

St. Anselm Catholic Church

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



The First Vocation of the Apostle Andrew, Domenichino, 1622

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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 7:25—8:25 am
& 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 & 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: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

As Ordinary Time opens, the lectionary continues to "introduce" Christ to us. "Who is Jesus Christ? In today's Gospel, John the Baptist elaborates on five things about Jesus: **I Prefigured** – *John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* Some 1,800 years before this event, *Isaac had asked his Father, Abraham: "Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"* (Gen 22:6ff). God indeed provided a ram, which pointed to Christ. Years later, the blood of the lamb also protected Isaac's descendants from death in Egypt. Every Passover, the question was still asked, "Where is the Lamb?" referring to the Passover lamb. In answer to Isaac's question, "Where is the Lamb?" John declares, "Behold the Lamb of God." Christ was prefigured, as seen here and in many other places in the Old Testament.

II Preexistent – *He is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me."* Jesus was born six months after John the Baptist, yet John says that Jesus existed before him. Before assuming a human nature, Jesus existed eternally with the Father: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made* (John 1:1).

III. Preeminent – *I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.* In effect, John is saying, "My purpose is to reveal Him." *He must increase, but I must decrease* (John 3:30). Jesus is greater than John or any prophet or world leader. Jesus is the Groom; John is but the best man.

IV Powerful – *John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him."* The Baptism of John could only call for repentance and not truly wash away sins; the Baptism of Jesus can. Moreover, not only does Jesus' Baptism atone for sins, but it also confers the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we are given a whole new life. Sin is taken away, and in its place, grace is given to restore us, renew us, and seal us with the Holy Spirit. Scripture also says, *But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become the children of God* (Jn 1:12).

V. Presence of God – *Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.* Jesus would say elsewhere, *To see me is to have seen the Father; the Father and I are one* (John 14:9). As the Son of God, He manifests the Father; He is the presence of God in this world. He shares fully in the one divine essence and, as Son, shows us the Father. ***Jesus is the presence of God among us!***

A special welcome to any visitors or those worshipping with us for the first time or those returning home. Please know that you are warmly welcomed & deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register at www.saintanselm.org/register so we can stay in touch.

We're so glad you're here—Welcome home!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Jan. 19	8:30am	Claire Muller (INT)
Tues	Jan. 20	8:30am	Milene Meyer (INT)
Wed	Jan. 21	8:30am	Ellie McCarthy (INT)
Thur	Jan. 22	8:00am	Issac Monge (INT)
Fri	Jan. 23	8:30am	Rebekah Wu (INT)
Sat	Jan. 24	5:00pm	Jim Terstegge (D)
Sun	Jan. 25	8:00am	Walter Tobin (D)
		10:00am	Fr. Neal Healy (D)
		5:00pm	St. Anselm School Students

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, 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, Dennis O'Keefe

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, Fr. Neil Healy

For Our 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

January—For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Annual Parish Financial Statement

Dear Parishioners, I am deeply grateful for your faithful financial support and generosity. Thanks to you, about three million dollars have been raised for the Bell Tower restoration, which is scheduled to begin in April. Our goal for the 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal has been met, and weekly offertory giving has remained steady. As we continue to invest in new ministries—particularly Sacred Music and Family and Relationship Health—while also addressing significant ongoing maintenance needs, I thank you for your continued support and ask that you prayerfully support these new ministries that enrich the life of our parish.

	Actual Jul 2024 Jun 2025	Budget Jul 2024 Jun 2025	Last year Jul 2023 Jun 2024
Revenue			
Collections	\$339,230	\$311,100	\$309,237
Christmas	\$33,090	\$35,000	\$28,518
Easter	\$17,793	\$22,000	\$22,062
Sacramental	\$9,150	\$11,500	\$14,600
Religious Ed	\$13,501	\$18,000	\$17,178
Gifts/Donations	\$7,957	\$36,000	\$37,186
Other (interest, parking rental, and restricted donations used)	\$165,057	\$143,035	\$145,872
Total Revenue	\$585,778	\$576,635	\$574,653
Expenses			
Expenses	\$560,133	\$549,900	\$526,016
Church/Rectory Repairs	\$12,259	\$10,000	\$8,301
Total Expenses	\$572,392	\$559,900	\$534,317
Total Operating Income	\$13,386	\$16,735	\$40,337
Additionally, the Parish received \$723k in Bell Tower donation and earned \$80k of interest from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. Total donation & interest received from campaign inception through June 30, 2025 was \$3M.			

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- The Ritter Center Food Drives will be accepting donations on the weekend of **January 24-25**.
- St. Anselm School Open House will be on **Thursday, January 29 at 5pm**.
- **On Saturday, February 14, 2026, we'll hold a Healing Mass for Divorced/Separated Catholics here in our Church at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Wine and Cheese Night** will return after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, February 14

Catechesis on Parish Vision and The Eucharist

Beloved parishioners, in this New Year 2026, I am humbly inviting you, to pray with me over the passage of **Habakkuk 2:2-3** towards a vision of evangelization in our parish. Our Family Life and Relationship Ministry and the Children's Choir will be initial channels of evangelization to invite people into the life of our parish, while deepening our meditation on the Eucharist through catechesis and the sacred liturgy to nourish our daily lives. The Vatican Council II document, *Lumen Gentium* #11 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC1407) teach that "The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life" The Eucharist nourishes the souls of the faithful and perfectly signifies and admirably realizes the unity of the People of God.

Here are a few apparent reminders regarding Catholic belief in the Eucharist: Canon 912 of the Code of Canon Law rightly states that **"any baptized person not prohibited by law can and must be admitted to holy communion."** Canon 916: "A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to celebrate Mass or receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess; in this case, the person is to remember the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition which includes the resolution of confessing as soon as possible" (Cf. CCC 1415). In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul also said, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11:27, 29).

The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a central dogma of the Catholic faith: "The power of the words and the action of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, make sacramentally present under the species of bread and wine Christ's body and blood, his sacrifice offered on the cross once for all" (CCC 1353). Because the Roman Catholic Church believes and teaches that when we receive Communion, we participate in the body and blood of Christ, **not just symbols of them**, the faithful must profess this faith each time they receive the sacrament with an "Amen." The Priest says, "The Body of Christ, to which we respond Amen." By this Amen (which every Catholic who receives the Eucharist knows), *we espouse publicly the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church* and desire to live accordingly. **It is the reason why non-Catholics aren't permitted to receive Holy Communion at Mass.**