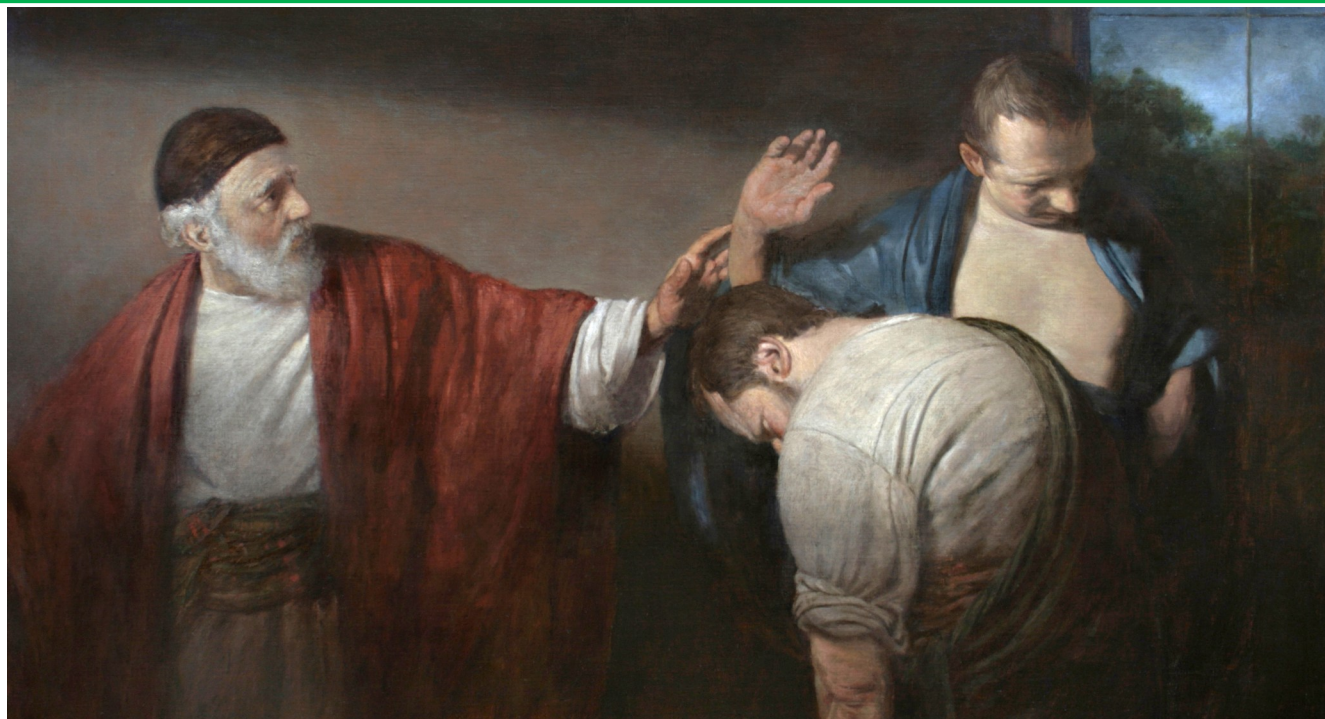


St. Anselm Catholic Church

September 27, 2026

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parable of the Two Sons—Andrei Mironov, 2013

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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: 26th Sunday Ordinary Time A

The Gospel text for this Sunday opens with: "*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people...*" Addressing the religious leaders and religiously observant of His day, He's calling three things to their attention: lost connections, leaping to conclusions, and lip service. Let's explore how each of these might affect our mandate to share our faith through evangelization.

I. Lost Connections - The text says, *A man had two sons*. They were different, but they had the same father, and He loved them both. We all have a connection we cannot deny, whatever our differences. Yes, people can be of a different political party, ideology, economic class, or race. Or perhaps we just don't like them. While Jesus sends us to *evangelize all* the nations, consider that the least likely member of your family might be the one whom God most wants you to reach. Be careful of lost connections, for souls can be lost.

II. Leaping to Conclusions – Sometimes we have the tendency to leap to the conclusion that someone is irredeemably lost. Many of the Scribes and Pharisees—the religiously observant of their day—did just this with large segments of the population. Rather than going out and working among them to teach the observance of the Law, they simply labeled the crowds "sinners" and dismissed them as lost. In fact, they were shocked that Jesus "welcomed sinners and ate with them" (e.g., Lk 15:2). Jesus says to them, "Not so fast. Sick people need a doctor." Nothing stabs evangelization in the heart more than presuming that someone is an unlikely candidate for conversion. Pray, hope, and work. You just never know.

III. Lip Service—Consider the second son. For whatever reason, his obedience to his father was cursory. His lack of follow-through demonstrates a great danger to the religiously observant: giving God "lip service." We will praise the Lord on Sunday, but not forgive someone who has wronged us come Monday. Will we show generosity to the poor? Be chaste and compassionate? Love our spouse and children? Speak the truth in love? Evangelize, and act as God's prophets? How on earth can we expect to win souls for Christ if people see us only going through the motions, and living unchanged lives?

In the week ahead, let us remember that our greatest witness must be a life that is being changed by Jesus Christ. A life that manifests the biblical principles of love, justice, charity, forgiveness, mercy, generosity, and a biblical understanding of sexuality. A life that shows we have a renewed mind and heart.

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	Sep. 28	8:30am	David Fencel (D)
Tues	Sep. 29	8:30am	Teresa Cunningham Gardner (D)
Wed	Sep. 30	8:30am	Josie Shiplacoff & Family (Healing)
Thur	Oct. 1	8:30am	Jim Dennehy & Marlene Svendsen (D)
Fri	Oct. 2	8:30am	Esperanza Santana Torres (D)
Sat	Oct. 3	5:00pm	The Caregivers of Donna and Stan Peccalonis (INT)
Sun	Oct. 4	8:00am 10:00am 5:00pm	Gabriel, Mary, and Ignatius Kellady (D) Alfonso Martino (D) Claire Muller (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

September—For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Why Do We Exist as a Parish?

At St. Anselm, we have much to be grateful for: worship, education, faith teaching, music, service, family support, fellowship, and prayer opportunities. All of these are good and beautiful gifts. Yet, we must ask: *Why do we exist as a Catholic parish?*

The answer lies deeper than our programs, buildings, or activities: **We exist to lead people to Jesus Christ and, through Him, to eternal life.**

The Catholic Church exists because God wants to bring us into communion with Himself through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to save us from sin and open the way to eternal life, not just to make us nicer or improve the world. The Catechism teaches that the Church's origin, purpose, and mission are rooted in God's Plan of salvation (CCC 748–780).

A Catholic Parish is more than a group of people sharing a neighborhood or interests. While maintaining a church, running programs, and providing activities are important, we exist because God desires to save His people and bring them into communion with Himself in Christ. Every parish participates in and advances this mission. We are a community gathered around Christ, helping one another **know Him, love Him, receive His grace, grow in holiness, and become His disciples** (Cf. Canon 515 §1 and Canon 528 §1–2).

As Catholics, we encounter Christ most profoundly **in the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist**, which the Catechism calls the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Everything we do—catechesis, music, ministries, fellowship, outreach, and charity—should flow from Christ and lead us back to Him (Vatican Council II Document Lumen Gentium 8, 11, and 17). This doesn't diminish our service to others. We care for the poor, defend human dignity, strengthen families, and serve those in need because these are Gospel fruits. **Christian charity flows from our faith.** So, we should ask: Does this help people know Christ, love Christ, receive His grace, live according to His truth, grow in holiness, and reach heaven? That is why we exist.

*Not to maintain a parish, but to make disciples
Not to make people comfortable, but to help them become like Jesus Christ
Not to improve this life, but to prepare souls for eternal life*

Our parish exists to lead people to Jesus Christ—and through Him, home to the Father.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- To celebrate the upcoming Feast of St. Francis, the **Blessing of Animals** will be at St. Anselm School on Thursday, October 1 at 8:15am. Please note that the blessing will be at the school, **not at the church**.
- On 10/2, we will have First Friday Eucharistic Adoration following daily Mass until 12pm.
- Sunday, 10/4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Within the Archdiocese, this day is elevated to a Solemnity. Therefore, the readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time will **not** be used. A special Mass guide will be provided.
- 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@stanselmschool.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 to schedule an orientation call by calling [415-453-2342](tel:415-453-2342) x103 or emailing wankar.gabriel@sfarch.org

2026 AAA

Goal \$78,673

\$57,942
raised - 74%



St. Anselm Planned Giving

Consider listing St. Anselm's as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one).
Contact Steve Easley for more info:
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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

Oct. 11 | Building and Maintenance
Oct. 18 | World Mission Sunday

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