

St. Anselm Catholic Church

November 9, 2025
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



The Basilica of Saint John Lateran, Rome—Giacomo van Lint, 1790

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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: Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica

The Feast of the **Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome**, the Pope's Cathedral, celebrates the unity of the Church. The Pope's work is to unite and strengthen the members of the Church, whom the devil would like to sift (divide) like wheat (see Lk 22:31ff). Let's examine a few teachings about the Church from today's readings.

I. The Shock of the Church – One of the puzzling aspects of God's approach to reaching us is God's subtle methods which surprise and even shock us. Jesus never wrote a book or left anything physical about His person behind. He entrusted His teachings to twelve ordinary men, telling them to go into the world! To this day, so much of the Lord's plan seems to depend upon weak, sinful, inconsistent human agents to accomplish His mission. Today's Feast symbolizes the endurance of this unlikely system. The Lord does not follow the world's usual "marketing plan" with all its loud and intrusive methods. Instead, He founded a community, the Church.

II. The Surety of the Church – The Church is an object of faith. We say, "I Believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." Because the Church is not merely a human institution, but also divine, the Church is the Body of Christ; He is the head of the Body, the Church, and the Holy Spirit indwells it. People say, "I don't believe in the Church, I believe in the Bible." But of course, we would not have a Bible without the Church. Scripture speaks of the Church, not the Bible, as the pillar of the truth (See 1 Tim 3:15). So again, the Church is an object of faith.

III. The Sanctification of the Church – The Gospel today insists that the Church, like any institution with humans, always needs cleansing and purification. *Ecclesia semper reformanda*. (The Church is always in need of reform.) On one level, we can become too worldly. On another level, we can become timid and fearful, not living the radical call to the Gospel or proclaiming it to others. Today, a painful purification is going on. But just as on the day Jesus overturned the tables, the purification is painful and unsettling. However, let Him do His work!

IV. The Situation of the Church – Where is the Church to be found? Jesus was once *asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, " ... for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you"* (Lk 17:20-22). And in today's second reading, St Paul says, *You are God's building ... Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* (1 Cor 3:16). You and I are the Church. But our membership in the Church is not an individualistic notion (1 Cor 3:11). As members of Christ's Body, we must function under the authority of the Head of the Body, Jesus, and not agitate to reflect the views of its members.

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 and deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register on our website as a parishioner so we can stay in touch.

We're so glad you're here—Welcome home!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Nov. 10	8:30am	Daniel and Elizabeth McCurry (INT)
Tues	Nov. 11	8:30am	Mark Gospodnetich (D)
Wed	Nov. 12	8:30am	Craig Hughes (D)
Thur	Nov. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Fri	Nov. 14	8:30am	Didine Uwamahoro (INT) Sr. Mary Kellady (INT)
Sat	Nov. 15	5:00pm	Bishop Usuh + Deceased Priests of Gboko Diocese (D)
Sun	Nov. 16	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	People of the Parish
		5:00pm	Judith O'Connell Allen (D)

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, Dennis O'Keefe

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 Morgan, Daniel Lowe, and Rob Manifold

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

November— For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

- **Altar Server dinner & training** will be in the Centennial Hall **after the 5pm Mass on Sunday, November 16.**
- **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be on **November 27 at 9am.**
- **“Family Decline Drives Faith Decline”**
Our parish is embracing a relationship ministry to support family life and healthy relationships. We will be hosting an evening for the divorced and separated on December 3 from 7-8:30pm. This will be a hybrid presentation, on Zoom or in-person.
- **School Children’s Advent Confessions** will take place **one class per day from December 9-16**
- Our **Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held on **Wednesday, December 17 from 7pm-8pm.** This service will be facilitated by the Sisters of Charity—the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta group.
- **Religious Education for Children**
The Religious Education program is still accepting new students. Classes for Pre-K to 7th meet Sunday mornings at 9am and conclude in time to attend the 10am Mass. The Confirmation classes for students in 8th+ grade meet on Sunday evenings and include attending the 5pm Mass. Visit SaintAnselm.org to learn more and sign up.



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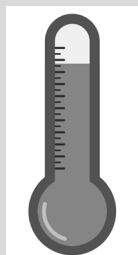
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Upcoming second collections
11/9—**Building and Maintenance**

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Praying for the Faithful Departed in November

The practice of praying for the souls of our departed loved ones is not just Catholic; it is biblical. In Scripture, Judah Maccabee and his men were retrieving the bodies of fallen comrades when they discovered the men who had fallen were wearing pagan amulets, and so “they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out” (2 Macc. 12:42). The New Testament also contains a plausible instance of prayer for the dead. After praying for the household of a man named Onesiphorus, Paul goes on to pray, “May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day” (2 Tim. 1:18). Paul twice mentions “the household of Onesiphorus” (2 Tim. 1:16, 4:19) but does not greet him with the rest of his household and speaks of him only in the past tense. Many scholars have concluded that Onesiphorus had passed away, and thus, Paul was praying for the departed.

When we pray for the dead, whether privately or through Mass intentions, and especially at a funeral Mass, we should be there for two primary reasons: (1) To join in solemn acknowledgment of Christ’s sacrifice and resurrection as what provides the pathway for us to enjoy eternal life. (2) To pray for the deceased’s soul.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the primary purpose of Catholic funerals is to pray for the deceased because we do not know if they died in a state of grace. Or, if they did, we do not know how much purification they need before they can enter heaven (CCC 1030-1031). In other words, Catholics pray for the dead because we know that they might be in purgatory. Thus, contrary to common assumption, the funeral Mass is not to celebrate the life of the deceased with eulogies but to offer worship to God for Christ’s victory over death, to comfort the mourners with prayers, and to pray for the soul of the deceased. It is never an attempt to deny family members their rightful grieving process; instead, it prevents the departed from being denied what they need.

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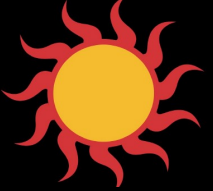
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