

St. Anselm Catholic Church

August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Christ in the House of Simon the Pharisee by Philippe de Champaigne

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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.

St. Vincent de Paul Help Desk: (415) 454-3303

Cursillo Information: Cathy Cunningham
(415) 453-7174

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: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the Gospel for Sunday's Mass, the Lord Jesus summons us to a deeper appreciation for what brings true honor and makes a person truly great. Let's examine this Gospel in three parts and discover its paradoxical vision.

I. THE PERSON who HONORS – The Lord is really reminding us that at formal banquets, the host determines where we sit. Of course, the banquet we are invited to is God's Kingdom. God has a place for us, but He assigns each person their place. Recall that when James and John approached Jesus for seats at His right and left (places of honor), Jesus responded, *to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared* (Mk 10:40). So, our places in the Kingdom are determined by God. We sometimes wish we were taller, thinner, more intelligent, or more attractive. We are jealous of what we see as the advantages of others. Just because we *think* it is better to be rich than poor does not mean that it is so. Having a "good" job like someone else's, a family like someone else's, or a talent like someone else's may not be best for us. God gives us the skills, blessings, burdens, and challenges He knows are best for us. Don't just walk into God's Kingdom and sit yourself down!

II. THE PARADOX OF HONORS – Jesus *noticed how they chose the places of honor at the table*. Remember that this is God's banquet. The qualifications for the seats of honor there are very different from those necessary for worldly honors: The popular, the powerful, the glitterati, and the game changers who emerge to flashing cameras and thunderous applause. These are the things we notice! But who catches God's eye as God looks around the banquet hall of His Kingdom? *Whoever would be great among you must be the servant* (Mark 10:43; Luke 22:26). *Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar* (Ps 138:6). *Many who are last shall be first. Many who are first shall be last* (Luke 13:30). *He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly* (Luke 1:52). It is the lowly, the humble, the servants of all, who catch God's eye.

III. THE PRESCRIPTION for HONORS – The prescription is clear. Jesus instructs us, *when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, "My friend, move up to a higher position."* The greatest thing about us is not our big paycheck or fancy house. It's service. Jesus then adds, *when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous*. Our celebration of the Eucharist invites us to see greatness in a different light.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Sep. 1	8:30am	Michael Killelia (D)
Tues.	Sep. 2	8:30am	Jim Modesitt (D)
Wed.	Sep. 3	8:30am	Dinka Velcich (D)
Thur.	Sep. 4	8:30am	Ken & Larry Hansen (D)
Fri.	Sep. 5	8:30am	Dcn. Bernie & Dolores O'Halloran Votives and Book of Intentions
Sat.	Sep. 6	5:00pm	Kevin Fisher Paulson (D)
Sun.	Sep. 7	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary, & Ignatius Kellady
		10:00am	Michael Killelea (D)
		5:00pm	Spaniolo Family (INT)

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

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, Mike Killelea

For Our Military: Matthew Kerry O'Brien, Robert Gebhardt, Tyler Lopez, Alex Boatwright, Elizabeth Baumsteiger, Christian Miller, Robert Kent, Shane Morgan, Daniel Lowe, and Rob Manifold

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

August—For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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
415-272-6147/ steve@meridiancommercial.com

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

• **Religious Education for Children**

The St. Anselm Religious Education program will begin next month. Classes for Pre-K to 7th grade meet Sunday mornings at 9 am and conclude in time to attend the 10 am Mass. The Confirmation preparation classes for students in 8th+ grade meet on Sunday evenings and include attending the 5 pm Mass. Visit SaintAnselm.org to learn more and sign up.

♦ **The parish office will be closed on Labor Day September 1.**

♦ **An Evening of Reflection on Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm Theme: "Peace Within, Peace Around: An Evening of Reflection on Inner Peace in a World That Never Stops."** Presentation by Sr. Karol Augustine, OP from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist teaching at Marin Catholic High. **Wine and cheese before at 6:30pm**

- ♦ Wine and Cheese Night will now happen every 2nd Saturday of the month following the 5pm Mass! The next one will be on September 13.
- ♦ The Ritter Center Food Drives will resume next month. Thank you for your support for this important ministry.
- ♦ Every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm Deacon Bob will lead a discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. **You may attend in-person (Centennial Hall) or via Zoom.** Contact Deacon Bob to get a copy of the readings in advance and the Zoom link. ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com



One time donation



Recurring donation

St. Anselm Church Stewardship

Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on August 31
Saint Vincent de Paul

2025 Annual Appeal: \$46,944 collected; goal of \$71,409

2025 Church Restoration Goal—\$ 3,500,000

Catechesis on Singing and Music— An Essential Part of the Catholic Liturgy

The origins of singing in the Roman Catholic liturgy are deeply rooted in Jewish worship, especially the synagogue tradition, where psalms, Scripture, and prayers were chanted. The Gospels tell us that after the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples “sang a hymn” before going out to the Mount of Olives (cf. Matthew 26:30).

Early Christians continued this practice, and by the 4th century, communal singing had become a structured part of the Mass. This eventually gave rise to Gregorian Chant, named after Pope St. Gregory the Great (6th century), which formed the foundation of Roman Rite music.

The tradition of singing psalms and hymns has never been about performance but about giving glory to God and fostering the unity of the Church in prayer. As the Church’s tradition reminds us: “*He who sings prays twice*” (often attributed to St. Augustine).

The Second Vatican Council teaches that sacred music is an “*integral part of the liturgy*” because it expresses the soul of the Church’s prayer (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 112). It calls all the faithful to participate actively through “*acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs*” (30), reminding us that “*liturgical services are not private functions but celebrations of the Church*” (7).

According to *Musicam Sacram* (#4), the aim of liturgical music is “*the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful.*” When music is treated as a performance, the congregation often falls silent. But when the choir sings with the assembly and for the Church’s prayer, something sacred and unifying takes place (cf. *Why Catholics Can’t Sing*).

In the Roman Catholic tradition, songs for each Mass are prayerfully chosen to reflect the readings, season, and liturgical theme, forming one seamless act of worship. Special care is given to selecting music that the whole congregation can sing with ease and confidence. This includes keeping the pitch accessible—not just for the cantor or choir, but for the entire assembly.

We are all called to sing at Mass—not as spectators, but as full participants in the Church’s prayer. Let us not remain silent when the Church is at prayer. Let us sing *to the Lord*, for He is good!

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