

St. Anselm Catholic Church

June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus and Peter on the Water—Gustave Brion, 1863

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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: 12th Sunday Ordinary Time A

Brothers and sisters in Christ, **there are moments in life when fear becomes very real.** Fear of rejection. Fear of criticism. Fear of standing alone. Fear of speaking the truth when the truth is no longer popular. The readings today enter directly into that human experience. The prophet Jeremiah cries out in anguish: *"I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side!'"* His own friends watch for his downfall! Jeremiah does not surrender to despair. He proclaims: *"But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion."* In the Gospel, Jesus Christ tells His disciples three times: *"Do not be afraid."* Not because suffering will disappear. Not because the world will suddenly applaud holiness. But because God remains faithful.

We are living in a time when many Christians feel pressured to remain silent about their faith. There is a growing temptation to dilute the Gospel, to hide Christian conviction to avoid conflict, ridicule, or exclusion. But Jesus speaks clearly today: *"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."* The Lord never promised us popularity. He promised us His presence. And perhaps this is one of the greatest spiritual battles of our time: whether we will choose comfort over truth, silence over witness, convenience over discipleship: *Will we still belong to Christ when it costs something?*

Yet today's Gospel is not ultimately about fear; it is about trust. Jesus says that even the sparrows are cared for by the Father, and *"you are worth more than many sparrows."* In other words, God has not abandoned His people. He sees every wound, every hidden struggle, every silent tear, every lonely effort to remain faithful. Some of you are carrying heavy burdens today. Some are trying to hold families together in a confused culture. Some are struggling to pass on the faith to children and grandchildren. Some feel isolated because they are trying to live according to the teachings of Christ in a world that often mocks them. Today, the Lord says to you: *Do not be afraid.*

When we truly know that God is with us, we stop living as prisoners of human approval. We begin to live with courage, serenity, and conviction. Not arrogance. Not harshness. But quiet fidelity. The courage simply to belong to Christ. And that witness begins in ordinary ways:

- Choosing prayer over distraction,
- Remaining faithful to Mass and the sacraments,
- Teaching children to know and love Jesus,
- Refusing bitterness and division,
- Standing for what is right even when it is difficult.

Today, Jesus places before us a consoling truth: the Father knows even the number of hairs on our heads. We are not forgotten. Let us ask for the grace to become disciples who are not ashamed of the Gospel. And may our lives proclaim before the world: Jesus Christ is Lord, and we are not afraid. 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	Jun. 22	8:30am	Fr. Thomas Orpin (D)
Tues	Jun. 23	8:30am	Fr. Thomas Orpin (D)
Wed	Jun. 24	8:30am	Johannes Meave-Ohrt (INT)
Thur	Jun. 25	8:30am	Speech & Hearing Impaired Children
Fri	Jun. 26	8:30am	Larry Mundy (D)
Sat	Jun. 27	5:00pm	Catherine Ward (D)
Sun	Jun. 28	8:00am	Jim Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Hans P. Olsen (D)
		5:00pm	Larry Mundy (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, 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 Manifold

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

June—For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- Every weekday, Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 7:00 - 8:25am. A priest is available to hear confessions from 7:00 - 8am. The rosary will be said at 8am during Adoration. Weekday Mass begins at 8:30am.
- On the first Friday of the month, Eucharistic Adoration will continue immediately following the 8:30 am Mass. until noon.
- If you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, hospitalization, or being homebound, please let the parish office know. Our Pastor is happy to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot be with us at Mass. Likewise, if someone is seriously ill or would benefit from receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office to arrange it. Thank you for helping us care for our brothers and sisters who are unable to join us in person.

Saint Anselm Summer Date Night Challenge



www.saintanselm.org/date-night

Our Family Life and Outreach Ministry has started a **Date Night Challenge** for married couples or couples intending to marry running into August. Marriage grows through small, intentional moments. This summer, commit to **one date per month for three months** and watch how simple connection can renew your marriage. Each date you submit = **one entry towards winning a prize!** See the website or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.



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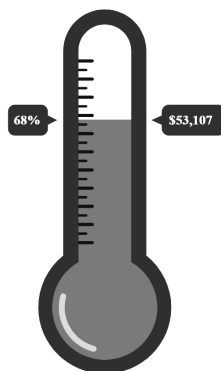
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A Journey Through the Catechism 8: The Eucharist (CCC, 3122-1419)

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).

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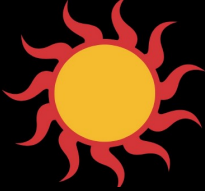
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