

St. Anselm Catholic Church

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Hand of God, Yongsung Kim, 2016

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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 7:30—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.

St. Vincent de Paul Help Desk: (415) 454-3303 ext. 11

Cursillo Information: Cathy Cunningham
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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: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time A

In these very challenging times, when our Church is often in the news for the wrong reasons, our Gospel text for this Sunday teaches that although storms and struggles inevitably arise, we have a choice: whether to focus on the storms or on Jesus. Let's look at this Gospel in three stages:

I. Perceived Distance – Jesus retreats to pray, exhibiting the mysterious truth that God sometimes seems to hide His face: *How long will you hide your face from me? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?* (Ps 13:1) *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?* (Ps 22:2) These could very much be the lament of some of us seated in Church this weekend. While the storm grows, Jesus makes His way toward His disciples in stages. At first, they cannot see Him, but surely He sees and knows them. Later, even when they do see Him, they mistake Him for a ghost. Likewise, we often conclude that God has hidden His face from us, perhaps even unconcerned. But sometimes it is simply that our minds are weak and easily distracted. Sometimes it is that we insist on seeing and understanding only in ways that are acceptable and pleasing to us, acting as if God could not possibly speak through our enemy, a child, or a painful circumstance. God is there. Yes, as our faith grows, even amid storms, we can know that He is near and draw strength and courage from that.

II Produced Distress – Besides the disciples' experience of distance from the Lord is the distress of the storm itself. In the perceived absence of God, fears increase and shadows grow longer. In this sense, many of our distresses stem from our lack of faith and our lack of awareness of God's abiding presence. There is an old saying, "Stop telling God how big your storm is. Tell the storm how big your God is." This can only come as we grow in faith and in the experience of God's presence.

III Point of Decision – The Lord presents them with a choice: Either focus on the storm or focus on Him. He is not just telling them not to be afraid; He is saying, *It is I, be not afraid.* It is the same for us. If we accept that trials are part of the Christian life and come to experience the Lord's presence even amid them, our fear will dissipate. It is *not* that there will be no storms; rather, it is that those storms will not overwhelm us with fear.

In the week ahead, let us pray for the gift to focus increasingly on the Lord. Pray for the gift to feed your faith, starving your negativity and storm-focused fears.

The Book of Hebrews says, *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God* (Heb 12:2).

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	Aug. 10	8:30am	Jack Langston (D)
Tues	Aug. 11	8:30am	Claire Muller (D)
Wed	Aug. 12	8:30am	Bob Hickey (D)
Thur	Aug. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Fri	Aug. 14	8:30am	Fr. Wankar (Ordination Anniversary)
Sat	Aug. 15	5:00pm	John & Linda Heilmann (D)
Sun	Aug. 16	8:00am	Larry, Ruth & Dan Hansen (D)
		10:00am	Samuel Navarro (D)
		5:00pm	Christina & Paraic Durkan (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, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, 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, Martha Yasar, 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, Dennis O'Keefe, Lorraine Matteucci, Shawn Crossley, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick

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 Maniford

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

August—For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Welcoming Our Young Families: A Sign of Hope

Beloved Parishioners, one of the greatest blessings I have witnessed at St. Anselm is the growing presence of young families with children at our Sunday Masses. The sight of parents carrying infants, holding little hands, or gently comforting a restless child during Mass is not a distraction—it is a profound sign of hope. It is a visible reminder that our parish is blessed with new life. The Lord Himself said, *“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven”* (Matthew 19:14).

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our young parents. In a society where many competing voices seek to draw families away from God, your decision to bring your children faithfully to Holy Mass is a courageous and demanding witness of faith. Yet your efforts are invaluable, for as the Catechism reminds us, *“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith”* (CCC 2223). The entire parish shares in supporting that beautiful vocation through prayer, encouragement, and practical care.

For this reason, I ask every parishioner to continue making St. Anselm a place where families always feel welcomed, loved, and understood. The occasional sounds of little children should never diminish our joy. Rather, they remind us that the Church is alive. As St. Paul encourages us, *“Bear with one another through love”* (Ephesians 4:2). A smile, a word of encouragement, or a patient heart can reassure a young parent far more than we may ever realize.

Since our current cry room can comfortably accommodate only one family at a time, I am considering, as a first step, extending the Church’s audio system into the Centennial Hall. This would provide an overflow space, especially for families with children under two years of age for the 8:00am Mass, allowing parents to remain fully united with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass while caring for their little ones. It will require furnishing the space with stackable children’s tables and chairs, along with a few simple items like those already available in our cry room. The intention is to make the space attractive, comfortable, easy to prepare before Mass, and easy to restore afterward.

We will evaluate this arrangement by the end of the 2026 calendar year. If it proves successful, we will begin planning toward introducing Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00 a.m. Mass in 2027, also in the Centennial Hall, providing another

opportunity to nourish our children’s faith while preserving the reverence of the Sacred Liturgy. This is very much a parish journey. I would appreciate your suggestions, insights, ideas, and volunteers as together we discern how best to accompany our young families. May the Holy Spirit help us, that St. Anselm may always be a parish where every person encounters the welcoming love of Christ. - *Fr. Wankar*

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- Holy Mass in honor of the **Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** will be celebrated here at St Anselm Church on Saturday, **August 15 at 8:30am**. Please plan to attend.
- **Wine and Cheese** returns on **August 15** following the 5pm Vigil Mass
- **Religious Education News**
Religious Education (Sunday School) registration is now open and available on our website. An early bird discount is available until August 15

To adhere to Archdiocesan guidelines, all sacramental preparation programs are moving to be two years long.

All first graders should register for First Holy Communion Year 1 if they wish to make their First Holy Communion during second grade.

All seventh graders should register for Confirmation Year 1 if they wish to make their Confirmation during eighth grade.

Contact Dan (dre@saintanselm.org) if you have any questions.



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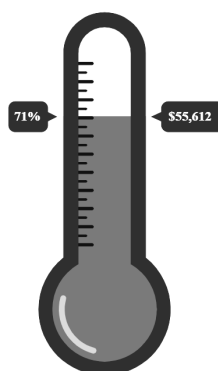
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Registration

2026 AAA

GOAL: \$78,673



St. Anselm Planned Giving

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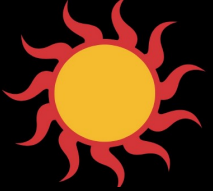
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