

St. Anselm Catholic Church

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus Preaches in a Ship—James Tissot, 1850

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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 7:00—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 Catholic community formed by families, individuals & clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, & seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, & educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Reflection: 15th Sunday Ordinary Time A

While the readings for this Sunday clearly establish that God's Word can transform and empower us, Jesus spells out some obstacles that keep the transformation small or even nonexistent for some. Let's look at what the Lord teaches in three steps.

I. Promise – The first reading shows that the Word of God can utterly transform us and bring forth a great harvest in our lives: *Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there until they have watered the earth ... so my word shall not return to me void* (Isaiah 55:10-11). God's word has power! Listening attentively to God's Word will refresh us and bring forth the fruit of transformation: The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates, even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart (Heb 4:12). Yes, if we let Him, God will set us and the world ablaze with His word.

II. Problems – While God's Word does not lack power, neither does it violate His respect for our freedom and call to love. To inanimate objects, God simply commands, "Let there be light." And there was light (Gen 1:3). But the human person is not inanimate. But God Himself has made the action of His word depend on our "Yes." Thus, situations arise where there is *no reception of God's word, no reflection on God's word* or where the word has no *roots*. The image of the seeds sown on rocky ground, for example, is of a plant that thrives when the weather is good and the wind is calm but blows away when the wind picks up because it lacks roots. Some can rejoice in the Word of God, but only as long as it paints fair pictures and tickles their ears. Only with a heart set on God's word as a treasure will we hunger for it and reflect on it enough to be truly transformed by it.

III. Produce – *But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear ... the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.* Here, then, is the promise reiterated that the Word of God is powerful and will produce a radical transformation in us of thirty, sixty, or even one hundredfold! Note that this promise is for those who receive the word with understanding. That is, it is for those with συνίημι (syniemi), with a will to connect the dots, to synthesize, to seek to understand the word and apply it to their life. *If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation* (2 Cor 5:17). In the week ahead, let us commit to letting the word of God guide and direct our choices, Amen.

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	Jul. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Tues	Jul. 14	8:30am	Ron Bill (INT)
Wed	Jul. 15	8:30am	Jeannie F. (INT)
Thur	Jul. 16	8:30am	Mike Killelia (D)
Fri	Jul. 17	8:30am	Teresa Cunningham Gardner (D) Joe McGarry (D)
Sat	Jul. 18	5:00pm	Christopher Allen Cook (D)
Sun	Jul. 19	8:00am	Ann Tobin (D)
		10:00am	Carol & Hank Jennen (D)
		5:00pm	Randy Schimm (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, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick, Maria Tan, Renee Reyes, Pam King, Lois Markovich, Maria Bail

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

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 Maniford

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

July—For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

- Beloved St. Anselm Church & School Community, The Archdiocese of San Francisco announced that it has reached an agreement in principle related to the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Archbishop Cordileone has issued a letter to the faithful with additional information about this development and its implications for the Archdiocese and our parish communities, which is available on our website. It is important for me to indicate that the money set aside for our Bell Tower Restoration and the Annual Appeal will not be used in the Bankruptcy settlement. The Archdiocese will assess each parish, parochial school, high school, cemetery, and other institutions to help reach the settlement amount. As soon as I receive our assessment, I will consult with the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council to prayerfully discern our response. Please, pray for all survivors of sexual abuse and for the Archdiocese in this tough moment.
- Deacon Robert Meave, having reached the suggested retirement age of 75 in March, submitted his request to Archbishop Cordileone to retire from his ministry at St. Anselm's, and the Archbishop has granted that request. He will continue his ministry as Spiritual Advisor to the St. Vincent de Paul Council of Marin. The Archbishop has also allowed him to assist in ministries at other parishes and local organizations from time to time and as needs arise. Deacon Meave wishes to express his gratitude to the St. Anselm community for their support and encouragement in his ministries here. Some of you know that he was a choir member beginning in 1996, and was for many years a Cantor. Since his ordination in 2014, he has cherished his Deacon duties at Masses, in conducting many baptisms, blessing the animals of school families on the Feast of St. Francis, serving as President of the school's Parent Advisory Board, and leading retreats and Community Conversations. His greatest honor has been being one of the team with our other wonderful deacons, Deacon Bernie O'Halloran and Deacon Ed Cunningham. He has asked for a quiet departure from his ministries, and that no receptions be held. Instead, he asks for your prayers for him, for his wife Gail, and for the St. Anselm community. And finally, he asks that you recall his favorite dismissal at Masses- "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."



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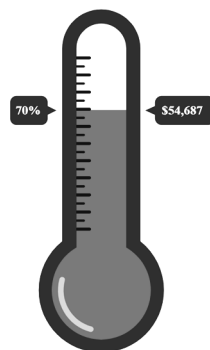
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Registration

2026 AAA

GOAL: \$78,673



St. Anselm Planned Giving

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

Contact Steve Easley for more info:
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

July 19 | Building and Maintenance
August 16 | Building and Maintenance

A Journey Through the Catechism 8: The Eucharist (CCC, 3122-1419)

What is the prominence of the Sacrament of the Eucharist in the Church?

Reception of the Sacrament of the Eucharist completes Christian initiation for baptized Catholics. The Body of Christ in the Eucharist is the very body of Christ that hung upon the Cross. The precious Blood of Christ in the Eucharist is the very blood that flowed from his side. "The Holy Eucharist flows from our Lord's perfect sacrifice upon the Cross, from his very heart. The Holy Eucharist is the very heart of the Church, her source and her summit.

What is the meant by the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist?

Catholics not only believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, but we believe in His *substantial* presence – that is, He is really present in the substance of the consecrated bread and wine. (cf. Mt 25-31-46, CCC 1373). The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered" (CCC 204n. Cf Mt 26:27). Our Lord does not equivocate in His words: For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (Jn 6:53-56).

What is meant by the term *transubstantiation*?

The term *transubstantiation* refers to the change of the essential nature of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ during consecration at Mass. The prefix *trans* mean "to go across" or "to change," as in the words *transform* and *transport*. *Substance* refers to the very essence of a thing or a person, as opposed to the accidental features such as shape and color. In the Holy Eucharist, the accidents of the bread and the wine remain, but by the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Word of God spoken over the gifts of bread and wine ("This is my body" and "This is the chalice of my blood"), the substance of the bread and wine is changed. (CCC 1373-1377). Always remember that the *whole Christ* is substantially and wholly present in both the Blessed Sacrament and the Precious Blood, whether we receive only a fraction of the sacred host or a single drop of the Precious Blood from the chalice.

What is the proper way to show respect for the Blessed Sacrament when entering or leaving a Church?

When entering or leaving a Church in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a tabernacle, or when passing in front of a tabernacle marked with a veil or burning votive candle, it is fitting to genuflect with your right knee or to bow deeply as a sign of adoration. In her Eucharistic piety, which includes the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and the popular devotions of exposition and Benediction, the Church affirms her belief in the Real Presence (CCC 1379).