

St. Anselm Catholic Church

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



Jesus' Ascension to Heaven—John Singleton Copley, 1775

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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 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 & 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: Pentecost Sunday Year A

The readings for Pentecost speak to us of the Holy Spirit in three ways: the portraits of the Spirit, the proclamation of the Spirit, and the propagation by the Spirit.

I. The Portraits of the Spirit – The readings employ two images: rushing wind and tongues of fire, which recall Psalm 50: *Our God comes, he does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest.* As rushing wind, Spirit refers to breath. This is preserved in the word “respiration,” which means breathing. On the other hand, the Bible often speaks of God as fire or in fiery terms: Moses saw Him as a burning bush. God led the people out of Egypt through the desert as a pillar of fire. Scriptures also call God a Holy fire, a consuming fire (cf. Heb 12:29), and a refining fire (cf. Is. 48:10; Jer 9:7; Zec 13:9; Mal 3:3). So, as a Holy Fire, He refines us by burning away our sins and purifying us. As Job once said, *But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold* (Job 23:10).

II. The Proclamation of the Spirit – Notice that the Spirit came on them like “tongues” of fire. The reference to tongues is no accident, for the Holy Spirit moves them to speak and ultimately to witness, not just within the safety of the upper room, but also in holy boldness before the crowds that have gathered. **Notice the transformation!** From frightened men huddled together in secrecy behind locked doors, they now go forth to proclaim Christ boldly before the crowds. **What about us?** We are silent, overcome by fear of being called names, being unpopular, or being resisted. But to the degree that we have really met Jesus Christ and experienced His Holy Spirit, we are less able to keep silent. **Note also how the Spirit “translates” for the Apostles.** The people in the crowd spoke different languages, yet each heard Peter and the others in his own language. The Spirit, therefore, assists not only us but also those who hear us. Some of our most doubt-filled encounters with others can still bear great fruit on account of the work of the Holy Spirit, who “translates” for us and overcomes obstacles we might think insurmountable.

III. The Propagation by the Spirit – In the great commission, the Lord said, *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit* (Matt 28; Luke 12:49). This is only possible in the fiery transformation of every Christian going forth to bring warmth and light to a cold, dark world. *This* is how the Spirit of the Lord fills the orb of the earth—in the lives of saints (and in *your* life)! This implies leaving the “upper room” of our fears, opening the doors, and proclaiming Christ to the world. Let the Holy Spirit light a fire in you!

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	May 25	8:30am	Nick Shea (D)
Tues	May 26	8:30am	Maria Luisa Espinoza (D)
Wed	May 27	8:30am	Michael “Buck” Murray (D)
Thur	May 28	8:30am	Sheila Frohling (D)
Fri	May 29	8:30am	Robert Rivera (D) Linda Lorenzetti (INT)
Sat	May 30	5:00pm	Patricia Reilly Burke (D)
Sun	May 31	8:00am	Father Wankar (Thanksgiving)
		10:00am	Father Wankar (Thanksgiving)
		5:00pm	Father Wankar (Thanksgiving)

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

- The rectory will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day
- Next **Sunday, May 31 we will have Stay and Play** in Centennial Hall after the 5pm Mass on Sunday.
- **Sunday, June 7 is the Feast of Corpus Christi.** A Eucharistic Procession around the neighborhood will be held after the 10am Mass. A catered Italian lunch will follow the procession. Please RSVP by contacting Mark at the rectory.
- Our Family Life and Outreach Ministry will be starting a Summer Date Night Challenge in June. Go to <https://www.saintanselm.org/date-night> or scan the QR code for more information.



This past **Friday on May 22**, some beloved young people from our parish received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers!

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| Catherine Altman | Catherine Orendorff |
| James Duplanty | Elizabeth Oxenham |
| Cecelia Ellis | Sebastian Panzica |
| Mercurius Ellison | Catherine Parente |
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| John Kragel | Carlo Reyes |
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

May 31 | St. Vincent de Paul Society
June 7 | St. Anselm School

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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