

# SAINT ANNE of the SUNSET CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind  
and now I see.

John 9:25



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**Fr. Emmanuel Adams**

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**Daily Mass:** 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

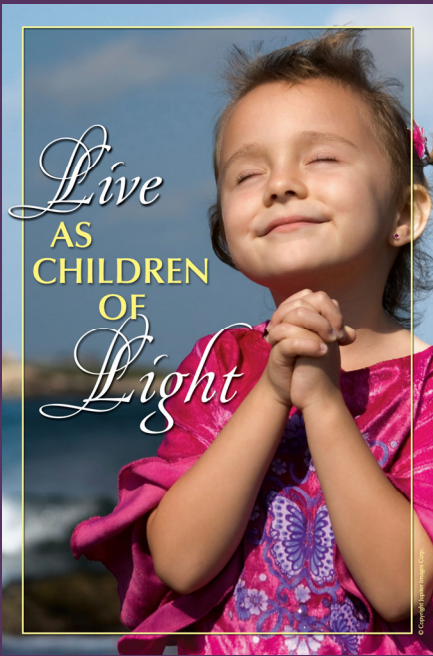
**Sunday Masses:** Sat. Vigil at 5pm,  
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (*Chinese*)  
**All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am**

**Confessions: Saturday @ 4:30—4:55pm  
and 30 minutes before each Sunday Mass**

**Office Hours:** Mon.—Fri., 9a—4:30p

**Baptisms:** 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm  
(*Registered Parishioners only*)

**Baptismal Prep:** 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am  
(*Registered Parishioners only*)



# Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19,  
2023

## Pastor's Column

**Third Anniversary of Shelter-in-Place** – March 17 was the third anniversary of the Emergency Health Order to Shelter-in-Place. Remember that time when just about the whole city shut down and the streets were empty? The whole world paused. Air quality improved and nature reclaimed some of what it had lost due to human activity. What memories or nightmares do you have of that time? I remember looking at creative ways to connect spiritually with you, our parishioners. I remember we all were stretched to learn how to navigate the technology world, to connect with each other via Zoom or Facebook. Thanks to some smart tech people that helped us, we were able to set up livestream masses that we've continued to this day. And we've learned also how to conduct classes and meetings through a camera and computer software called Zoom. Those were difficult days for many who were homebound and alone. Fortunately at our rectory, we had a good home with a great community with Bishop Walsh, Fr Pete, Fr Peter, Sr Mary Francis and myself. So having the technology to be able to connect with you virtually was hopeful and encouraging for me and for many parishioners. Even my 80-something-year-old mom learned to join in the daily mass and 3 o'clock rosary via Facebook each day. Then about a month later Pope Francis published a collection of his talks and prayers during the early days of the pandemic entitled "*Strong in the Face of Tribulation. The Church in Communion: A Sure Support in Time of Trial.*" In it, the Pope reminded us that the way we'd get through this worldwide health emergency is by being

close to the Lord and close to one another. In praying together, we'd find strength and communion not only with God but also with one another. And that certainly was true for me, finding faith and strength in you. Your own faith inspired me and led us to seek better ways to serve you. Do you remember how we were allowed slowly to come back together again when Covid cases were low, and the time we did outdoor drive-in masses while still livestreaming? For Christmas we had the Scouts help with parking and we livestreamed the mass and brought communion to every car parked in the yard. And when we were finally allowed inside the church, we had to space each household 6-ft apart, so we taped off some pews. What a time that was, but through it all, I remember how you continued to support the church. Even when our doors were closed, you still gave to the parish to help us continue paying our staff. Our Sunday collection for that 1<sup>st</sup> year of Covid was down only 25% thanks to your generous donations. And when our household did come down with Covid, we remember how generous you were to us bringing us food and medicine. Pope Francis was right, we can be strong in adversity when we stay together, lean on each other, and lean on the Lord. May that lesson remain with us always no matter what crisis we face. You can lean on us and likewise, one day when we need it, we'll lean on you and with the Lord. And He'll see us through and make us even stronger.

—Fr. Dan

**Charity** *If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.*

—St. Vincent Ferrer

## Seeing the Light

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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*Saint Anne Parish*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK of March 19, 2023**

**Sunday, March 19**

**8:00am** Gino Del Chiaro (D)

**10:00am** Thanksgiving, Vera Rogulsky  
Alfred Sanguinetti (D)

**Noon** People of the Parish

**Monday, March 20**

**8:45am** Fr. Piers Lahey (D)

**Tuesday, March 21**

**8:45am** Lee Trusty (D)

**Wednesday, March 22**

**8:45am** Aurelia Vaquilar (D)

**Thursday, March 23**

**8:45am** Joseph Michael Bravo (D)  
Healing, Rosenda Thui

**Friday, March 24**

**8:45am** All Souls  
Birthday Thanksgiving, Joan Hume

**Saturday, March 25**

**8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne

**5:00pm** Joseph Tanega Lubag (D)

**Understanding  
Islam & Christian Faiths**



Presented by  
**Fr. Emmanuel Adams**

Born and raised in a Muslim family, **Fr. Adams** studied in a Catholic school, came to embrace the

Christian faith and chose to become Catholic. His experiences are bound to enlighten us.

**NOTE:** The date and location for this event have been reported incorrectly. The following is correct:

**When: This Thursday, March 23 @7pm**

**Where: School Library**

For more information or to register, contact

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*Saint Anne*  
*Lenten*  
*Reconciliation*  
*Service*

**Wednesday, March 29**

*at 7:00pm in the Church*

Make this Lent extra meaningful for yourself by attending this special service and coming before the Lord with other members of the congregation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many priests will be available to hear confessions.

“O my God, I am truly sorry for having turned away from you, the source of all Good, the One worthy of all my love!  
I firmly resolve, with Your help, to do penance and to turn back to you in my thoughts and in my words and in my deeds!  
**AMEN!”**

**STRENGTHENING**



From our 2nd Survey Results, we wish to develop a Strategy and Activities for the coming year! To do so, we meet this **Wed., March 22, 5:30-8:30pm, in the School Cafeteria** (park in and enter thru School Yard)

**Anyone interested is invited to participate!**

Present will be 2 consultants from *Communio*, members of the Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, along with Fr. Dan and staff.

**RSVP/Info:**

Either to sign-up to let us know you're attending or for more info, **please contact Fr. Dan at 415-665-1600 x24 or [frdan@stanne-sf.org](mailto:frdan@stanne-sf.org)**

*Previous Week's Collection*

**Sunday Collection, March 11, 12**  
**Building and Maintenance Fund**  
*(Figures Currently Unavailable)*

*This Week's Second Collection*  
**Property and Insurance Fund**

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