

St. Anselm Catholic Church

October 4, 2026

Solemnity of Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Francis with the Animals—Lambert de Hondt & Willem van Herp, 17th century

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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 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.

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Religious

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

First Reading—Galatians 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot. **R.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **R.**

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever. **R.**

Second Reading—Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on

the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia—Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. **R.**

Gospel—Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus answered: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to you, LORD, Jesus Christ**

Communion Antiphon—Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor's Reflection: Solemnity of Saint Francis

Sunday, October 4, marks the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year A, and is also the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, this feast is elevated to a solemnity because St. Francis is the archdiocesan patron.

Born in Assisi to a wealthy family, his father was a cloth merchant, and Francis enjoyed a carefree adolescence and youth, embracing the chivalrous ideals of the era. At 20, he participated in a military campaign and was captured. Falling ill, he was eventually released. Upon returning to Assisi, he began a gradual spiritual transformation. During this time, notable events occurred, such as Francis' encounter with a leper; he also received a message from the Crucifix in the small Church of St. Damian. On three occasions, Christ on the Cross came to life and instructed him, "Go, Francis, and repair my Church in ruins."

The dilapidated condition of the building mirrored the troubling state of the Church itself: a shallow faith that failed to transform lives, a largely unenthusiastic clergy, and a decline in love, which led to the emergence of heretical movements. The Crucified Lord calling Francis to the physical task of repairing the church symbolized a much deeper invitation to renew Christ's own Church with its profound faith and fervent love for Him.

Being called to repair is the responsibility that Christ gives to every baptized person. He tells us, "Go and repair my house." In every generation, we are tasked with renewing the house of Christ, the Church. There are many ways to repair, build, and edify the Church of God. Besides restoring the physical structure (like our current work on the Bell Tower), I propose drawing inspiration from Francis' joy in all things. His simplicity, humility, faith, love for Christ, and kindness to everyone brought him gladness in every situation. Can we be sources of joy wherever we are?

St. Francis, with his profound sense of universal brotherhood and love for Creation, inspired the renowned Canticle of Creatures. He reminds us that the wisdom and benevolence of the Creator are expressed through Creation. He understood nature as a language in which God speaks to us, in which reality becomes clear, and we can speak of God and with God.

St. Francis, pray for us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Oct. 5	8:30am	Archbishop Cordileone (INT)
Tues	Oct. 6	8:30am	Herb Victor (D)
Wed	Oct. 7	8:30am	Josie Shiplacoff & Family (Healing)
Thur	Oct. 8	8:30am	Jesus Martín (D)
Fri	Oct. 9	8:30am	Martin Hartmann (D)
Sat	Oct. 10	5:00pm	Rachael Bertone (INT)
Sun	Oct. 11	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Richard Petrocchi (D)
		5:00pm	Bryan Olsen (D)

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- Wine and Cheese Night will be on Saturday, 10/10 following the 5pm Vigil Mass.
- We are continuing our Autumn Date Night Challenge, a simple way for couples to commit to one date a night out each month together! This will run from September to November. Scan the QR code below or contact Jessica at jgonzalez@stanselschool.com to learn more and register.



- **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 at [415-453-2342x103](tel:415-453-2342) or emailing wankar.gabriel@sfarch.org to schedule an orientation.



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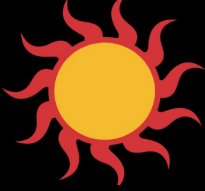
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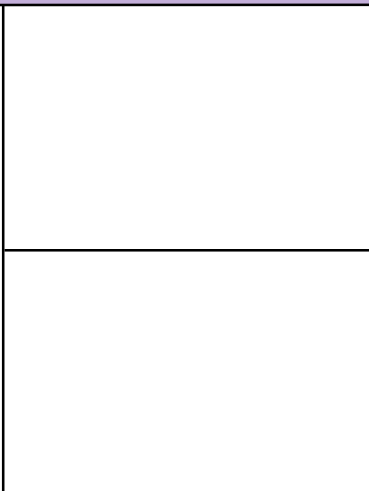
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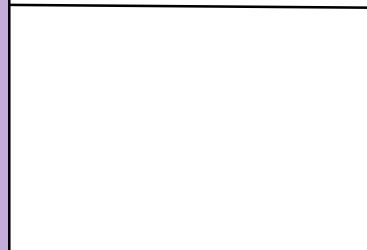
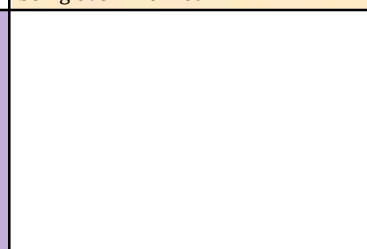
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