

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Christ With Martha and Maria by Henryk Siemiradzki*

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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  
(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: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel at Mass is the very familiar one of Martha and Mary, which has often been interpreted as a call for a proper balance between work and prayer. But Jesus does not conclude by saying, "Martha, now do your thing and let Mary do hers." He describes Mary as choosing the better part and doing the "one thing necessary." I believe the passage underscores the radical priority and primacy of prayer.

**I. PROMISING PRELUDE** – The episode begins with Martha opening her door and her life and welcoming Jesus. This is at the heart of faith, welcoming Jesus into the home of our hearts and lives. The text says *Jesus entered a village....* In the call of faith, the initiative is always with God. *It was not you who chose me; I chose you* (Jn 15:16). Martha hears the Lord's call and responds. Surely, the Eucharistic context of our faith emphasizes that it is the Lord who feeds us with his Word and with his Body and Blood.

**II. PORTRAIT OF PRAYER** – *Martha's sister, Mary, sat beside the Lord at his feet, listening to him speak.* Here is a beautiful portrait of prayer: to sit at the Lord's feet and listen. Prayer is better understood as a conversation, and conversations include listening. Vocal prayer, intercessory prayer, and the like are all noble and essential, but the prayer of listening is too often neglected. What Mary models and Martha forgets is that we must first come (to Jesus), then go (and do what he says) ... that we must first receive before we can achieve...., and that we must first be blessed before we can do our best.....that we must listen before we leap into action.

**III. PERTURBED and PRESUMPTUOUS** – *"Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?"* One sign that we are not in God's will is experiencing what we are doing as a burden. Often, we run off to do something we think is a great idea. But we never ask God. And so, Martha is burdened. Instead of listening to the Lord's wishes and carrying them out by his grace, we end up angry that things are not going our way.

**IV. PRESCRIBED PRIORITY** – *Mary has chosen the better part and will not be taken from her.* The Lord observes and says that she is anxious about many things. Anxiety about many things comes from neglecting the one most necessary thing: to sit at the feet of the Lord and listen to him. The Lord will surely have things for us to do in life, but they must come from Him. While several other Gospels summon us to labor in the vineyard, Jesus clearly says that prayer and discernment have absolute priority. In the week ahead, may we remember that Jesus does not mean that *ALL* we are to do is pray. But our work must be the result of prayer. Otherwise, we become anxious about many things and have little to show.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	July 21	8:30am	Marcelo Frenan (D)
Tues.	July 22	8:30am	Kirsten Hoffman (INT)
Wed.	July 23	8:30am	Alejandrina Fernan Del Rosario (D)
Thur.	July 24	8:30am	Nick Shea (D)
Fri.	July 25	8:30am	Deceased Franciscans of the Immaculate Conception Province
Sat.	July 26	5:00pm	Joey Testa (D)
Sun.	July 27	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Pete Olsen (D)
		5:00pm	Mildred Kathleen Lee (D)

## 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](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!**  
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](mailto:ppc.stanselmross@gmail.com)



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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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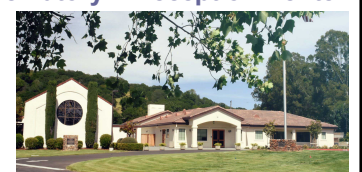
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