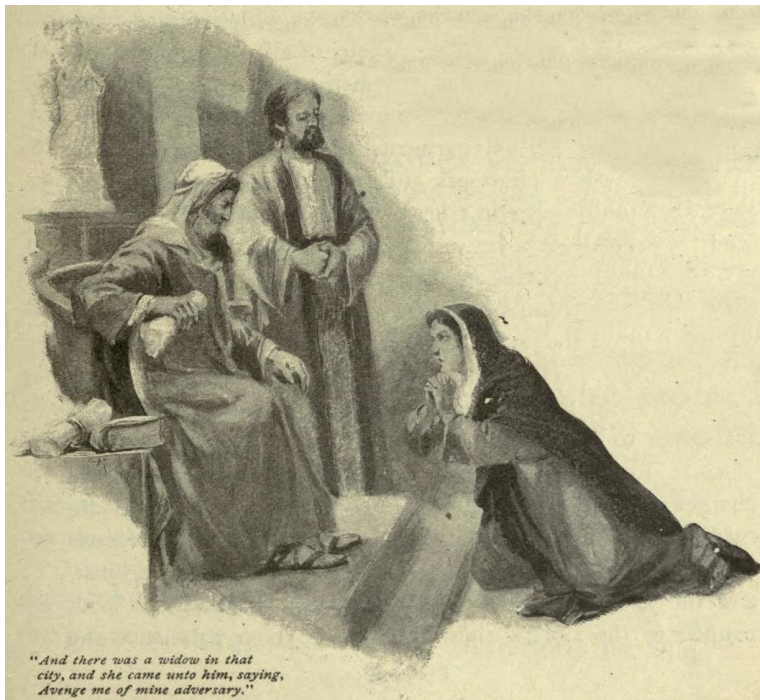


St. Anselm Catholic Church

October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"And there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary."

Parable of the Unjust Judge—Pacific Press Publishing

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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.

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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: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The readings today speak to us of the power of persistent prayer. In particular, the first reading from Exodus pictures prayer: *As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the battle...* (Ex 17:-8-13) We can notice here six practices related to prayer, six fundamental teachings on prayer:

I. The Problem for Prayer. None of us like problems, but one thing about problems is that they help to keep us praying. Israel was at war, and their enemies were strong. It was time to pray. Sometimes challenges serve to keep us humble and remind us of our need for God and others.

II. The Priority of Prayer. *Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."* Notice that Joshua and the army did not go forth until *after* Moses took up his prayer place. Prayer ought to precede any major decision or undertaking. Too often, we rush into life without praying. Each day should begin with prayer. Important decisions are a time for prayer.

III. The Power of Prayer. *As long as Moses raised his hands, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better.* The fact is, prayer changes things. We may never fully know how our prayers helped change world history, but prayers have indeed changed the course of world events.

IV. The Partnership of Prayer. *Moses' hands grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile, Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other.* Because of his fatigue, Moses knows he needs to get Aaron and Hur to assist him in praying. Personal prayer is indeed essential but so is communal and group prayer. We need our own Aaron and Hur to support us in prayer and make up for our weakness. Find good spiritual friends to accompany you on your journey and pray with you.

V. The Persistence of Prayer. *So that Moses' hands remained steady till sunset.* They prayed right until the end, and so must we. We may sometimes get frustrated by the delay but pray anyway. We may get fatigued or even lose heart but pray anyway. Like Moses, bring some friends to help you, but keep praying *till sunset*.

VI. The Product of Prayer. *And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.* The text says that the enemies of Israel were utterly defeated. This is the product and the power of persistent prayer. This is what prayer does. We may not need God to mow down a foreign enemy in battle, but help us conquer enemies like fear, poverty, illness, and sin. In the week ahead, let us pray and wait for the product of prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct. 20	8:30am	Mary Bordi (INT)
Tues	Oct. 21	8:30am	Pat and Kelly Greenlee (INT)
Wed	Oct. 22	8:30am	Madeline Sessa (INT)
Thur	Oct. 23	8:30am	Muriel and Edward Tarrant (D)
Fri	Oct. 24	8:30am	Diego Ramirez-Cardenas, MD (D)
Sat	Oct. 25	5:00pm	Sam and Paul Lippert (INT)
Sun	Oct. 26	8:00am	Larry Mundi (INT)
		10:00am	Gary McPartlin (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

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SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

- **The Children's Choir** will be singing at the 10:00am Mass on **Sunday, October 26**. Please keep our children in your prayers and support this beautiful initiative.
- The Ritter Center Food Drives will be accepting donations on the weekend of **October 25-26**. Thank you for your support for this important ministry.
- The Marin Deanery's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lector Training will be hosted in 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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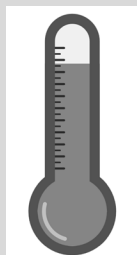
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\$62,506



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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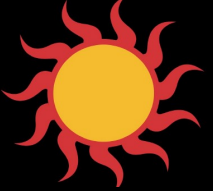
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