

St. Anselm Catholic Church

September 6, 2026

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Calling of Saints Peter and Andrew—Caravaggio, 1606

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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 7:30—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 welcoming Church and School Community whose mission is the salvation of souls. We joyfully journey with people wherever they are in their faith, to build a culture of love and connection where every family grows in faith, strengthens their relationships, and becomes a living witness to God's love, rooted in the Sacraments and grounded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Reflection: 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time A

Correcting someone is not the same as "judging" them. Today's readings serve as a crucial reminder of our Christian responsibility to correct one another, and also to be open to being corrected ourselves. Let's examine this in four steps:

1. Prescription – The Bible obligates us to correct the sinner. We should reprove them gently but honestly, maintaining our humility to avoid the perception of superiority: *If one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back . . . he will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins* (James 5:19). *If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning to save his life, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand* (Ez 3:17), (Cf. Gal 6:1; Col 3:16; 1 Thess 5:14; Lev 19:17).

2. Purpose – The point of this correction is to win a brother or sister back to the Lord; it is not to win an argument or to show superiority. If someone listens to you, you have won them over.

3. Process – The Lord outlines a process for fraternal correction:

a) Avoiding gossip, approach the individual privately to address their wrongdoing. Sometimes we may need to check a few facts before we speak to them, but the Lord is clear: Go first directly to the sinner.

b) If the individual remains unresponsive, consider taking one or two others with you. This approach might seem tough in today's busy world, but it's a key piece of the puzzle when we're trying to tackle harmful and sinful actions.

c) Should the individual continue to refuse to listen, inform the Church. This presupposes that the individual has a personal relationship with the Church and that the body of believers holds significance for them, particularly Pastors, parish leaders, or leaders of organizations to which they belong.

d) If the individual remains unresponsive even to the Church, "treat them as one would a Gentile or a tax collector." This is a Jewish expression signifying the expulsion of an individual from the community as medicine to induce repentance. Excommunication is the last stop on a long journey, a way to protect the community from bad behavior and to help someone who's strayed find their way back to salvation.

4. Power – *Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.* How can we have unity in the Church if there isn't agreement on fundamental moral principles and behavior? Fraternal correction not only aids the sinner, but also benefits the Church by preserving our unity in the truth of the Gospel and strengthening our prayer.

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	Sep. 7	8:30am	For All Laborers
Tues	Sep. 8	8:30am	Kelly Cullen (INT)
Wed	Sep. 9	8:30am	For an End to Slavery
Thur	Sep. 10	8:30am	Titus Wankar (INT)
Fri	Sep. 11	8:30am	For all First Responders and Those in Emergency Services
Sat	Sep. 12	5:00pm	Anthony and Tessa Rodriguez (INT)
Sun	Sep. 13	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
		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, 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, Maria Tan, Renee Reyes, Pam King, Lois Markovich, Maria Bail, Joe Burke, Gavin Saysette, Didine Uwamahoro, Peter Jizrawi, Areme Szemanski, Diane Blackman

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, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick

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

September—For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Why Do We Exist as a Parish?

At St. Anselm, we have much to be grateful for: worship, education, faith teaching, music, service, family support, fellowship, and prayer opportunities. All of these are good and beautiful gifts. Yet, we must ask: *Why do we exist as a Catholic parish?*

The answer lies deeper than our programs, buildings, or activities: **We exist to lead people to Jesus Christ and, through Him, to eternal life.**

The Catholic Church exists because God wants to bring us into communion with Himself through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to save us from sin and open the way to eternal life, not just to make us nicer or improve the world. The Catechism teaches that the Church's origin, purpose, and mission are rooted in God's Plan of salvation (CCC 748–780).

A Catholic Parish is more than a group of people sharing a neighborhood or interests. While maintaining a church, running programs, and providing activities are important, we exist because God desires to save His people and bring them into communion with Himself in Christ. Every parish participates in and advances this mission. We are a community gathered around Christ, helping one another **know Him, love Him, receive His grace, grow in holiness, and become His disciples (Cf. Canon 515 §1 and Canon 528 §1–2).**

As Catholics, we encounter Christ most profoundly **in the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist**, which the Catechism calls the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Everything we do—catechesis, music, ministries, fellowship, outreach, and charity—should flow from Christ and lead us back to Him (Vatican Council II Document Lumen Gentium 8, 11, and 17). This doesn't diminish our service to others. We care for the poor, defend human dignity, strengthen families, and serve those in need because these are Gospel fruits. **Christian charity flows from our faith.** So, we should ask: Does this help people know Christ, love Christ, receive His grace, live according to His truth, grow in holiness, and reach heaven? That is why we exist.

*Not to maintain a parish, but to make disciples
Not to make people comfortable, but to help them become like Jesus Christ*

Not to improve this life, but to prepare souls for eternal life

Our parish exists to lead people to Jesus Christ—and through Him, home to the Father.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- Here are the winners for our Summer Date Night! Thank you to all who participated!

1. Peter & Lynn Serchia
2. David & Staci Simonton
3. Alton & Anna Dunnigan

We're kicking off our Autumn Date Night Challenge, a simple way for couples to commit to one date a night out each month together! This will run from September to November. Scan the QR code or contact Jessica at jgonzalez@stanselschool.com to learn more and register.



- Wine and Cheese returns to the Centennial Hall on Saturday 9/12 following the 5pm Vigil Mass.
- **The Kick Off Meeting for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** will be on Saturday 9/12 at 4:10pm in the Centennial Hall. Regular sessions will be on Sundays following the 10am Mass in the hall. **Contact** Fr. Wankar (Wankar.Gabriel@sfarch.org) or Dan (dre@saintanselm.org) for more information
- **Annual Ross / Central Marin Police-Fire-Sheriff Mass Sunday, September 13 | 10:00 a.m.** We warmly invite you to join us for our combined annual Mass for the **Ross/Central Marin Police-Fire Department** and their families on Sunday, September 13, with a reception immediately following in Centennial Hall. The Archdiocese of San Francisco began this tradition as an annual opportunity to honor the firefighters who lost their lives in the tragic **Herbert Hotel Fire in 1946.**
- **Please Note:** Infant Baptisms are generally performed on the **second Sunday of the month** after the 10 am Mass. A Baptism prep class is required for parents and Godparents. This class generally takes place via Zoom at 12:30 pm on the **first Sunday of the month.** To learn more about baptizing your child or becoming baptized yourself, contact Fr. Wankar to schedule an orientation call by calling [415-453-2342 x103](tel:415-453-2342) or emailing wankar.gabriel@sfarch.org



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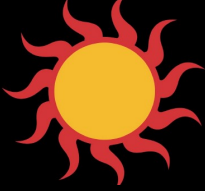
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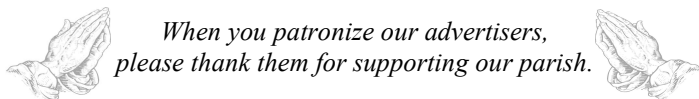
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