

# St. Anthony Catholic Church

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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

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—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

### Parish Staff

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## Reflection for the Week

Today's Gospel may be one of the more difficult in Scripture—not because it is hard to understand, Jesus is quite clear in his instructions to us. It is difficult because of what it tells us to do. Jesus once again offers a revolutionary teaching that contradicts our natural human instincts. To love those who hate us, to give without expectation of return or reward, to stop judging—what Jesus instructs us to do seems impossible to our reasoning, but that is precisely the point.

St. Paul touches on this paradox in today's second reading, noting that our earthly human nature came first, followed by the spiritual nature through faith in Jesus Christ. If we follow our own instincts, we cannot please God, for our earthly nature is at war with the Spirit. "For the concern of the flesh is hostility toward God; it does not submit to the law of God, nor can it" (Romans 8:7).

What seems impossible for us to do is possible only through the redemption freely offered to us by Jesus Christ, won by His sacrifice. What we cannot do for ourselves, we can do in His Name, by the power of the Holy Spirit to turn our hearts. Only by following Jesus' example and not leaning on our own understanding, can we hope to do God's will.

Though we are unworthy, if we accept the unconditional love and grace so offered, "you will be children of the Most High, for He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

John

### Readings for Next Week's Mass

#### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST READING—The First Book of Prophet Sirach**

Sirach 27:4-7

**SECOND READING—The First Letter  
of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

**GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke**

Luke 6:39-45

Parishioners with any concerns about child and 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**

### Question of the Week for KIDS

When has it been hard to forgive someone who hurt you? What did you do?

## Parish News and Events

**Ash Wednesday is March 6.** Masses will be at 9 AM and 7 PM.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **134th Annual Black and Indian Mission Collection** last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American and Alaska Native Communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

**Senior Prom for Senior Citizens — This Saturday, our Parish Youth will host a Senior Prom for Senior Citizens** (ages 40 & up). It is their way of giving back to our Parish through a night filled with joy and laughter for all to come and enjoy. Entertainment, music and food will be provided. Save the date for **Saturday, February 23, 7 PM** in our Parish Hall.

**The Liturgy Committee will meet this Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 PM** in the Parish Office Building. This important meeting will include planning for Advent, Holy Week and upcoming special liturgies. All Liturgical Ministry Leaders are encouraged to attend.

**Soup and Stations** – Lent is fast approaching, and once again we will have "Soup and Stations" each Friday from **March 15—April 12**. This popular tradition starts with a potluck meatless soup and bread supper, followed by Stations of the Cross. Different Parish Ministries and Community sponsor and organize each week. **Ministry and Community Leaders – now is the time to claim your date!** The Native Ministry has already signed up for March 29 — Thank You! To sponsor, or for more details, contact Mary Jo. Watch this space for future announcements.

**Combined Choir for Ash Wednesday – Calling all musicians and singers!** There will be a combined community choir for the **7 PM Mass on Ash Wednesday**. All musicians and singers are welcome and encouraged to show up and sing and play! **Please come to the Church, 6 PM for rehearsal** before Mass. For more information, contact Mary Jo.

**Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry!** Save the date – **Friday, March 8 is the Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**. If you have fish you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Paul Lightner. Thank you!

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **18th Annual Bison Hunt Raffle!** Winners receive an **all-expenses paid guided bison hunt on Kodiak Island or \$3,500 cash**. Tickets are \$20 each. This is a major fundraiser for our Knights and helps them to support our Parish Ministries. For more details, or to purchase, see the Knight in the entryway after this Mass, or contact Paul Lightner.

**Stations of the Cross.** During the earthquake on November 30, several of our Stations of the Cross plaques fell off the wall and were damaged, some severely. Jacques and Mary

Regat, long-time Parishioners and professional artists (they did the beautiful large wood carvings in the Church), volunteered to repair the plaques and they are now finished and re-installed, marvelously restored. Please offer Jacques and Mary your thanks and blessings for sharing their time and professional expertise!

**Now that the Stations have been repaired**, we have proceeded with the **next planned phase of the Sanctuary lighting project**. Lights have been installed above the plaques to highlight them and make them more visible during the Stations of the Cross. The special lamps were delivered and installed this week and they are beautiful! Generous Anonymous Donors have provided the funds for this addition to our Church — we offer our thanks for their spirit of giving.

**You are cordially invited to Lumen Christi Catholic High School's Spring Open House and Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner!** Come visit our school on **Tuesday, March 5, 6 —8 PM!** Bring the family, enjoy a Mardi Gras pancake dinner and learn more about the exciting opportunities our school has to offer for students in Grades 7-12. Meet the students, parents and faculty members and tour our campus. Be entered to win a \$50 Amazon Gift Card! If attending, please **RSVP at 245-9231 or lchs@lumenchristiak.com by March 4**. We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

**St. Therese's Camp Registration is now open!** Join us for a supercharged week of fun, faith and friends at St. Therese's in Wasilla. Open to children entering Grades 3-12 in the Fall. Boats, shooting range, volleyball, swimming, gaga ball, rock wall climbing, arts and crafts, great friends, great meals, campfires, all in a rich Catholic environment. **Early bird registration before February 28:** Grades 3-8—\$311 per week. Grades 9-12—\$349 per week. Regular rate registration after February 28: Grades 3-8—\$327 per week. Grades 9-12—\$365 per week. Visit [www.stthereseak.com](http://www.stthereseak.com) to register and for more information or call 232-2066.

It's that time of the year again when our local **Catholic Daughters of the Americas are offering three Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla** for the 2019 summer session; only for students currently in Grades 5, 6, or 7. **A 250-300-word essay on "How will my time at Camp help me to grow in love with the Eucharist" will be the topic.** Applications and more information are available at your Parish or Catholic School Office or can be emailed to you by contacting [kewhitney@alaska.net](mailto:kewhitney@alaska.net). You can also call Kerry, 230-4726. **Application and essay must be entirely completed and postmarked no later than March 1 and sent to the CDA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 243953, Anchorage, AK 99524-3953.** Please encourage your Youth to participate!

**St. Therese's Camp Auction - "Raisin' of the Green 2019"** - Support Fun, Faith and Friends in the Valley! **Saturday, April 13, 6—10 PM, Bridge Restaurant:** 221 W Ship Creek Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501. **Tickets are \$25 each** at the door or

purchase online at [www.stthereseak.com](http://www.stthereseak.com). Contact Yvette Tousignant at [yctous@gmail.com](mailto:yctous@gmail.com) or Rudy at 232-2066 for more information. **Come and support the great things that are happening at St. Therese's Camp!**

**Are you interested in volunteering but find you don't have the time?** You might be interested in joining Catholic Social Services' Donation Creation Teams! Many of our programs are in constant need of specific donations and we rely on volunteers to help supply them. Join a team and simply receive emails about needs as we have them and share those needs with people in your Community! If interested or have questions, please contact Inmaly Inthaly, [iinthaly@cssalaska.org](mailto:iinthaly@cssalaska.org) or 222-7327.

Understanding the true meaning of marriage is one thing, living it out is another. **Beloved: Living Marriage** examines the day-to-day challenges of being united as husband and wife, while maintaining individuality. Learning to effectively communicate, turning conflict into understanding, avoiding the pitfalls that wreck relationships, and understanding sex in the context of authentic love are among the topics presented for helping relationships to thrive. Six (6) sessions from trusted experts work for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment opportunities. **Join us 6—8 PM, Saturday evenings in the Upper Room, Lumen Christi High School; February 23, March 16, April 6, and May 4.** Gather for a potluck meal followed by open gym for the kids (childcare provided) and parent discussion on the Beloved video series. For more information, contact James Kvidera — [james.p.kvidera@gmail.com](mailto:james.p.kvidera@gmail.com).

**Catholic Engaged Encounter** is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values. Catholic Engaged Encounter is a weekend retreat away with other engaged couples with plenty of time alone together to dialogue honestly and intensively about their prospective lives together, their strengths and weaknesses, desires, ambitions, goals, their attitudes about money, sex, children, family, their role in the Church and Society in a face to face way. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church Law. Weekends in the Archdiocese of Anchorage are conducted at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Anchorage. **The next 2019 Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend is May 31—June 2.** For more information please contact Deacon Mick Fornelli, 297-7770 or [mfornelli@caa-ak.org](mailto:mfornelli@caa-ak.org).

**Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services** needs a new crib with a new mattress as well as a new car seat. If you are interested in donating one of these items, please contact Melissa Webber, [mwebber@cssalaska.org](mailto:mwebber@cssalaska.org) or 222-7344.

### Question of the Week

What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

## Liturgical Ministers — March 2/3

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday — 5:30 PM		
Melissa Branch	F. Bolewicz M. Snowball E. Ramirez	Paul Fruen Yvonne Lafaele Mary Lafaele Tanimio Mafuao Henryetta Talo
Sunday — 8:30 AM		
Kelly Auer	T VanGelderren N. Nickarz P. Petrivelli	Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk
Sunday — 10:30 AM		
Malia Alefosio	M. Roldan L. Greybear W. West S. Foreman T. Ulofoshio M. Armstrong Sister Monique	Mariah Afuvai Meleste Afuvai Rjandro Parungao Lyndon Savelio Kolio Savelio Nifae Valai
Sunday — 5:30 PM		
Mimi LaFlamme	D. Hess A. Reidell J. Lavarias	Angelie Corcino Sebastian Corcino Rochelle Cabutotan Chester Cabutotan Elizabeth Lucas Joaquin Leal
Home Eucharistic Ministry	Brenda Bergsrud	Pat Petrivelli

## Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	Samoan Community Youth Practice - 7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Creative Circle - 9:30 AM Faith Formation - 6:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<u>Bulletin Deadline - 5:00 PM</u> Filipino Gospel Choir Practice - 6:00 PM RCIA - 7:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 8:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Kateri Circle - 11:00 AM Youth Night - 7:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Adoration - 7:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	Samoan Divine Mercy Group - 10:00 AM

**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](http://www.archbishopetienne.com).

For more events in the Archdiocese, visit <http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/news-events/>

## 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](mailto:sapbulletin@gmail.com).

## Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Pacita Agron Vic Algoso Audey Algoso Kristin Bozarth Keith Brown Ed Cordova Agnes Coyle Josie Duenas Robert Edwards Ed Grantier Maricel Juan Jerome Karella Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Joyce Lightner Teresita Lolesio	Kendrick Matthews Don McDermott Duane Morfield Christopher Nickarz Dominador Ochoa Elmer Pagalilauan Margie Quinn Angie Ribuffo Josephine Skeete Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Ann Whalen Chris White John Joseph White Kareem Waugh
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## Collection from February 16/17

Regular Collection — \$4,357

Building and Maintenance — \$35

Online Giving — \$340

Black and Indian Missions — \$734

**St. Anthony Parishioners donated 398 pounds of food to St. Francis House in the month of January.**

St. Anthony Parishioners donated

**7,267 pounds of food in 2018!**

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—[saparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:saparishoffice@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.

With the weapons of love, God has defeated selfishness and death. His son Jesus is the door of mercy wide open to all.

Pope Francis