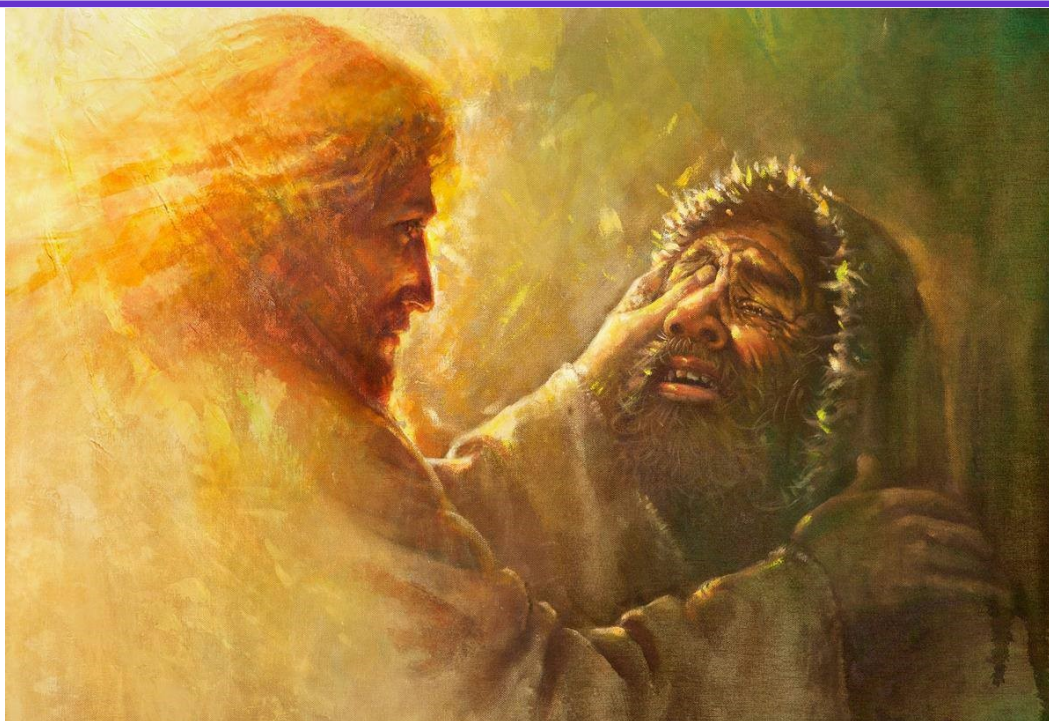


# St. Anselm Catholic Church

March 15, 2026  
4th Sunday of Lent



*Healing the Blind Man—Yongsung Kim, 2021*

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## Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm,  
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Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 8:30am, Rosary 8:00am

Holy Day Masses: 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

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Anointing of the Sick: Anytime upon request.  
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**Pastor’s Reflection: 4th Sunday of Lent**

This Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as “*Laetare Sunday*,” is permeated with a joy which, to some extent, attenuates the penitential atmosphere of this holy season. Today’s readings give us a school of inner sight. “Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” When Samuel came to anoint a king, Jesse’s older sons looked strong, capable, impressive. Yet God chose David—the youngest, overlooked, seemingly unfit. God was not deceived by appearances. He saw the heart. In the Gospel, a man born blind receives not only physical sight but the light of faith. Those who claimed to see—the Pharisees—remained blind, trapped by certainty, fear, and habit. The healed man moves from darkness to confession: “Lord, I believe.” This is the journey of Lent: from seeing with the eyes of the world to seeing with the mind of Christ. St. Paul tells us: “You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” Through Baptism, we were brought into truth. Yet we can still prefer familiar shadows. We say, *This is how we have always done it*, and we resist the new work God is doing among us. We label others rigid, but we ourselves refuse conversion. That is another kind of blindness. Our culture trains us to trust what is loud, persuasive, and fashionable—media narratives, clever advertising, ideological campaigns. But the Gospel asks something different: to test every spirit, to measure every claim against the heart of Christ and the teaching of His Church. Inner sight is not opinion; it is embracing the truth. What does this mean for our parish this Lent? **First**, let us recover reverence in worship, not as an ascetical practice or penance, but to enable us to get in touch with God and what is deepest within us. If God looks into the heart, then let our liturgy reveal that God is truly present. Come early. Prepare interiorly. **Second**, seek the light in Eucharistic Adoration. The man born blind encountered Jesus personally. So must we. Spend an hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament. In that quiet gaze, Christ heals the more profound blindness of fear, pride, and habit. **Third**, serve the renewal of faith. Join the choir and help lead the parish in prayer. Offer to teach the true faith of the Catechism to our children and adults. The Church needs witnesses who see with the heart and speak with clarity. **Fourth**, practice humble openness. Ask not, “What am I used to?” but “What is God asking now?” David did not look the part, yet he was God’s choice. The healed man did not know theology, yet he knew the One who touched him. God often works through what we overlook. Dear friends, sight is a wonderful gift, but what we see with the mind and heart is greater still. May this Lenten journey free us from the blindness of pride and fear. May we see as God sees—beyond appearances, beyond slogans, beyond habit—into the truth that sets us free, 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](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. 16</b>	8:30am	Ed & Audrey Thiery (D)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>	8:30am	Joe McGarry (D)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>	8:30am	Catherine, Joseph, & Linda Gill
<b>Thur</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	8:00am	Dr. Babu Easow (D)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>	8:30am	Mark Chapman (D)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Mar. 21</b>	5:00pm	Renee Reyes (INT)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	8:00am	For the Success of our Bell Tower Restoration Carmen P. Castro (D)
		10:00am	
		5:00pm	For the Success of our Bell Tower Restoration

**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

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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 for Peace in the World 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.
- The Ritter Center Food Drives will be collecting on the weekend of 3/21—3/22
- 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.
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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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