

St. Anselm Catholic Church

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Lord's Prayer by James Tissot

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Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,

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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

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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: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In last week's Gospel, the Lord insisted that prayer was the "one thing necessary." This week, the disciples ask the Lord to teach them to pray. In answer, the Lord gives us three basic prescriptions for prayer:

I. Pattern of Prayer – In giving the "Our Father," the Lord Jesus is not simply giving us words to say, but a pattern or structure for prayer: **1. RELATE** – *Our Father who art in heaven* – Relate to the Father with family intimacy, affection, reverence, and love. **2. REJOICE** – *hallowed by thy name!* God gives every good and perfect gift, and our Praise is due to Him. *God created us so we...might live for his Praise and glory* (Eph 1:12). **3. RECEIVE** – *thy kingdom comes, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven* – When Jesus lives in us, we hunger for God's word and strive to know his will and have it operative in our lives. **4. REQUEST** – *Give us today our daily bread* – Our greatest need, of course, is to be fed by God; thus, bread also points to the faithful reception of the Eucharist, asking for God's help in every need – ours and others. **5. REPENT** – *and forgive us our trespasses... and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.* – Sin is understood at two levels here: 1: sin – (lowercase) our personal sins, also referred to as our "trespasses." 2. Sin (upper case) – refers to the whole climate of sin that reinforces and underlies our sins. Recognizing the sins and deep drives of sins in our lives, we must beg deliverance from them and mercy.

II. The Persistence of Prayer – Jesus tells a parable to illustrate the importance of persistence in prayer and a similar parable in Luke 18 of an unjust judge and a persistent widow. If even a grouchy neighbor and an unfair judge will respond to persistence, how much more will God the Father, who is neither unjust nor grouchy, respond to those who call out to him day and night. St. Monica prayed for thirty years for Augustine to accept the Faith. God sometimes requires persistence for some things, and we dare not give up or become discouraged.

III. The Point of Prayer – Jesus then concludes If an earthly Father knows how to "give good gifts" to his son, then we expect Jesus to say that the Heavenly Father also knows how to give "good gifts" to those who ask. But Jesus does not say "good gifts." He says the Father gives "The Holy Spirit." Why is this? Because it is the highest gift that contains all others. To receive the Holy Spirit is to accept God Himself, who comes to live in us as in a temple. And with this gift comes every other gift and consolation. By the Holy Spirit, we begin to think and see more as God does. Ultimately, the point of all prayers is deep communion with the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	July 28	8:30am	Dr. Richard Mani (INT)
Tues.	July 29	8:30am	Paul Bugas (D)
Wed.	July 30	8:30am	Terry & Jan Moran (INT)
Thur.	July 31	8:30am	St. Anselm Parish (INT)
Fri.	Aug 1	8:30am	Peter & Sophie Pappas (INT) Book of Intentions and Votives
Sat.	Aug 2	5:00pm	Cheryl Cummiskey (D)
Sun.	Aug 3	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Donald Feehan (D)
		5:00pm	Carrie Angela (INT)

Sick Relatives & Friends

Note: please call parish office to update names

As a community we ask God's blessing for the ill: Theresa Sullivan, 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, Mike Killelea, 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, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward

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

July—For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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

Notice on Father Neal Healy

Please pray for the health of Father Neal Healy who is currently residing in a convalescent home in San Mateo. If you would like more information on visiting him, please contact the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

- ♦ **WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT!**
Come join us after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, **August 2** for wine and cheese.
- ♦ **Back to School Barbecue** after the 5:00pm Sunday Mass on **August 24**
- ♦ **An Evening of Recollection on Wednesday, September 10 at 7pm** *Theme: "Peace Within, Peace Around: An Evening of Reflection on Inner Peace in a World That Never Stops."* [Led by the Dominican Sisters of Marin Catholic High.]
- ♦ There will be no Ritter Center Food Drives until September due to low volunteer recruitment during the summertime. Thank you for your support for this important ministry. We look forward to resuming in the Fall.
- ♦ Every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm Deacon Bob will lead a discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. This is a unique opportunity to explore what you and other parishioners take away from the 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



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Upcoming second collection on August 17
Building and Maintenance

2025 Annual Appeal: \$39,582 collected; goal of \$71,409

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

A Journey Through the Catechism 6: The Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic (CCC, 748-865)

What is the definition of “Church”?

The word *church* translates a Greek word that means an assembly of people, in this case the people called by God to worship as an assembly. The Church is the people that belongs to God (cf. CCC, 751-752). “Church,” of course, can also refer to the physical building in which Christian worship takes place. But for our purposes, the *Church* (capitalized) is the people gathered by God to be his own, the community that is made real as a Eucharistic assembly.

What are the origins of the Church?

The Church is born from the heart of Jesus Christ, for from the wounded side of Christ on the Cross there flowed out water and blood (cf. Jn 19:34) – the water of Baptism and the blood of the Holy Eucharist, the sacramental life of the Church. Just as from the side of the sleeping Adam did God bring forth Eve, so is the Church, the Bride of Christ, “born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross” (CCC, 766). Jesus gathers his little flock of Apostles and believers and sends them forth to the ends of the earth to proclaim the Good News (cf. Lk 12:32, CCC, 759-765).

What are some images of the Church from Scripture?

The Scriptures offer several images that help us to understand the nature of the Church:

The Church is the sheepfold, to which Christ alone grants access. Jesus is the good and faithful shepherd, the one who takes care of his sheep (cf. Ps 23), holding them close to his heart (cf. Is 40:11), searching out those that are lost (cf. Mt 18:12-14), and even going so far as to lay down his life for his flock (cf. Jn 10:11). As members of his sheepfold, we receive the blessings of Christ’s wisdom, mercy, and pastoral care (cf. CCC, 754).

The Church is the cultivated field, the vineyard planted by God, where Christ is the vine and we are the branches (cf. Jn 15:5). In the Church we put down spiritual roots into the fertile and tilled soil that the Lord himself prepares for us. We have true and eternal life when we remain connected to Christ, the true vine. We rely upon his mercy and compassion to bring us back to life when we have sinned, grafting us back to the vine, the only source of everlasting life (cf. Rom 11:17, CCC, 755).

The Church is the building of God, with Christ himself as the foundation and as the very cornerstone once rejected by the builders (cf. Mt 21:42).

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church goes forth on its mission to make disciples of all nations, thereby building up the Kingdom of God here on earth, a kingdom that will be brought to perfection through great trials, until all are gathered together in the presence of God in the new and eternal Jerusalem (cf. CCC, 767-769).

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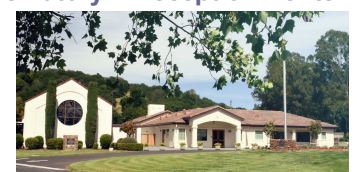
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