

St. Anselm Catholic Church

October 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Healing of Ten Lepers—James Tissot

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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 ext. 11

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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: 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

One of the tremendous human inadequacies is our inability to give proper and adequate thanks to God. This **Fundamental Question** – which is at the heart of the Gospel this Sunday is best expressed in the Book of Psalms: *What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?* The same psalm goes on to answer the question in this way: *The cup of salvation I will take up and call on the name of the Lord* (Psalm 116:12). Notice that the psalm points to the Eucharist in saying, *The cup of salvation I will take up* The word *Eucharist* is a Greek word meaning “thanksgiving.” At every Mass, Jesus takes up the cup of salvation through the priest and shows it to us. In every Mass, Jesus joins us to His perfect sacrifice of thanks. Today’s Gospel contains all the essential elements of Holy Mass. It is about giving thanks and reminds us that the Mass is the perfect thanksgiving, the ideal “Eucharist.”

Let’s look and see how it is a Mass:

1. Gathering – Ten lepers (symbolizing us) have gathered, and Jesus comes near as He passes on His way. We do this in every Mass: we gather, and the Lord draws near.

2. Kyrie – The lepers cry out for mercy, just as we do at every Mass. Lord, have mercy! Jesus, Master, have pity on us!

3. Liturgy of the Word – In saying, “Go show yourselves to the priests,” Jesus is referencing Leviticus 13, which gives detailed instructions on how the priests of old were to diagnose leprosy or its having been cured. At every Mass, we listen to the Lord Jesus, through the priest or deacon, proclaiming God’s Word and then applying it to our lives.

4. Liturgy of the Eucharist – The Gospel relates that one of them *fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him*. This is what we do during the Eucharistic prayer: we kneel and thank Jesus, and along with Him, give thanks to the Father. As noted, the word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek and means “thanksgiving.” Only Jesus can provide perfect thanks to the Father, and we can only give adequate thanks by following Jesus’ command to “Do this in memory of me.” We have to be at Mass.

5. *Ite, missa est* – Jesus sends the thankful leper on his way, saying, *Stand up and go; your faith has saved you*. We, too, are sent forth by Jesus at the end of every Mass, when He speaks through the priest or deacon: “The Mass is ended, go in peace.”

Within this Gospel, which very clearly instructs us to thank God, is the very structure of the Mass: *What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up and call on the name of the Lord* (Psalm 116:12). It is the proper sacrifice of praise to God, and not our entertainment.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Tues	Oct. 14	8:30am	Murhal Orendorff (INT)
Wed	Oct. 15	8:30am	Angela Kremenich (INT)
Thur	Oct. 16	8:30am	Basil McCurry (INT)
Fri	Oct. 17	8:30am	Don Martin (D) and Joe McGarry (D)
Sat	Oct. 18	5:00pm	Karen Poligono (INT)
Sun	Oct. 19	8:00am	Claude Window (D)
		10:00am	Theresa Anne Sullivan (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, Murhal Orendorff

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, Gary McPartlin

For Our Military: Matthew Kerry O’Brien, Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane

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

- **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 Life and World Peace** Pope Leo has invited all Catholics to pray the Rosary daily in October for Life and World Peace. Join us each weekday at **8:00am** in the Church for the Rosary before Mass.
- **Rosary Procession**—On **Friday, October 17**, Father Wankar will lead a Rosary Procession around the block at **5:30pm** starting at the big parking lot.
- 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.
- *Living the Gospel of Life: Understanding Human Life and Dignity*, a talk by Ryan Mayer will be hosted in Centennial Hall on **Tuesday, October 28 at 7pm**. Attending this lecture will assist in developing a personal appreciation for and approach to societal and personal issues founded upon the definition of LIFE and the VALUE of life, including but not limited to, the treatment of prisoners, restorative justice, end of life issues, homelessness, care for the poor, medical care for all, immigration, mental illness, and hunger in America.
- **All Souls Day 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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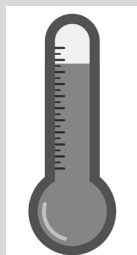
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2025 Annual Appeal

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\$62,006



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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