parish community of the monetary receipts, expenses and contacts with neighbors seeking assistance.

Receipts:

\$16,557. - from church collections,
\$6,970. - annual raffle fund raising,
\$26,347. - from other SVdP conferences
\$2,060. - miscellaneous receipts

\$51,934 - total receipts

Expenses:

\$16,389. - assistance to neighbors,
\$27,969. - housing assistance,
\$5,450. - assistance to other SVdP conference
\$489. - operating expenses, ~1.12% of expenses.

\$50,297 - total expenses

During the fiscal year conference members made 94 visits to neighbor's homes helping 148 people and members made 255 other visits by phone or away from neighbor's homes helping 390 persons.

Conference members were only able to provide this assistance through the generosity of the parish community for which the Conference is truly grateful.

Thank you!

St Anselm SVdP Conference:

Sharon Doyle (President)

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