

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent



Jesus Wept, James Tissot– 1894

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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

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.

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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: 5th Sunday of Lent

The first half of John's Gospel recounts many signs Jesus worked: changing water into wine, healing the royal official's son, healing the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, walking on water, and healing the man born blind. These signs were carefully arranged by John to build up to the image of Jesus as a life-giver. Notice that John refers to these acts of supernatural power as signs, because they all indicate why Jesus came: "I came that they may have life and may have it to the full." (Jn 10:10). The raising of Lazarus from the dead marks a significant turning point in Jesus' ministry: because of this incident, the Temple leadership in Jerusalem resolves to have Jesus killed; a supreme irony to be sure. Reading this text reminds us that this is also the story of how Jesus acts in our lives:

I. JESUS PERMITS. Sometimes there are trials in our lives, by God's mysterious design, to bring us to greater things. The Lord permits these, but if we are faithful, ultimately, God's glory is revealed. Notice that Jesus does not rush to prevent the illness of Lazarus. This is paradoxical, but our waiting is tied to strengthening us and preparing us for something greater. Sometimes God says, "Wait."

II. JESUS PAYS. Jesus is determined to go and help Lazarus, even though He puts Himself in great danger in doing so. *The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"* We must never forget the price that Jesus has paid for our healing and salvation.

III. JESUS PRESCRIBES. *Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life...Do you believe this?"* And so, before raising Lazarus and dispelling grief, Jesus checks the condition of Martha's faith and elicits an act of faith. So too, the Lord asks the same question of you and me: "Do you believe this?"

IV. JESUS IS PASSIONATE. In his human heart, Jesus experiences the full force of the loss and the blow that death delivers. The Greek word used is ἐμβριμάομαι (embrimaomai), which means to snort with anger, to express great indignation. It is a powerful word that conveys the idea of being moved to admonish sternly. He is moved to act on our behalf and to set things right. When all seemed lost, *Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"*

V. JESUS PARTNERS. Although Jesus raises Lazarus and gives him new life, Jesus also commands the bystanders to untie Lazarus and let him go free. Having a personal relationship with Jesus is crucial. Still, it is also essential to have a relationship with His body, the Church—parents, priests, catechists, *all* members of the Church. **Like Lazarus**, we need the sacraments, Scripture, prayer, and other ministries of the Church through catechesis, preaching, and teaching. **Like the bystanders**, we need to be untied and set free, and we have this obligation to others.

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 so we can stay in touch.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Mar. 23	8:30am	Parish Volunteer and Ministry Leaders
Tues	Mar. 24	8:30am	Matthew Hubal (D)
Wed	Mar. 25	8:30am	Rosario Cucalon (D)
Thur	Mar. 26	8:00am	Martha Yasar (Healing)
Fri	Mar. 27	8:30am	Unity Within Our Parish
Sat	Mar. 28	5:00pm	Families Preparing for 1st Communion and Confirmation
Sun	Mar. 29	8:00am	OCIA Candidates and Catechumens
		10:00am	Klaus Binz (D)
		5:00pm	Those Returning to the Church this Easter

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 Maioli, Gretchen Libby, Murhal Orendorff, Dennis O'Keefe, Martha Yasar, Claire Muller, Ellie Boldrick, Maria Tan, Renee Reyes, Pam King

For the Repose of the Soul: Pauline O'Brien-DeLury, Susan Catinella, Sal Catinella, Linda Bieshevel, 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

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

- Easter Weekend Mass Schedule
Easter Vigil—8pm
Easter Sunday—8am, 10am, 12pm. No evening Mass.
- **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.
- Join Paul Campa for an **evening symposium on the Christian tradition of poetry on Thursday, 3/26 at 6:30pm**. Refreshments and snacks provided.
- **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 sign up on the website.
- A baby changing station for your convenience is located in the courtyard restroom out the left side of the Church.
- In case of a cardiac emergency in the Church, an AED unit is located by the door to the flower room, right of the sanctuary.



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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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