

St. Anselm Catholic Church

**October 11, 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



The Destruction of Jerusalem by Titus—Wilhem von Kaulbach, 1846

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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
(415) 453-7174

St. Anselm's Parish is a welcoming Church and School Community whose mission is the salvation of souls. We joyfully journey with people wherever they are in their faith, to build a culture of love and connection where every family grows in faith, strengthens their relationships, and becomes a living witness to God's love, rooted in the Sacraments and grounded in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Pastor's Reflection: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This time of year, we often hear parables about our readiness, fruitfulness, and decision to accept the Kingdom of God, using the image of a vineyard. Let's examine today's Gospel in five stages:

1. Rich Repast—Most Jewish people of that time eagerly anticipated weddings, often lasting days and being among the most enjoyable experiences. Yes, *the Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.* **Who wouldn't want to attend?** We may well ask, if this is Heaven, who would not want to go?

2. Rude Rejection: ... *but they refused to come.* Jesus explains their rejection as worldly and wicked. One group rejected for worldly reasons: *one to his farm, another to his business.* The things of the world, though not inherently evil, distracted them. Similarly, prayer and sacraments don't offer immediate material blessings, so they're often low on our priority list. Another group rejected the invite due to wickedness, abusing and even killing those who invite them. We reject the Kingdom of God because it conflicts with our moral lives. Much of the hostility toward God, Scripture, and the Church stems from our deep-seated knowledge that what is proclaimed is true!

3. Resulting Ruin—*The king was enraged and sent his troops to destroy the murderers and burn their city.* Similarly, the Lord invites us to accept His Kingdom while we live. If we delay, He repeats his offer. In the end, though, if we don't want to have the Kingdom of God, we don't have to have it. We can either accept the Kingdom and its values or reject it and make "other arrangements."

4. Relentless Resolved—*Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.* When some reject the invitation, God merely broadens it. God wants His Son's wedding feast to be full, so He keeps inviting and widening the invitation. He's an extravagant God who doesn't give up when rejected.

5. Remaining Requirement: *When the king met the guests, he saw a man not adorned in wedding attire. He asked, "My friend, how did you come here without a wedding garment?"* This serves as a warning for those who accept the invitation and enter the Kingdom: we must wear the proper wedding garment. The Father pleads with us to enter the feast.

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	Oct. 12	8:30am	Mirtha Morena (D)
Tues	Oct. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Wed	Oct. 14	8:30am	Josie Shiplacoff and Family (Healing)
Thur	Oct. 15	8:30am	All Who are Mentally Ill
Fri	Oct. 16	8:30am	Kelly Cullen (INT)
Sat	Oct. 17	5:00pm	Joe McGarry (D)
Sun	Oct. 18	8:00am	Matt Carroll (D)
		10:00am	Claire Muller (D)
		5:00pm	Matthew Balano (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, Joe Burke, Gavin Saysette, Didine Uwamahoro, Peter Jizrawi, Areme Szemanski, Diane Blackman, Melody Tufo

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 Manifold

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

October—For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Jesus' Mission and Ours - Celebrating World Mission in October.

The Catholic Church consecrates the year through holy feasts and seasons that remind us of God's saving deeds. In October, we feel the change of seasons and the lectionary shifts focus to the Last Things and Christ's coming at the end of time, preparing us for Advent and the Incarnation.

In October, the Church celebrates and prays for Jesus' mission, the essence of our Catholic Church's existence. It's a month of prayer for World Missions, with World Mission Sunday on October 18th uniting Catholics worldwide. As baptized Catholics, we recommit ourselves to our missionary vocation, praying for and supporting missionary work globally.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo invites us to renew our commitment to bringing Christ to the world. He thanks us for supporting missionaries and blesses us all. The Pope's message and World Mission Sunday emphasize that a Catholic parish is more than just neighbors, friends, or people with similar opinions. While outreach, social networks, and community are important, a parish is a community of the faithful gathered around Christ, helping each other **know, love, receive His grace, grow in holiness, and become His disciples.**

October, is also the month of the Rosary, commemorating the miraculous victory at Lepanto (October 7th) that saved Christendom from Turkish invasion. Pope Leo urged Christians to pray the Rosary, especially in October, "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict." The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated October as Respect Life Month, encouraging prayer, reflection, and action to build a culture of life.

We can share in the Church's mission to spread the faith through prayer and sacrifice. By so doing, we will remain true to Jesus' mission and ours: that we exist as a parish to lead people to Jesus Christ—and, through Jesus Christ, to the Father. *Not simply to maintain a parish, but to make disciples. Not merely to make people comfortable, but to help them become like Jesus Christ. Not only to improve this life, but to prepare souls for eternal life.*

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- All children of the parish and their families are invited to a pumpkin carving event before and after the **Saturday, 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 10/17**. Contact Jessica for more information at jgonzalez@stanslemschool.com
- We invite all St. Anselm Altar Servers and their families a special Mass on **Sunday October 18 at 5:00 PM** to honor their dedication, faith, and service. Our Pastor will offer a prayer of gratitude and encouragement recognizing each of our altar servers for the many ways they help bring reverence and beauty to our liturgies. Following Mass, there will be food, refreshments, and fellowship for both children and adults as we come together as a parish family. Please email: da-vid.kast7@gmail.com or hollyjate@gmail.com and let us know if you and your family plan to attend the Mass and social afterwards.
- Thank you to all who contributed to our successful food drive. A special thank you to Brooks, Malia and Jennifer Fitzgerald; Carolyn Vavrek; Jeff & Kathy Lovold; Marilyn Gallagher; Erin Myers and Mary Ellen and Rob Jenkins for collecting the donations. Also, thanks to Liz Amini who provided the "truck" for the donations and brought them to the Ritter Center. We are still in need of additional volunteers. Please contact Pat Langley, 117plangley@gmail.com, if you would like to be added to the list of people notified when a Food Drive is scheduled.
- **Please Note:** Infant Baptisms are generally performed on the **second Sunday of the month** after the 10 am Mass. A Baptism prep class is required for parents and Godparents. This class generally takes place via Zoom at 12:30 pm on the **first Sunday of the month**. To learn more about baptizing your child or becoming baptized yourself, contact Fr. Wankar to schedule an orientation by contacting [415-453-2342 x103](tel:415-453-2342) or wankar.gabriel@sfarch.org

2026 AAA

Goal \$78,673

\$58,442

raised - 74%

St. Anselm Planned Giving

Consider listing St. Anselm's as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one).
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