

St. Anselm Catholic Church

November 23, 2025

Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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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 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 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: Christ the King 2025

Today's Gospel presents Jesus as reigning from the cross. Nothing could be more paradoxical. Let's look at it from four perspectives:

Vision –Today's Gospel presents a vision or image of the Church: the Church is Christ, crucified between two thieves. Yes, this is the Church too. In a way, we all have misused some of the gifts that belong to God and acted contrary to His will. To misuse things that belong to others is a form of theft. Consider some of the things we claim as our own and how easily we misuse them: our bodies, our time, our talents, our money, the gift of our speech, and the gift of our freedom. We call them ours, but they belong to God, and if we use them in ways contrary to His intention, we are guilty of theft.

Variance –Consider also that the two thieves were very different. In the Church, we have saints and sinners; in the world, there are those who will turn to Christ and be saved and others who will turn away and be lost. One thief "reviles" Jesus, treating him with contempt. The other thief "reverences" Christ and rebukes the other, saying, *Have you no fear of God?* He acknowledges that he is a thief and now places his life under the authority of Christ the King. Christ came to call sinners—thieves, if you will. Yes, we are all thieves, but pray God that we are the good thief, the repentant thief, the thief who is now ready to submit himself to the authority of Christ, who is King of all creation.

Veracity –Is Christ really your King? A King has authority, so another way of posing this question is, "Does Christ have authority in your life?" Consider whether you acknowledge that everything you call your own belongs to God, and consider how well you use those gifts: Our time? Do we pray and attend Mass every Sunday without fail? Do you use the gift of your speech to witness and evangelize, or merely for small talk and gossip? Do you exhibit proper care for your body? Do you reverence life? Do you love the poor and help them to sustain their lives? The Lord is clear enough in telling us that he expects our obedience: *Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do what I tell you?* (Luke 6:46)

Victory –The thief who asked Jesus to remember him manifested repentance, faith, and a kind of baptism of desire. In so doing, he moved into the victor's column. Jesus's words, *Today you shall be with me in paradise*, indicate a dramatic shift in the thief's fortunes. To be with Jesus—wherever He is—is paradise and victory. Soon enough, the heavens will be opened, but the victory is now, and paradise begins now. Jesus says, *Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters* (Matt 12:30).

A special welcome to any visitors or those worshipping with us for the first time or those returning home. Please know that you are warmly welcomed and deeply valued in this faith community. Kindly take a moment to leave your contact information in the back of the Church or register at www.saintanselm.org/register so we can stay in touch.

We're so glad you're here—Welcome home!

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon | Nov. 24 | 8:30am | Emmanuel Agravante (INT) |
| Tues | Nov. 25 | 8:30am | Wankar Family (INT) |
| Wed | Nov. 26 | 8:30am | Sr. Mary McGann (INT) |
| Thur | Nov. 27 | 8:30am | Teresa Cunningham Gardner (D) Claude Wundrow (D) |
| Fri | Nov. 28 | 8:30am | Robert & Paula Podesta (INT) |
| Sat | Nov. 29 | 5:00pm | Irene Cranick (D) |
| Sun | Nov. 30 | 8:00am | Arlene Hansen (INT) |
| | | 10:00am | Jim Sweeney (INT) |
| | | 5:00pm | Stacy Spaniolo (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, Fr. Neil Healy, Jordan Roggenbuck, Matt Hansen, Jim Sweeney, Bob Hoffman, John Alkazin, 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, Murhal Orendorff, Dennis O'Keefe

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Sal Catinella, Linda Biesheuvel, Pat Daly, Katherine Elizabeth Devcich, Catherine Ward, Theresa Sullivan, Michael Killelea, Gary McPartlin

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

November— For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SAVE THE DATE AND COMMUNITY NOTES

- **The Rectory will be closed 11/27-11/28 in observance of Thanksgiving**
- **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be on **November 27 at 9am.**
- Our parish is embracing a relationship ministry to support family life and healthy relationships. We will be hosting an evening for divorced and separated people focused on healing on **December 3 from 7-8:30pm.** This will be a hybrid presentation, on Zoom or in-person.
- **Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass will be available at 8:30, 11:00, and 5:00.
- **School Children's Advent Confessions** will take place **one class per day from December 9-16.**
- Our **Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held on **Wednesday, December 17 from 7pm-8pm.** This service will be facilitated by the Sisters of Charity—the St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta group.
- **Religious Education for Children**
The Religious Education program is still accepting new students. Classes for Pre-K to 7th meet Sunday mornings at 9am and conclude in time to attend the 10am Mass. The Confirmation classes for students in 8th+ grade meet on Sunday evenings and include attending the 5pm Mass. Visit SaintAnselm.org to learn more and sign up.



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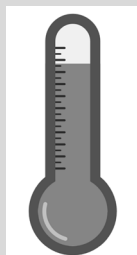
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415-272-6147

Upcoming second collection
11/30—Saint Vincent de Paul
12/7—St. Anselm School

2025 Annual Appeal

\$71,409

\$68,888



The Family Ministry at St. Anselm

Beloved St. Anselm Family,

Our Church and School Community is starting a new ministry focused on relationships and family health. This is in sync with my original pastoral plan, which continues to focus on the Eucharist as the fulfillment of all the sacraments, including the sacraments of healing (Anointing of the Sick, and Reconciliation). As we strive for the salvation of our souls, we will direct our efforts to enhance a fundamental unity of society: the family.

Our new family outreach ministry will be supported by *Communio*, a nonprofit ministry that trains and equips churches to share the Gospel through the renewal of healthy relationships, marriages, and the family.

This initiative is not exclusive to marriages or troubled families. It will help single men and women to establish healthy dating habits and discern when to consider marriage. Those preparing to be married will work with mentors before and after their wedding. Married couples will learn skills to strengthen their relationship. Couples facing challenges will have access to coaching resources to help them get back on track.

Early next month, we will administer a short, anonymous survey developed by Harvard's Human Flourishing Program to better understand and appreciate our parish family's marriage, family, and relationship needs. The results of this effort will be to highlight our Church and School community's strengths as well as identify areas for encouragement and support.

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