

St. Anselm Catholic Church

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Miracle of the Bread and Fish—Giovanni Lanfranco, 1623

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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 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: 18th Sunday Ordinary Time A

In our culture of shifting blame and evading responsibility, the very familiar miracle of the loaves and fishes contains a very personal appeal from the Lord to us: "There is no need to dismiss the crowds, give them some food yourself." The Lord's appeal applies to us in five stages.

I. THE IMAGE THAT IS EXTOLLED – The text begins with a very sad note of the death of Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, and He wants to go apart for a while, presumably to pray and grieve. Approaching the opposite shore, Jesus sees a large crowd, is moved with pity, and sets about teaching them at great length, and heals the sick. It is too easy for us, in our own grief and personal issues, to retreat, to hide away. But even in our grief and our limits, we are still called to reach out. And that very reaching out often contains our own healing, too.

II. THE ISSUE THAT IS EVADED – A common human tendency is to avoid or send needy people away. The apostles, noticing a needy crowd, want it to go away before it becomes a problem. We, too, both individually and collectively, may share the philosophy of "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) syndrome. In DESPAIR, the disciples *said*, "This is a deserted place, and it is already late. Being DISMISSIVE, they wanted Jesus to dismiss the crowd. Being DETACHED, they asked the crowd to go and get food for themselves instead of helping. The issue is evaded, rather than accepted as a shared problem to be solved together.

III. THE INSTRUCTION THAT ENSUES – Jesus is not willing to keep this merely as a problem "they" have; he wants me to do something: *give them something to eat yourselves*. This is the instruction that ensues when the apostles, or we, try to evade the issue. Jesus wants and expects us to get started on a solution that includes both "them" and us.

IV. THE INSUFFICIENCY THAT IS EXPRESSED – The Lord is not interested in our excuses; he just says, "Let's get started." Observe two things about the five loaves and two fish. First, the loaves and fishes came from among the poor themselves. There are loaves and fishes even among the poor; they have talents and resources to be included in the solution. Secondly, wherever the loaves and fishes come from, they are not nothing, and the Lord expects all of us to be part of the solution.

V. THE IMMENSITY THAT IS EXPERIENCED – It is too easy to lament this world's condition, the sad failures of the Church, and, like the apostles, feel overwhelmed. There is an old saying that it is easier to wear slippers than to carpet the whole of the earth. In the week ahead, let us resolve to light a candle rather than to curse the darkness. Bring your loaves and fishes to Jesus, bring your slippers, and let's get started. It begins with me.

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	Aug. 3	8:30am	Tony Meadows (D) Mary McDonnell (D)
Tues	Aug. 4	8:30am	Joan Risch (D)
Wed	Aug. 5	8:30am	Colin Edward Schreck (D) Christopher Allen Cook (D)
Thur	Aug. 6	8:30am	Gavin Saysette (Healing)
Fri	Aug. 7	8:30am	Shawn Crossley (D) Book of Intentions and Votives
Sat	Aug. 8	5:00pm	Angela Marie D'Ambrogi-Taricco (D)
Sun	Aug. 9	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Donald Feehan (D)
		5:00pm	Claire Muller (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, 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, Claire Muller

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

August—For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcoming Our Young Families: A Sign of Hope

Beloved Parishioners, one of the greatest blessings I have witnessed at St. Anselm is the growing presence of young families with children at our Sunday Masses. The sight of parents carrying infants, holding little hands, or gently comforting a restless child during Mass is not a distraction—it is a profound sign of hope. It is a visible reminder that our parish is blessed with new life. The Lord Himself said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 19:14).

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our young parents. In a society where many competing voices seek to draw families away from God, your decision to bring your children faithfully to Holy Mass is a courageous and demanding witness of faith. Yet your efforts are invaluable, for as the Catechism reminds us, *“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith”* (CCC 2223). The entire parish shares in supporting that beautiful vocation through prayer, encouragement, and practical care.

For this reason, I ask every parishioner to continue making St. Anselm a place where families always feel welcomed, loved, and understood. The occasional sounds of little children should never diminish our joy. Rather, they remind us that the Church is alive. As St. Paul encourages us, *“Bear with one another through love”* (Ephesians 4:2). A smile, a word of encouragement, or a patient heart can reassure a young parent far more than we may ever realize.

Since our current cry room can comfortably accommodate only one family at a time, I am considering, as a first step, extending the Church’s audio system into the Centennial Hall. This would provide an overflow space, especially for families with children under two years of age for the 8:00am Mass, allowing parents to remain fully united with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while caring for their little ones. It will require furnishing the space with stackable children’s tables and chairs, along with a few simple items like those already available in our cry room. The intention is to make the space attractive, comfortable, easy to prepare before Mass, and easy to restore afterward.

We will evaluate this arrangement by the end of the 2026 calendar year. If it proves successful, we will begin planning toward introducing Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in 2027, also in the Centennial Hall, providing another

opportunity to nourish our children’s faith while preserving the reverence of the Sacred Liturgy. This is very much a parish journey. I would appreciate your suggestions, insights, ideas, and volunteers as together we discern how best to accompany our young families. May the Holy Spirit help us, that St. Anselm may always be a parish where every person encounters the welcoming love of Christ. - *Fr. Wankar*

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

• Religious Education News

Religious Education (Sunday School) registration is now open and available on our website
An early bird discount is available until August 15

To adhere to Archdiocesan guidelines, all sacramental preparation programs are moving to be two years in length.

All first graders should register for First Holy Communion Year 1 if they wish to make their First Holy Communion during second grade.

All seventh graders should register for Confirmation Year 1 if they wish to make their Confirmation during eighth grade.

Contact Dan (dre@saintanselm.org) if you have any questions.

- Every weekday, Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 7:30 - 8:25am. A priest is available to hear confessions from 7:30 - 8am. The rosary will be said at 8am during Adoration. Weekday Mass begins at 8:30am.



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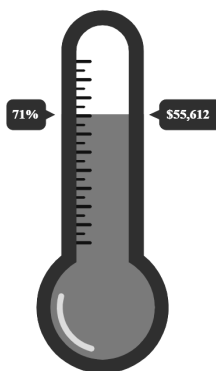
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Registration

2026 AAA

GOAL: \$78,673



St. Anselm Planned Giving

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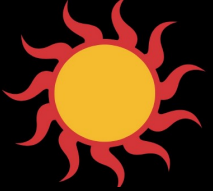
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