

St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent



Christ and Samaritan Woman, Henryk Hektor Siemiradzki—1890

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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: 3rd Sunday of Lent

The Third Sunday of Lent invites us to reflect on human desires and how the Lord reaches us through them. From needing necessities like the children of Israel in the first reading, to longing for affection and a sense of belonging like the Samaritan woman, our hearts are a sea of desires, wishes, and longings. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: *“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God...”* (Catechism # 27, 33). Let us look at the journey that the woman takes towards Jesus: **Rendezvous** – The woman came to get water, but Jesus knows that her desire is for far more than water. The woman struggles with responding to Jesus’ simple request: *“Give me a drink.* To be sure, it is a delicate, even painful process for us to accept the Lord’s invitation to self-giving. Is the Lord inviting you to make more time for Him in your life? To do a little more in introducing your kids or grandkids to faith? To support the Church with your time and treasure?

Rebuke – Sure enough, she draws back with fear and anger: *“How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”*— In our journey to God, we are afraid of losing our freedom or having to change too much. We loathe the commandments or fear that we cannot keep them. We are angry at the unexpected twists and turns of life and do not want to trust a God who doesn’t always give us what we want.

Repetition – Jesus repeats His offer of a relationship, promising to give her fresh, living water. The Lord does the same for us, despite our often-harsh rejection of God. Interestingly, the woman is still hostile and even ridicules Jesus for not having a bucket. To the world, the teachings of God often appear foolish. People frequently dismiss religious faith as fanciful and unrealistic. Jesus re-frames the question by reminding the woman of the obvious: *Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.*

Result – The woman then asks Jesus for *“His water.”* Here is the result of the Lord’s persistence. He keeps calling, even when we say no! Thus, Jesus says, *“Go call your husband and come back.* Now she does what we often do when we are in an uncomfortable spot: she changes the subject. But Jesus ultimately draws her back to the topic at hand: her heart and what her desires are really all about.

Reconciliation & Rejoicing – *“He told me everything I ever did.”* Here, Jesus reconciles her with God and with herself. *The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me everything I have done.* Do not miss that little detail: *she left her water jar,* and then, she can run to town and declare Jesus to others. What is your “water jar”? Leave it behind this Lent.

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. 9	8:30am	Marilyn Deeken (D)
Tues	Mar. 10	8:30am	Martha Yasar (Healing)
Wed	Mar. 11	8:30am	Fr. Thomas Orpin (D)
Thur	Mar. 12	8:00am	Peter Jizrawi (INT)
Fri	Mar. 13	8:30am	Larry Gentilello (INT)
Sat	Mar. 14	5:00pm	The Success of Our Parish Evangelization Efforts
Sun	Mar. 15	8:00am	Mabel Wallace (D)
		10:00am	Ian Dillon (D)
		5:00pm	Helen Hubal (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, , 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

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

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.
- 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.
- Join Paul Campa for an **evening symposium on the Christian tradition of poetry** on **Thursday, 3/26**. 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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March 15—Building and Maintenance

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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