

St. Anselm Catholic Church

October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable of the Mustard Seed—Traditional Icon

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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

Cursillo Information: Cathy Cunningham
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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: 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The readings for this Sunday's Mass richly describe some essential qualities of faith and living in this world as a Christian. Five fundamentals can be seen:

Wanting – *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5-6).* When the apostles ask the Lord to increase their faith, they ask for a more profound desire to know Him. Too often, we miss a step in our prayer. We might ask the Lord to help us to pray when we really should be asking Him to give us the *desire* to pray. It is about what we truly desire.

Waiting – The first reading speaks of our need to wait for the Lord's action: *How long, O LORD? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. ... (Hab 1:2-).* Waiting is one of the great mysteries of the Christian life. It is not always clear why God makes us wait. Perhaps He is trying to strengthen our faith. Perhaps He is helping us to clarify or confirm our desires. Scripture consistently tells us that *those who wait for me shall not be put to shame*, Is 49:23; Ps 37:8; Lam 3:25; Is 40:31. Waiting is a fundamental of firm faith.

Withstanding – The second reading counsels us that *God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but of power, love, and self-control (2 Tim 1:6-8).* Becoming a Christian does not necessarily make things easier. In fact, things often get harder because we must endure the hatred and ridicule of the world.

Working – The Gospel teaches, *When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do' (Luke 17:6-10).* This teaching of the Lord's can irritate us and even seem hurtful if we misunderstand grace and seek to understand this text by the flesh. All our works of charity and faith are God's work and His gift. This is made clear in this passage from the Letter to the Ephesians: *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— not because of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2:8-10).*

Winning – We conclude with a reference to the first reading: *For the vision still has its time, it presses on to fulfillment and will not disappoint. If it is delayed, wait for it; it will surely come, and it will not be late (Hab 2:3).* See what the end shall be! We must indeed want, wait, withstand, and work, but we do not do so for no reason. In the week ahead, let us pray in hope, realizing that for all those who walk with Jesus on the way of the cross, there is victory ahead. Yes, we will win if we want, wait, withstand, and work! Our God never fails.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon •	Oct. 6	8:30am	Bill Cunningham (INT)
Tues •	Oct. 7	8:30am	Rachel Bertone (INT)
Wed •	Oct. 8	8:30am	Joseph Giovinco (INT)
Thur •	Oct. 9	8:30am	Joe Burke (INT)
Fri.	Oct. 10	8:30am	William Johnson (INT)
Sat.	Oct. 11	5:00pm	Jay and Pat Cahill (INT)
Sun.	Oct. 12	8:00am	Matt Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Rcihard Petrocchi (D)
		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

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

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

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

- **Wine and Cheese Night! - Saturday, October 11**, we will be having wine and cheese following the 5pm Mass in the Centennial Hall.
- **40 Days For Life**—Join other Christians in San Rafael for 40 days of prayer. Sign-up at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sanrafael>
- **October Rosary for World Peace**
Pope Leo has invited all Catholics to pray the Rosary daily in October for World Peace. Join us each weekday at **8:00am** in the Church for the Rosary before Mass. Also, we will host a talk in Centennial Hall on the *Value of Life* on **Tuesday, October 28 at 7pm**.
- The Marin Deanery's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lector Training will be hosted in the Centennial Hall on **Saturday, October 25th**. Please contact the office to register.
- The St. Anselm Children's Choir's next participation will be on **Sunday, October 26 at the 10am Mass**. Please keep this initiative and our children in your prayers.
- **Religious Education for Children**
The St. Anselm Religious Education program has begun but it's not too late to sign up. Classes for Pre-K to 7th grade meet Sunday mornings at 9 am and conclude in time to attend the 10 am Mass. The Confirmation preparation classes for students in 8th grade meet on Sunday evenings and include attending the 5 pm Mass. Visit SaintAnselm.org to learn more and sign up.
- **All Souls 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**.



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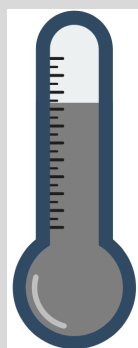
Registration

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.

Contact Steve Easley for information
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Upcoming second collection
on October 12
Building and Maintenance

2025 Annual Appeal



\$71,409

\$52,956

A Journey Through the Catechism 7: The Blessed Mother (CCC, 484-511, 721-726, 963-975)

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary (Also, Respect Life Month). This custom was especially promoted by Pope Leo XIII in the late 19th century, who urged Catholics to pray the Rosary fervently during this month for the needs of the Church and for peace in the world. Throughout this month, the Church invites us to draw close to Our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary daily, meditating on the mysteries of our salvation, and entrusting our families, parish, and the world to her loving intercession. Fr. Mahan outlines five teachings about Mary that are essential for Catholics to believe:

Mary was predestined to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary was chosen by God from all eternity to be the mother of his Son. Through Mary, God keeps His promise made through the prophet Isaiah that "the virgin shall be with child and bear a son" (Is 7:14, Mt 1:24 cf. Lk 1:26ff cf. CCC, 488-499). God chose and prepared Mary with special graces, and he foresaw her cooperation with these graces to give her fiat, her consent to be the mother of Jesus.

Mary was conceived without sin in her mother's womb – The Immaculate Conception.

The doctrine teaches that Mary was preserved immune "from all stain of original sin" from the moment of her conception (CCC, 491 Lk 1:28). This was a singular grace and privilege, by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of humanity.

According to Christ's human nature, Mary is called Theotokos, the Mother of God.

The doctrine on the divine motherhood of Mary is rooted in Scripture when her kinswoman Elizabeth asks Mary, "How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43). Mary is called *Theotokos*, a term meaning "God bearer" or "Mother of God." We are called to be God-bearers, following the example of the Blessed Mother.

Mary remained a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus.

Catholics believe in the perpetual virginity of Mary. "Christ's birth did not diminish Mary's virginity but sanctified it" (CCC, 499).

At the end of her life, Mary was Assumed body and soul into heaven – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Christians have taught that at the end of her life, Mary was assumed into heaven body and soul, corresponding with the fact that, unlike other figures of the New Testament such as St. Peter and St. Paul, there has never been a claim to relics of the body of the Blessed Mother, nor of a tomb containing her body. The Church has recognized in the Book of Revelation a stunning image of the Blessed Mother in heaven: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rv 12:1). All these beliefs about Mary point to her Son and roots in Sacred Scripture.

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