

St. Anselm Catholic Church

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parable of the Hidden Treasure—Rembrandt, 1630

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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: 17th Sunday Ordinary Time A

Our Gospel text for this Sunday asks a fundamental question: **“What is it that you value most?”** Let’s approach the question in three fundamental movements: the *picture* and *price* of the Kingdom of God, along with a *peril*, to remind us that we must make a choice for God.

I. The Picture – The Gospel uses three images for the Kingdom: *a buried treasure, a pearl, and a net*. **Buried Treasure** – Although we tend to think of treasure as a bunch of “stuff,” Jesus portrays it as a symbol of the heart and our deepest desires. One of the greatest gifts that our opting for God offers us is the gift of a new heart: *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh* (Ezekiel 36:25-27). In choosing God, we get a new heart, for where our treasure is, there also will our heart be. **A Pearl** – The second image comes from the Wisdom tradition, in which holy Wisdom is likened to a pearl. Here, too, is described one of the most precious gifts of the Kingdom of God: a new mind through holy Wisdom. A mind that shares God’s priorities and vision, one that sees as He does; it is the mind of Christ (*cf.* 1 Cor 2:16), really another way of saying, “a whole new self.”

II. The Price – What are these offerings of the Kingdom worth, and what do they ultimately cost? They cost and are worth *everything*. Notice that these men were *eager* to go and sell, to forsake, everything. Here is the gift to seek from the Lord: a willing and eager heart for the Kingdom of God, so eager that we are willing to forsake anything and everything for it. To be so taken by the glory of God and His Kingdom that we are more than willing to set aside anything that gets in our way (Phil 3:8; 2 Cor 4:17; Rom 8:18; 1 Cor 2:9; Phil 3:13-14).

III. The Peril – The final movement contains a warning about our upcoming judgment. Ultimately, we either want the Kingdom of God or we don’t. Hence, the Lord speaks of a *net* that captures everything (referring to our summons to the judgment). Those who want the Kingdom and have accepted its value and price will be gathered in; those who do not want the Kingdom of God and do not accept its value will be cast aside. Often, we desire “heaven,” but it is one of our own making, on our terms. The true Heaven is the Kingdom of God in all its fullness. The Kingdom of God has God, not man, at its center. In the week ahead, let our choices show that God is our greatest value.

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. 27	8:30am	Tavion Byas (D)
Tues	Jul. 28	8:30am	Madeline Sessa (INT)
Wed	Jul. 29	8:30am	Homebound Parishioners
Thur	Jul. 30	8:30am	Didine Uwamahoro (INT)
Fri	Jul. 31	8:30am	Fr. Thomas Orpin (D)
Sat	Aug. 1	5:00pm	The Wankar Family (INT)
Sun	Aug. 2	8:00am	Robert Hickey (D)
		10:00am	Fr. Neil Healy (D)
		5:00pm	Andrew Capella (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, Shawn Crossley

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- **Religious Education News!** Our St. Anselm school students and St. Anselm religious education students will all be using a new set of materials this coming school year. St. Anselm will be using the “Word of Life” materials presented by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. The “Word of Life” program strives to catechize and evangelize by reaching both the head and the heart of students and their parents through an age-appropriate focus on 1) Salvation history, 2) Christian anthropology, 3) Heroic virtue and 4) Discipleship. Additionally, our OCIA preparation process will use “Symbolon” also by the Augustine Institute. Please pray for all of our students, their families, our school religion teachers and our Sunday school catechists during this time of exciting transition. Also, we have a small number of Sunday School catechist positions available. If you have ever felt called to serve, contact Fr. Gabriel (Wankar.Gabriel@sfarch.org) or DRE Dan (dre@saintanselm.org) to learn more
- **Next weekend, we will have the privilege of welcoming a missionary priest from the Archdiocese of Lilongwe in Malawi, East Africa.** He will share with us about the life of the Church and the needs of the people he serves, and he will make a missionary appeal on their behalf. Please keep him and the people of Malawi in your prayers, and I encourage you to consider supporting this worthy mission with your generosity. May God bless you for your kindness and compassion.
- 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.



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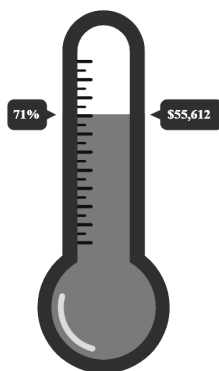
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A Journey Through the Catechism 8: The Eucharist (CCC, 3122-1419)

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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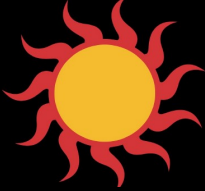
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