

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



*Go Ye Therefore, and Teach All Nations—Harry Anderson, 20th Century*

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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—8:25am &  
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](mailto: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: 6th Sunday of Easter Year A**

Jesus in our Gospel today, cuts right through the tendency to place love in opposition with law, and law in opposition with joy.

**1. The Power of Love** – *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments ... Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.”* Loving God is *not* a human work; it is the gift of God. The keeping of the commandments is the *fruit* of love, not the *cause* of it. When received and experienced, the power of such love is **extravagant** and wants to do more than the minimum. A young man who loves a young woman is unlikely to say, “Your birthday is coming soon so, what is the cheapest gift I can get you?” No. It is same for us as Catholic Christians when we ask, “Do I *have* to go to church?” “Do I *have* to go to confession? Such love **expands** our horizons. When you love someone, you begin to love and appreciate what they do. To love God is to love the things and the people He loves: justice, mercy, chastity, and all the people He loves—even our enemies. Such love **excites**. A young man is excited to drive his girlfriend to work one day because her car is in the shop and sees it as an opportunity to be with her and to help her even if he must go miles out of his way. Yes, love lightens every load.

**2. The Person of Love** – *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always...”* Jesus tells us that the power to change us is not an impersonal power like “The Force” in Star Wars. What changes us is not a “what” but a “who.” The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit living in us as in a temple, will change us and stir us to love. *“We love, because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:10). He, the Holy Spirit, is the one who enables us to love extravagantly and in a way that expands and excites.

**3. The Proof of God’s Love** – *“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you... On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.”* The key phrases here are **“You will live”** and **“You will realize.”** To “know” in the Bible is to “have intimate and personal experience of the thing or person known.” I know Jesus is alive and in me through His Holy Spirit because I am experiencing my life changing. I am seeing sins put to death and graces coming alive! I am a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17). This is what Jesus means when He says, *“You will realize that I am in the Father and in you.”* To “realize” means to experience something as real. May we experience the power of God moving us to love others, Amen.

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](http://www.saintanselm.org/register) so we can stay in touch. **We’re so glad you’re here—Welcome home!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>May 11</b>	8:30am	Matthew Finzen (D)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>May 12</b>	8:30am	Matthew Finzen (D)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>May 13</b>	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>May 14</b>	8:30am	Mary Kellady (INT)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>May 15</b>	8:30am	Rebecca Sergio (D)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>May 16</b>	5:00pm	Michael Harrington (D)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>May 17</b>	8:00am	Edward Podesta (D)
		10:00am	Joe McGarry (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, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, Lorraine Matteucci, 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, Dennis O’Keefe, 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

**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**

**May—That everyone might have food**

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- We will begin a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** before the Pentecost (May 24) starting **on May 14**
- This past **Saturday on May 9**, our children received **First Holy Communion**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

Tanner Boznanski	Jude Martinez
Elizabeth Carey	Sawyer McDonald
Wesley Case	William McEvoy
Dominic Caselli	Will Mitchell
Sammy Collins	Dillon Norton
Oliver Collins	Delaney O'Conor
Colette Cush	Huxton Ostberg
Beatrice Day	Scarlett Perez
Declan Dooley	Sicily Perez
Miles Dowley	Cole Peterson
Landon Dupre	Bridget Quinlan
Harrison Fahy	Trevor Reid
Charlotte Femmer	Domenic Rosseau
Henry Fisher	Joesph Salcido
Tyler Forst	Thomas Salcido
Ellie Garibaldi	Oliver Scheer
Conor Grady	Slone Stevenson
Finley Greig	Seamus Stokes
Madison Hansen	Tre Sullivan
Gianna Hansson	Taylor Trimmer
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Cristina Lucchese	Nolan Whipple



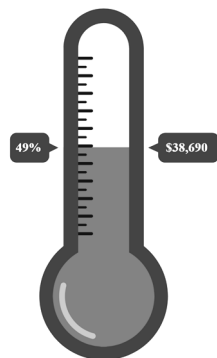
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**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**  
 May 17 | Building and Maintenance  
 May 31 | St. Vincent de Paul Society

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**A Journey Through the Catechism 7: The Blessed Mother (CCC, 484-511, 721-726, 963-975)**

The months of May & October are special Marian months in our Catholic faith. Throughout May, 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:

**1. 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.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. 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).

**5. 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).

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