

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

Our mission:
To express faith in action,
welcome and celebrate diversity and be
alive in prayer and worship!

All are welcome!



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday—9:00 AM

Saturday—5:30 PM

Sunday—8:30 AM—10:30 AM—5:30 PM

Healing Mass—First Friday

Native Mass—Third Saturday—5:30 PM

Filipino Mass—Second Sunday—5:30 PM

Samoan Mass—Last Sunday—10:30 AM

Youth Mass—Second and Fourth Saturday—5:30 PM

Adoration

Friday—7:00—8:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday—4:00—5:00 PM

Baptism

Call Parish Office to register for Parent's class
held the First Sunday of each month

Marriage

Meet with Pastor at least 6 months
prior to wedding

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office immediately
after a death

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Reflection for the Week

The “good news” is a message of a topsy-turvy world. John baptizes and preaches to the crowds, the “common folk”, and in answer to the question “What should we do?” he answers to the effect, “more than you would wish to do or that can be expected of you” — share what you have with those who have not.

John’s good news is that of a totally different way of seeing life. The question, “What should we do?” is asked three times in today’s gospel, and the answer is invariable: reach out to the marginalized with whatever you have and they need.

This is the good news of John, and it is identical to the good news Jesus preached. John directs our attention to Jesus and the inauguration of his ministry to the poor and those in need. And so we ask, “What should we do?”

The Vincentian Reflections, Living Liturgy, p. 14)

Readings for Next Week’s Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING—The Book of Prophet Micah

Micah— 5:1—4a (12C)

SECOND READING—The Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews— 10:5—10

GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Luke — 1:39—45

Question of the Week

What might John the Baptist challenge you to do differently in your life?

Question of the Week for KIDS

Do you have extras that you can share with others this week?

Parishioners with any **concerns about child or vulnerable adult safety, or who need information about safe environment compliance** at St. Anthony, should contact our **Safe Environment Coordinator, Jill Popoalii, 333-5287** or via email at stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com

Parish News and Events

The Parish Hall is Open for Business! Mario has worked tirelessly since the earthquake to return St. Anthony to normal. The Parish Hall was hit especially hard, much of the ceiling collapsed. After days of demolition and cleanup, light fixtures were reinstalled by an electrician, the ceiling grid repaired and ceiling tiles replaced where possible. Replacement ceiling tiles are currently unavailable and the remainder will be fixed when materials are available. There is still some work to be done, but the Parish Hall can be used. God bless Mario – please thank him for his dedication and hard work!

Join us this Sunday, December 16, after both morning Masses, for the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast!** Pancakes and sausage, lots of fun and great fellowship. This month’s breakfast is generously **sponsored by Don and Toni McDermott.**

Tony’s Cache will be **open after all Masses this weekend, December 15—16.** This is your last chance before Christmas! Find that unique and meaningful gift that will be treasured for years.

The Angel Tree is once again up in the Entryway of the Church. Your gift helps support families and residents of Clare House and Covenant House. Please bring your unwrapped gift to the Church by December 23. Share the joy of our Lord’s birth and help those who need it most. For details, contact Mary Snowball.

We are again selling **beautiful poinsettias from Bell’s Nursery** to decorate the altar at Christmas. They will be on sale this weekend, **December 15-16 after all Masses.** The poinsettias are \$15 each. You have a choice of red, pink or white. If you purchase to donate for altar decoration, we will deliver them to the Church. You can also buy for yourself or as a wonderful gift - you will need to pick them up yourself at Bell’s. For more details or to purchase, please contact Mary Snowball or Annette Alleva.

Simbang Gabi at St. Anthony — The Simbang Gabi Mass and Celebration at St. Anthony will be **this Sunday, December 16, 5:30 PM.** A potluck dinner will take place in the Parish Hall following the Mass. All are welcome to share in this beautiful Filipino Christmas tradition.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING will take place following the 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, December 23. Many hands make light work! All are welcome. Questions? Contact Annette Alleva

It’s that time of year to gather the Youth and Children to begin rehearsals for the Christmas Play! This is a tradition at the **Family Mass on Christmas Eve, 6 PM** and a key part of the Liturgy. **Rehearsals are every Sunday Noon until Christmas.** For more information, contact Jill Popoalii, 333-5287, or email her at stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com.



Lector workbooks for the new Liturgical Year are available now. Current lectors can pick up their new book in the sacristy. **Thank you for your service!**

Generous St. Anthony Parishioners gave \$2,942.50 for the Thanksgiving Blessing! What an outpouring of love to those in need; your gifts mean so much to so many in our community. Thank you for sharing God's bounty!

The returns are in! Congratulations and blessings to the Bazaar Committee on another successful bazaar. **This year, the bazaar raised \$2,975.25 for St. Anthony!** Please thank **Annette Alleva, Peggy Bergsrud, Lynn Cushwa, Arlene Romer, Mary Snowball** and everyone who worked so hard to make another successful bazaar happen.

St. Anthony Youth are busy! Our St. Anthony Youth volunteered for the **Thanksgiving Blessing Project**, working hard and being a light unto the world, to the greater glory of God. They are supporting themselves; the **Halloween Carnival** raised over **\$605** and the servers at the **Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner** earned **\$214** in tips – all for Youth Programs. Thank you for supporting our St. Anthony Youth!

Let's all respect our beautiful Church Home! We are blessed by God with a wonderful place to gather and worship. **We are all Family at St. Anthony, Brothers and Sisters in Christ and the Church is our Home.** Sometimes, our younger members are tempted to eat or drink in the Sanctuary where we celebrate Mass, honor God and **this is not appropriate.** When this happens, bits of food and trash are left and this does not show the respect we owe our Creator. **Please keep any food, drink and trash out of the sanctuary!** The Parish Hall is available and the proper place for refreshments and snacks. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.

It's not too late for Faith Formation! You can still register for the new school year, including for Sacramental Preparation classes; First Communion and Confirmation. **All children hoping to receive these Sacraments must be enrolled in Faith Formation!** For more details, please contact **Jill Popoalii**, 333-5287 or email stanthonyfaithformation@gmail.com.

Youth Choir rehearsals are Thursdays, 6:30 PM in the Church. The Youth Mass is now twice a month! For more information, call Mary Jo, 317-3187. We will see you there!

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the formation process for adults who wish to be baptized or for those already baptized in another Christian denomination to make a Profession of Faith to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. **Classes are held every Wednesday, 7 PM.** For more details, please contact Jill Popoalii, 333-5287 or email stanthonyfaithformation@gmail.com

Copies of **The WORD Among Us for December** are available in the entryway. These booklets offer the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations and are available for anyone who would like a copy. A \$1.00 donation is requested.

Earthquake Update – The Structural Engineer has inspected the Church and Office Buildings, there is no major structural damage to prevent their use. We are awaiting the final report. A Stone Mason will inspect the stone and brick work. Some will need some repair. The stone and brick work on the Church building are not structural, but it presents a concern if it were to collapse. Everyone is asked to keep a safe distance from the areas with yellow caution tape. The Parish Hall has been returned to service. Plumbing has been repaired in the Church, Office Building and Four-Plex. Additional repairs to the Church's heating system will be required. Plans are being made to replace and reinforce ceiling tiles in the Sanctuary. Some furnishings were lost and will be replaced as possible.

Sanctuary Lighting Project – The Sanctuary lighting project is almost complete! Damage caused by the earthquake has been largely repaired, except for some minor fine-tuning, which will be accomplished soon, the project is done. **Generous anonymous donors stepped forward and funded this project, our sincere gratitude and blessings go to them for making it possible.** Thanks to Mary Jo once again for planning and managing the project.

Pathway to Renovation update as of 12/12 – The new crucifix has been installed. Mario and a team of Contractors and Parishioner Volunteers carefully mounted it on the wall, under the watchful eye of Mary Jo, who managed the entire project. Two days later, the earthquake struck – but the Crucifix remained firmly attached and undamaged! The new side lectern has finally been delivered and will be put into service soon. Our thanks and praise to God who has given us these beautiful additions to our Church, to His greater glory, and to all the generous donors and volunteers who help to do his work on earth.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. The next program in the Anchorage area begins with a weekend on February 22 - 24, 2019. For confidential information or to register, call 863-8000, email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Liturgical Ministers — December 22/23		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday—5:30 PM		
Youth Mass	F. Bolewicz M. LoKanin C. Lyons	Paul Fruen Yvonne Lafaele Mary Lafaele Tanimu Mafuao Henryetta Talo
Sunday—8:30 AM		
Stephanie O'Connor	T. VanGelderren P. Petrivelli D. Braudis	Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk
Sunday—10:30 AM		
Jill Popoalii Tausoa Tevita	T. Ulofoshio Sister Monique S. Foreman W. West L. Zavala U. Tafune J. Peters	Mariah Afuvai Melesete Afuvai Raindro Parungao Lyndon Savelio Kolio Savelio Nifae Valai
Sunday—5:30 PM		
Victoria Rahm	A. Reidell D. Hess M. Aldana	Angelie Corcino Sebastian Corcino Rochelle Cabutotan Chester Cabutotan Elizabeth Lucas Joaquin Leal
Home Ministry		
	Brenda Bergsrud Pat Petrivelli	

Week at a Glance	
Monday	Samoan Community Youth Practice—7:00 PM
Tuesday	Creative Circle—9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline—5:00 PM
	Filipino Gospel Choir Practice—6:00 PM
	Bringing Catholics Home—7:00 PM
	Samoan Choir Practice—8 :00 PM
Thursday	Kateri Circle—11:00 AM
	Youth Choir Rehearsals—6:30 PM
Friday	Adoration—7:00 PM
Saturday	Samoan Divine Mercy Group—10:00 AM
Sunday	Youth and Children Rehearsals for the Christmas Play—12:00 Noon

Did you know that Archbishop Etienne has his own blog? Keep up on all of Archbishop's adventures around the Archdiocese of Anchorage by subscribing to his blog, **TRUTH IN LOVE** at www.archbishopetienne.com.

Prayer List for Our Sick and Suffering

If you have a name you wish to have added to the listing, please contact the Parish Office or send it to the bulletin editor, sapbulletin@gmail.com.

Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Pacita Agron	Joyce Lightner
Vic Algoso	Teresita Lolesio
Audey Algoso	Kendrick Matthews
Kristin Bozarth	Don McDermott
Keith Brown	Duane Morfield
Ed Cordova	Christopher Nickarz
Agnes Coyle	Dominador Ochoa
Josie Duenas	Elmer Pagalilauan
Ed Grantier	Margie Quinn
Maricel Juan	Josephine Skeete
Jerome Karella	Ann Whalen
Joshua Kutzgar	Kareem Waugh
Sam Kutzgar	

Collection from December 8—9, 2018

Regular Collection — \$4,939
 Online Giving — \$780
 Special Collection: Fund for Retired Religious — \$1,081.50

Parishioners of St. Anthony donated 510 lbs. of food to St. Francis House during the month of November.

Thank you for your generosity!

Are you new to our Parish?

Do you have questions about our Faith Community?

Have you been attending St. Anthony and you would like to register as a member of our Parish? Do you need to update your contact information? Call the Parish Office, 333-5544 or via email—saparish.office@gmail.com.

Would you like to receive the bulletin by email? You may not be aware that the bulletin can be emailed directly to you, or anyone with an interest, every week. If you would like the current bulletin in your inbox on a weekly basis, please contact the Parish Office. We will gladly add you to our mailing list.

The St. Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are available for use for Parish Ministry or Private Events. Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling availability and details.

Parish Website Changes – Due to technical difficulties, the stanthonyak.com website is not currently being maintained and is not functional. **Please use the stanthonyak.org website** until further notice.

