

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



The Entrance of Christ Into Jerusalem, Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin—1884

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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: Palm Sunday Year A

Fellow believers in Christ, today the Church places before us, in the account of the Passion according to Saint Matthew, a week of the Lord's life compressed into one sacred hour: from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, to his arrest, crucifixion, and burial. Throughout this Holy Week we will contemplate these mysteries more slowly. I urge each of you to read again the Passion in the Gospel of Matthew so that Christ's self-offering may speak personally to your heart.

Every year I ask myself why Jesus had to die. He himself said he came "to seek out and save the lost." Could He have accomplished this without suffering? Perhaps that question weighed upon Him in Gethsemane as He prayed, "not my will but yours be done." Matthew's narrative emphasizes not only *the injustice of the Cross* but the *obedience of the Son* who entrusts everything to the Father. The King who enters Jerusalem in humility reigns from the wood of the Cross.

We too struggle to understand suffering. In our own nation, we witness deep divisions in public life, violence that wounds communities, anxiety about economic uncertainty, and families burdened by illness or separation. Many ask: Where is God in all this? The Passion teaches us that God does not stand apart from suffering but enters it. If God could take the crucifixion—the gravest injustice—and make it the source of salvation, then no darkness in our time is beyond redemption. This conviction sustains Christian hope amid the trials facing the different nations of the world engulfed in war and violence and our local communities.

Holy Week therefore calls us not only to reflection but to conversion. Matthew shows us contrasting responses to Jesus: *the crowd that praises Him, the disciples who falter, the centurion who finally believes.* In what category do we fall as a Parish community, and as individuals Catholics? I invite us to choose fidelity rather than familiarity, conversion rather than complacency. Practically, this means, setting aside time each day this week and in the weeks ahead for Scripture and Eucharistic adoration. I extend a passionate appeal to each parishioner to participate in our day-long Eucharistic Adoration for suffering children of the world on Monday March 30, 2026, following daily mass till 5:00pm. A parish becomes renewed when its people embrace a life of prayer.

We are invited to purify the temple of our heart by seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let our homes, offices, and parish spaces reflect reverence, order, and intentional devotion. Concretely let us embrace Christ's solidarity with the suffering by visible works of mercy—supporting Saint Vincent de Paul society, visiting the sick. God calls us this Holy Week to cleanse the temples of our bodies and make our lives "a house of prayer." Trust that the Lord who transformed the Cross into victory can transform our parish, our nation, and each of our hearts. May we walk with Christ in these sacred days and share in the fruit of his Resurrection. Amen.

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. 30	8:30am	Lois Lucas (INT)
Tues	Mar. 31	8:30am	Frederick Deeken (D)
Wed	Apr. 1	8:30am	Dr. Mario Oliveres (D)
Thur	Apr. 2	7:00pm	Intentions of all Priests
Fri	Apr. 3	+	+
Sat	Apr. 4	8:00pm	Newly Received Catholics
Sun	Apr. 5	8:00am	Gabriel, Mary & Ignatius Kellady (D)
		10:00am	Teresa Cunningham Gardener (D)
		12:00pm	Arlene Hansen (INT)

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, Jerd Formichi

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

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

- **Holy Week Schedule**
Mon.—Adoration: 9:15am-5pm (following daily Mass)
Tues.—Confessions: 6pm-7pm
Wed.—Confessions: 6pm-7pm
Thurs.—Rosary and Liturgy of the Hours: 9:15am (no daily Mass), Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7pm Adoration follows until 12am
Fri.—Living Stations: 11am, Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion: 3pm
Sat.—Confessions: 10am-11am, Easter Vigil: 8pm
Sunday Masses—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 7:30am - 8am.
- **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.
- **The Adventures in Marriage workshop will be on Saturday, April 18.** This workshop is available to all couples looking to invest in their marriage. Sign up at <https://sfarch.org/event/adventures-in-marriage-learn-how-to-be-married/>



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Why do we cover sacred images during Passiontide?

During Advent, when the liturgical year was young, we lived our preparation for Christmas in two movements, first contemplating the Last Things and then turning our hearts, during the Greater Feriae, specifically to the upcoming mystery of Bethlehem; our preparation for Easter features the same twofold movement. The first four weeks of Quadragesima center on Our Lord in the desert, as we enter into the mystery of His Fast and Temptation; these final two weeks of Lent – called the Time of the Passion, or Passiontide – bring us directly to Our Lord’s suffering and Death for us, as Church, overcome with grief, constantly meditates on the persecution of her dear Savior.

The Covering of Sacred Images

On Passion Sunday, then, we begin to prepare for Easter more intensely: longer periods of prayer, greater self-denial in fasting, larger quantities of generosity in almsgiving. The Roman Church signifies this new movement in her Lenten season by covering with purple cloth the Holy Cross and other sacred images during Passiontide. The covering of the images manifests her deep sorrow and compassion for her Savior, drawing inspiration from the Gospel reading for Passion Sunday, in which Saint John tells us that “Jesus hid Himself” (John 8:59). We can intuit a third reason for the covering of the images in the prophecy of Isaiah, who foretold (Isaiah 53:3) that so marred would be the beautiful and holy Face of the Redeemer that His sacred countenance would be hidden, even to His friends, during the hours of His Passion.

Other Liturgical Changes in Passiontide

During the first four weeks of Lent, our Holy Mother, the Church, mourned for our sins, denying herself her song of joy even from Septuagesima Eve. In Passiontide, mourning now for the death of her Bridegroom, she denies herself even the beautiful doxology, the “Glory be to the Father” and she shortens her Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, omitting the Psalm *Iudica me*, with which instead she uses as her Introit at Mass on Passion Sunday. For the first four weeks of Lent, the priest sang of the beauty and power of holy fasting, in the Preface of Quadragesima; during Passiontide, he sings instead of the glory and fruitfulness of the Lord’s Cross in the Preface of the Passion.

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