

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2020

Our Mission:

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

All are welcome!



Mass Schedule

Tuesday — Friday — 9 AM

Saturday — 5:30 PM

Sunday — 8:30 AM — 10:30 AM — 5:30 PM

Healing Mass — First Friday

Filipino Mass — Second Sunday — 5:30 PM

Native Mass — Third Saturday — 5:30 PM

Samoan Mass — Last Sunday — 10:30 AM

Youth Mass — Fourth Saturday — 5:30 PM

Adoration

Friday — 7-8 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday — 4-5 PM

Baptism

Baptism Parents' Class — First Sunday of each
month, 9:45 AM in the Parish Office Building

Marriage

Meet with Pastor at least six (6) months
prior to wedding

Funerals

Contact the Parish Office
Immediately after a death

Office Hours

Monday — Friday By Appointment

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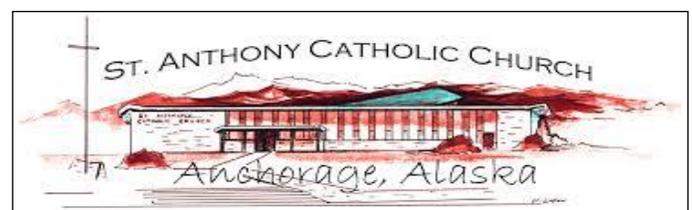
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Reflection for the Week

Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" To Peter, forgiving the same person seven times already seemed the maximum possible. And perhaps to us it may already seem too much to do so twice. But Jesus answers, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven", meaning always.

You must always forgive. And he confirms this by telling the parable of the merciful king and the wicked servant, in which he shows the inconsistency of the man who was first forgiven and then refused to forgive.

The servant's inconsistent behavior is the same as ours when we refuse to forgive our brothers and sisters. Whereas the king in the parable is the image of God who loves us with a love that is so rich in mercy as to welcome us, love us and forgive us continuously.

From the time of our Baptism, God has forgiven us, releasing us from an intractable debt: original sin. But that is the first time. Then, with boundless mercy, he forgives us all our faults as soon as we show even the least sign of repentance. This is how God is: merciful.

When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?". Anyone who has experienced the joy, peace and inner freedom which come from being forgiven should open him or herself up to the possibility of forgiving in turn.

Jesus wished to introduce the teaching of this parable into the Our Father. He linked the forgiveness which we ask from God with the forgiveness that we should accord our brothers and sisters: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors".

God's forgiveness is the symbol of his "overflowing" love for each of us. It is the love that leaves us free to distance ourselves, like the prodigal son, but which awaits our return every day. It is the resourceful love of the shepherd for the lost sheep. It is the tenderness which welcomes each sinner who knocks at his door.

The Heavenly Father — our Father — is filled, is full of love and he wants to offer it to us, but he cannot do so if we close our heart to love towards others.

Pope Francis

adapted from an Angelus address,
St. Peter's Square, September 9, 2017

Readings for Next Week's Mass Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6 - 9

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 1:20C - 24, 27A

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Matthew 20:1 - 16a

Parish News and Events

With joy and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Archdiocese of Anchorage and the Diocese of Juneau announce the Inauguration of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. The Installation of the **Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.** as the First Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau and the Imposition of the Pallium by the Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America will take place on **Thursday, September 17, 2 PM** at Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral in Anchorage. We invite you to watch the event online at either www.archdioceseofanchorage.org or www.dioceseofjuneau.org

Important Changes! Now sixty (60) Parishioners per Mass! To help maintain a safe environment, we are using a reservation system for attendance at weekend Masses. **You may sign up for next weekend's Masses by clicking [here](#).**

Saint Anthony has resumed Masses at the regularly scheduled times. On August 28, Mayor Berkowitz issued Emergency Order 14v2, effective Monday, August 31. **This new order has eased restrictions and we have returned to a limit of sixty (60) Parishioners per Mass as in our original Reopening Safety Plan approved June 5.** All other safety precautions including the wearing of a mask or face covering and social distancing remain in effect. All remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We encourage anyone sixty-five (65) or over or with underlying health conditions to remain at home for their own safety. At the same time, we remember our obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day. Weekday Masses are now Tuesday through Friday at 9 AM. Confession is available Saturdays at 4 PM in the sanctuary or by appointment with Father Vince.

The Saint Anthony Lector Ministry needs you! We need more Lectors to proclaim the Word of God at Mass. This rewarding Ministry is central to our worship and is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Body of Christ. If you have been looking for the right opportunity to serve the Lord, we ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Proclaimer of the Word. Training and necessary materials will be provided. Please contact Ministry Leader Imelda Vilorio or the Parish Office if you are interested. Thank you to Darcy and Casey Steger for volunteering. Many thanks and blessings to Imelda for her years of service in this vital Ministry!

THANK YOU for your generous support of the 2020 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal. Members of Saint Anthony have shared **\$26,238.50** to support ministries that serve our local Church. This is **57.59%** of our goal of **\$45,559**. Your participation is more important than the amount you are able to share. If you have not yet pledged your support, it is not too late! Please join your fellow Parishioners in helping to make possible the vital work of your Archdiocesan Ministries. Make your pledge securely online at archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.

Question of the Week

When someone hurts you, how do you forgive them?

Question of the Week for KIDS

When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold their **Regular Monthly Business Meeting this Monday, September 14, 7 PM** in the Parish Hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot O' Gold raffle tickets!** Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash**, and there are **10 prizes of \$1,000, cash** each. Only 3,500 tickets are sold. Tickets are **\$25** each. This is a major fundraiser for the Knights and Saint Anthony where **\$10 from every ticket sold comes back to our local Knight's Council.** Proceeds are used by our Knights' Council to support our Parish and many worthy projects and causes. See one of the Knights in the back of the Church for details.

Saint Francis House Food Pantry. Saint Anthony Parishioners donated 251 pounds of food in August. Thank you! You may still drop off donations in the basket in the entryway of the Church. **This week, they are requesting canned vegetables and breakfast items, oatmeal, granola bars, etc.** Bless you for your generosity!

Looking for an Anchorage Food Bank? Saint Francis House Food Pantry is the **largest client choice food pantry in Alaska**, providing about **100 families with an emergency supply of food daily**, and at no cost to the Client. Saint Francis House Food Pantry also distributes items for The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Senior Boxes for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, vouchers for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, and items for the Summer Food Service Program that serves children 18 years of age and younger. Open 9 AM – 1 PM on Mondays – Thursdays and 4 – 6:30 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the Month. Learn more by calling 222-7323, or by clicking [here](#). God bless you for your generosity!

September is Hunger Action Month - Hunger Action Month is a month recognized around the nation as a time to raise awareness of food insecurity. Right here in Alaska, nearly 100,000 face hunger on a regular basis. This September, **be a Hunger Hero** and join us in the fight to end hunger, one meal at a time. Learn more [here](#).

September 12 - 20 is Welcoming Week. Welcoming Week is a nationwide effort to make communities a more welcoming place for all. Communities bring together Immigrants, Refugees, and long-time Residents to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity.

Farmer's Market and Hot Food Vendors at Grow North Farms (GNF). Celebrate Welcoming Week with Grow North Farm on September 17, 3 - 7 PM! GNF is an urban farm with over 20 neighborhood farmers with refugee and immigrant backgrounds from Burma, Bhutan, Nepal, South Sudan, Somali, the DRC, and Mexico. Stop by the farm stand and purchase fresh Alaskan grown vegetables and then eat dinner globally with hot food vendors on site. Want to support the farm and Welcoming Week but also want to socially distance? **Order a Weekly Farm Box** between **September 10 - 14**, for **curbside pick-up on Thursday, September 17**, <https://www.cssalaska.org/our-programs/refugee-assistance-immigration-services/weekly-farm-box/>.

Urban Harvest: Growing and Cooking with GNF - GNF is hosting an Urban Harvest class with the Anchorage Museum on **September 15!** Sign up with the link below to register for an in-person or virtual tour of GNF and learn how we prepare the farm for

winter. Following the tour, there will be a cooking demonstration for one of the recipes in the upcoming RAIS Cookbook. You can preorder a cookbook and your weekly farm box through the registration form. See you out there! <https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/visit/calendar/details/?id=60349>.

Saint Francis Awards Recognition Ceremony - join our **online virtual** Saint Francis Awards Recognition Ceremony on **October 8.** Register for the latest email updates at archdioceseofanchorage.org/sfsa.

Can you help? Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, we **need baby wipes, cleaning products, body soap and toothpaste.** CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Your generous support of these families in crisis is a great blessing, a worthy offering to our loving and merciful God.

Are you currently facing trouble in your marriage? Are arguments and disagreements tearing you both apart? Children seeing their family torn? Unhealthy, toxic patterns you would like to change? Experiencing misery or disillusionment? Looking at divorce as your last option? **Retrouvaille** is a lifeline for couples struggling in their marriages. It is a program that can help you and your spouse restore trust and rebuild a loving relationship. Make the time to get away and work on your marriage. It begins with a long weekend and continues with seven follow-up sessions. The next Retrouvaille of Alaska program begins with a **virtual weekend retreat** experience on **Thursday, September 17.** For confidential information or to register, email anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or call 863-8000. Visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Couples who pray together, stay together. Put God in your marriage by participating on the next **West Coast Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Virtual Zoom weekends on October 2-4, November 6-8, and November 13-15. Apply at www.wwme.org.

Supportive Family Services (SFS). Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services and Family Disability Services have been combined into the new **Supportive Family Services Ministry.** We are currently need **diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, and brown bags with handles.** Donations are being accepted from 9 AM – 4 PM on Fridays. You may leave donations in the shopping carts at the E. 20th Avenue side of the Catholic Social Services Building, 3710 E. 20th Avenue. God bless you for your generous support!

Did you know? Catholic Social Services provides Supportive Services for Veteran Families! If you or someone you know is a veteran or has served at least one (1) day of Active Duty in the Military and needs rental assistance we may be able to help. Learn more at our Website: [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](#).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is petitioning the Federal Government to work to insure that

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COVID-19 vaccine research and production is done without the use of human tissue taken from the victims of abortion. Some of the vaccines currently in development are using fetal tissue from aborted babies, which is unnecessary, with other methods readily available. You may read more details and the USCCB's letter [here](#). You may also join the petition and sign the letter. Please help in this work so that we do not add to the shame by dishonoring the remains of the innocent victims of abortion.

The Saint Anthony Parish Office has moved. The Parish Office has relocated to the Parish Hall. **Office hours are by appointment only.** Pursuant to Pursuant to Emergency Order 14v2, effective **Monday, August 31, and instructions from the Archdiocese, Staff will continue to work remotely as much as possible.** If you wish to speak to Father Vince, please call for an appointment. Currently, all Visitors to the Office are required to wear a mask or face covering and are subject to health screening. Please call ahead to the Office prior to visiting. Questions may be directed to the Parish Office – 333-5544. Please leave a message with your requests. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

In conjunction with the Office move, our phone system has changed. Please call our main number, **333-5544** with any questions for Father Vince or Parish Staff. Older extensions are no longer in service. The fax line has also been discontinued. We hope to achieve worthwhile cost savings by this change.

All are strongly encouraged to use our Parish Website, www.stanthonyak.org, and Parishioner Facebook Page for news, updates and Parish Information. There are links to the bulletin online, streaming Masses, online donations, and a wealth of other valuable resources. Just click the link on the upper right corner of this bulletin to go to the Website.

Many thanks to Peggy and Brenda Bergsrud for their work on the Parish Website and the Parishioner Facebook Page. Specially during this difficult time, their efforts to provide everyone with current, accurate information is a true blessing and a gift to the Parishioners of Saint Anthony.

Project Rachel Support Group. Suffering, sad, or confused because of an abortion – you or a family member? Whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported **Project Rachel Healing Group.** It is free and confidential. For further information or to participate go to our Website: projectrachelalaska.com or phone our confidential phone line: 297-7781 or toll free 1-866-434-3344 outside the Anchorage Area.

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry. Our CH Meals Ministry will once again be providing meals to the families once a month. Please contact Alice Young for details. Many thanks and blessings to Alice Young and all the Volunteers who have provided meals to CH over many years.

The **Saint Francis Awards Committee** invites you to consider a **short-term, from July through October, Volunteer commitment as a Parish Liaison.** Your role will be to help share and collect nomination forms at our Parish, via email, mail, social media, word of mouth, or other means. You are also invited to be a part of the Event Planning Committee. If interested, please contact Sarah Anderson at sanderson@caa-ak.org or leave a voicemail message at 297-7747.

Prayer List for Our Sick and Suffering

If you have a name you wish to be 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	Bobby Nickarz
Wes Bergsrud	Christopher Nickarz
Neddie Canete	Nick Nickarz
Ronald Channell III	Dominador Ochoa
Ed Cordova	Elmer Pagalilauan
Nan Dietz	Fern Parent
Josie Duenas	Mary Patania
Frank Javier	Jedwin Rixter
Jerome Karella	Gwendolyn Roth
Joshua Kutzgar	Josephine Skeete
Sam Kutzgar	Onya Stein
Joyce Lightner	Elizabeth Varee
Peter Lizama	Richard Varee
Teresita Lolesio	Chris White

Liturgical Ministers — September 19/20

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday — 5:30 PM	
Alaska Native Ministry	Elizabeth Ramirez
Sunday — 8:30 AM	
Pat Lizama	Megan Pili
Sunday — 10:30 AM	
Katherine Pili	Luanna Greybear
Sunday — 5:30 PM	
Ryon Yamat	Darrell Hess

Are you new to Our Parish?

Do you have questions about our Faith Community?

Have you been attending Saint Anthony and 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 Office@stanthonyak.org.

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 Saint Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are unavailable until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office for details.