

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

**August 3, 2025**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



*The Parable of the Rich Fool by Rembrandt*

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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](mailto: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  
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## Pastor's Reflection: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Gospel today presents the problem of greed and then offers a prescribed perspective about wealth. Let's look at both parts of this Gospel.

I. The Problem Portrayed –Greed is the insatiable desire for more. It is to want possessions inordinately, beyond what is reasonable or necessary. Scripture says, *For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, we shall be content with these. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils; through this craving, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs* (1 Tim 6:7-10). Greed causes us to be discontented and ungrateful, both forms of unhappiness, leading us to personal destruction and inflicting significant harm, insensitivity, and injustice on others.

II. The Perspective Prescribed – The Lord tells a parable which strives to give a proper perspective about wealth. First, the text says, *"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest."* Notice that the land, not the man, yielded the increase. Wealth is not bad or evil, and God is the valid owner of all that we have. God's gifts are not just for me but to be shared by all the people of the earth (Catechism 2402, 2404). Secondly, the Parable continues, *"He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?'"* The man sees his wealth and, because he does not consider generosity an option, is somehow burdened by it: "What shall I do?" Great wealth brings comfort and inconvenience – we have bigger houses but smaller families. Thirdly the Parable goes on to say, *"And [the man] said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones..."* Notice how riches easily lead us to an illusion of self-sufficiency, instead of relying on God. Fourthly the text notes *But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'* At the end of the day, all this world and all its riches cannot save us. Only God can do this. The Parable concludes: *Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.*" With greed, we store treasure for ourselves and are not rich in what matters to God." So, what matters to God? What matters is that we are rich in justice, mercy, love, holiness, truth, and generous sharers of the bounty he bestows.

Greed is rooted in fear, but generosity trusts that God will not be outdone in generosity! In the week ahead, let us make the Eucharist the center of our activities, praying for grace to guard against greed and to meditate on the proper perspective on wealth.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>	8:30am	Ken & Sarah Petrilla (INT)
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	8:30am	Jessica Gutierrez (D) Colin Edward Schreck (D) Christopher Allen Cook (D)
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Aug. 6</b>	8:30am	Paul Bugas (D)
<b>Thur.</b>	<b>Aug. 7</b>	8:30am	Rob & Jill Lester (INT)
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Aug. 8</b>	8:30am	James Wilson (INT)
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	5:00pm	Anne Wolliever (D)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Aug. 10</b>	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Tim & Kathy Navone (INT)
		5:00pm	Steve & Kathy Easley (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, 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, Theresa Sullivan

**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](mailto: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 will now happen every 2nd Saturday of the month following the 5pm Mass! The next one will be on September 13.
- ♦ **Mission Appeal** will be August 16-17 [The African Sisters Education Collaborative]
- ♦ **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](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)



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#### **St. Anselm Church Stewardship**

Visit church website to sign-up for Electronic Donations

Upcoming second collection on August 17  
**Mission Appeal**

2025 Annual Appeal: \$39,932 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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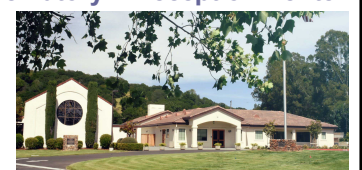
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