

# St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 1, 2026  
2nd Sunday of Lent



*The Transfiguration—Raphael, 1520*

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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 7:25—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

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Contact Pastor.

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*St. Anselm's Parish is a Catholic community formed by families, individuals & clergy that worship together, celebrate the sacramental life of the Church, & seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ everyday. We welcome, serve, & educate according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.*

**Pastor’s Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Lent**

The Second Sunday of Lent always features the Transfiguration. The trek up Mt. Tabor was one of the stops Jesus made with Peter, James, and John on His final journey to Jerusalem, preparing His apostles for the difficult days ahead and showing us that there is a cross to get through, but there is glory on the other side. Indeed, this account helps describe the pattern of the Christian life: We are constantly dying and rising with Christ in repeated cycles as we journey to an eternal Easter (cf 2 Cor 4:10). Let’s look a little closer at three aspects of today’s Gospel passage.

**The Purpose of Trials** – The exhausting, challenging climb to the top of Mt. Tabor is almost 2,000 feet and steep. This climb is like our life. It could be the *climb* of earning a college degree, raising children, or building a career. God uses problems to DIRECT us, lighting a fire under us to get us moving. Proverbs 20:30 says, *Blows and wounds cleanse away evil, and beatings purge the innermost being.* It’s sad but true: God sometimes uses problems to guide our steps toward Him. God uses problems to INSPECT us. People are like tea bags: if you want to know what’s inside them, just put ’em in hot water! Through trials, I have discovered many strengths I never knew I had. God uses problems to CORRECT us. Some lessons we seem to learn only through pain and failure. Sometimes we only realize the value of something (e.g., health, a relationship) by losing it. God uses problems to PROTECT us. In Genesis, Joseph says to his brothers, *You intended to harm me. Still, God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives* (Genesis 50:20). So, the climb symbolizes the cross, but after the cross comes the glory.

**The Productiveness of Trials** – After all the hard work, the Lord gives the Apostles a glimpse of glory (the reward for their endurance and struggle) that Jesus has always had with the Father. Some of us have discovered gifts, abilities, and endurance we never knew we had. Our crosses have brought us life! Not only have my own crosses brought me life, but the crosses of others have done the same for me. I live and work in buildings that others scrimped, saved, and labored to erect. I have the faith that the martyrs died to hand on to me, and that missionaries journeyed to Africa to proclaim. Trials do produce!

**The Pattern of Trials** – Notice that although Peter wants to stay, Jesus makes it clear that they must go down the mountain and then walk a very dark valley to another hill: Golgotha. For now, the pattern must be repeated. The cross has led to glory, but more crosses are needed before final glory. Yes, this is the invitation of Lent: *Always carrying about in ourselves the dying of Christ so also that the life of Christ may be manifest in us* (2 Cor 4:10).

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 & 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](http://www.saintanselm.org/register) so we can stay in touch.

**We’re so glad you’re here—Welcome home!**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>	8:30am	Joao Baptista Brandao (D)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	8:30am	Dame Raphael, OFB (D)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar. 4</b>	8:30am	Carrie Angela S. (INT)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Mar. 5</b>	8:00am	Mark Wilson (INT)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar. 6</b>	8:30am	Sean Madden (INT) Book of Intentions and Votives
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar. 7</b>	5:00pm	Matilda Olivares (D)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar. 8</b>	8:00am	Claude Wundrow (D)
		10:00am	Lynn Reavell (D)
		5:00pm	People of the Parish

**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, , 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 Marioli, Gretchen Libby, Murhal Orendorff, Dennis O’Keefe, Martha Yasar, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick, Maria Tan

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**For Our 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**

March—For Disarmament and Peace  
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

SAVE THE DATE & COMMUNITY NOTES

- **Every weekday at St. Anselm**, Eucharistic Adoration takes place from 7:25 - 8:25am. A priest is available to hear confessions from 7:30 - 8am.
- **Each Friday of Lent**, there will be Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions at 6pm, followed by **Stations of the Cross** in the Church at 7pm. Please commit at least one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament. The miracle of Adoration is not that life becomes easier, but that the soul becomes anchored in God. Keep watch with Jesus this Lent.
- Our Children and Adult Choirs will lead us in **Sung Solemn Vespers on Friday, 3/20 at 6pm** in the Church. A reception will follow in the Centennial Hall, and Father Wankar will speak about the situation of Christians in Nigeria for those interested.
- The annual Bay Area Catholic Men’s Conference will be on **Saturday 3/21 at St. Pius Church, Redwood City**.
- Evan LeMoine will be giving a talk for parents and married couples on **constructive conversations with your kids about love and sexuality on Saturday, 3/21 at 6pm** in the Centennial Hall.
- **On Monday, 3/30** our parish will hold a day of Eucharistic Adoration for suffering children around the world. It will go from 9am-5pm. To commit to an hour (or more), please signup on the website.
- A baby changing station for your convenience is located in the courtyard restroom out the left side of the Church.
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**HELPING THE UNSEEN FEEL SEEN DURING LENT**

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent. Every year, during this sacred season, something quiet but significant happens in parishes like ours.

- A visitor slips into a pew after being away for many years.
- A young family comes for the first time, unsure where to sit or how their children will be received.
- A parent from our school quietly attends Mass, hoping to reconnect.
- Someone searching online wonders if this parish might finally feel like home.

They come quietly—and often, they leave quietly, without ever being noticed.

Lent is a season of return, renewal, and encounter. It is a time when hearts are more open, when wounds surface, and when many feel a gentle pull back toward the Eucharist—the source of our unity and life. For this reason, Lent may be one of the most critical moments in the year for helping people move from simply showing up to truly belonging.

Often, what makes the difference is not a program, but a person:

- A smile that feels genuine.
- A simple “Good morning, we’re glad you’re here.”
- An invitation to sit together.
- Patience with children.
- A willingness to notice someone standing alone.

These small, tangible gestures quietly communicate something powerful: *You are seen. You belong here.*

As a parish and school community, I invite us to take on a kind of *Lenten warmth*—a realistic obligation of accompaniment:

- At Sunday and daily Mass, notice someone unfamiliar and offer a brief word of welcome.
- During Eucharistic Adoration or the Stations of the Cross, be attentive to those who seem unsure or new.
- Long-time parishioners can make space for conversation outside the Church following Mass rather than leaving immediately.

We all can model a spirit of calm, reverence, and approachability.

My prayer and hope for this Lenten season is that, through these ordinary acts of faithfulness, we foster a culture of welcome that is both deeply Gospel-rooted and realistic for parish life. Genuine hospitality is not about doing more—it is about drawing others into the life of the Body of Christ.

This Lent, I invite and urge every member of our Church and School community to notice who God is placing in our midst, and to walk with them—quietly and faithfully—toward deeper communion, lasting belonging, and life in the Eucharist.

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