

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 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

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

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Monday — Friday 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Reflection for the Week

Jesus challenges us in today's Gospel to do our level best to produce good fruit.

It is God's eternal and faithful love that draws us to a faith-filled life. God is at the gate, not merely knocking, but calling to our soul and awakening it: "Come, arise, make haste." God even goes about crying in the street: "Return to me! Live!" Our divine Savior faithfully shows that his mercy surpasses his justice, and that his redemption is copious. He wishes all to be made whole and that none should perish.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love and I will build you again." These are God's faithful words and by them, God promises that when our Savior came into the world, He established a New Kingdom in His Church

Yet, the Holy Spirit, a fountain of living water that flows into every part of our heart so as to spread God's love, has no wish to enter into us, unless it be with our heart's consent.

We are never deprived of God's love, but we can deprive God's love of our cooperation. God never takes away our gifts. It is we who turn away our hearts from God.

Oblates of St. Francis De Sales

(contributed by Mary Jo.)

Readings for Next Week's Mass

First Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING—The First Book of Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy 26:4-10

SECOND READING—The Letter of St. Paul to the Roman
Roman 15:54-58

GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Luke 4:1-13

Lenten Reconciliation Service Schedule

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12-Friday, Holy Family – 7 PM

March 19, Tuesday, Saint Michael, Palmer - 7 PM

March 25, Monday, Saint Benedict - 7 PM

March 27, Wednesday, Saint Patrick - 7 PM

March 28, Thursday, Holy Cross - 7 PM

April 1, Monday, Saint Elizabeth - 7 PM

April 2, Tuesday, Saint Anthony - 7 PM

April 3, Wednesday, Saint Andrew - 6:30PM

April 8, Monday, Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral - 7 PM

April 14, Thursday, Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 9 AM - 7 PM

Question of the Week for KIDS

Is it a good thing or a bad thing to act differently from what you are really feeling? Why?

Parish News and Events

We are humbly thankful to our Lord, who inspired **Anonymous Parishioners to donate a beautiful new piano!** This new electronic piano requires no routine maintenance or tuning and will be used by all our choirs. It is very flexible, with many different "voices" and special features. This is a top-quality professional instrument and our musicians are excited by the possibilities and the prospect of many years of worship through song. **Thanks and blessings to the Parishioners who were able to make this a reality.**

This **Wednesday, March 6 is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. **Masses at St. Anthony will be at 9 AM and 7 PM.**

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 at 6 PM for a brief rehearsal before Mass. For more information, contact Mary Jo.

Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! This Friday, March 8, 6 PM is the Annual Knights of Columbus Fish Fry! Come and enjoy the **First Friday of Lent with delicious fish and sides, lovingly prepared by your St. Anthony Knights, followed by Stations of the Cross, 7 PM.** If you have fish you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Paul Lightner. Thank you!

Soup and Stations – Lent is almost here, and once again we will have "**Soup and Stations**" each **Friday, 6 PM, 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 Communities sponsor and organize each week. Ministry and Community leaders – now is the time to claim your date! **The Samoan Choir has already signed up for March 22 and the Native Ministry has signed up for March 29** – Thank you! To sponsor or for more details, contact Mary Jo. Watch this space for future announcements.

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.

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

You are cordially invited to Lumen Christi Catholic High School's Spring Open House and Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner! Come visit our school this coming **Tuesday, March 5, 6–8 PM!** Bring the family, enjoy a Mardi Gras pancake din-

ner, and learn more about the exciting opportunities our school has to offer for students in Grades 7-12. Meet students, parents and faculty members. Tour our campus and 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. **Regular rate registration after February 28: Grades 3-8—\$327 per week. Grades 9-12—\$365 per week.** Visit www.stthereseak.com to register and for more information or call 232-2066.

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. Contact Yvette Tousignant at 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!**

Can you help? Clare House needs a variety of different donations, specially toilet paper and new pillows. Clare House provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter located at 4110 Spenard Road, Anchorage, AK 99517. Thank you in advance!

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 or 222-7344.

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 phone our confidential phone line—297-7781 or Toll Free 1-866-434-3344 (outside the Anchorage area).

With the severely cold weather, **Brother Francis Shelter needs extra blankets and warm clothing for guests, such as jackets, gloves and hats.** Please take donations to **Brother Francis Shelter, located at 1021 E. 3rd Avenue.** If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Webber at mwebber@cssalaska.org. Thank you!

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 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. **Three (3) 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—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.

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 date for 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.

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. 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.

Did You Know? Every time we celebrate Mass, Jesus is giving us his Living Bread and He will give it to us tomorrow... for the rest of our life.

Question of the Week

When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?

| Liturgical Ministers — March 9/10 | | |
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| Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Servers |
| Saturday — 5:30 PM | | |
| Melissa van Haastert | C. Lyons M. LoKanin M. Latocha | Bella Dahl Jacob Fanene Cordilliah Fanene Nofoaga Fanene Serani Tafune |
| Sunday — 8:30 AM | | |
| Pat Lizama | M. Pili P. Kough P. Lightner | Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk |
| Sunday — 10:30 AM | | |
| Katherine Pili | Sister Monique A. Bol M. Alefosio U. Tafune J. Peters V. Afuvai K. Toluono | Zanoah Mafuao Zephaniah Mafuao Edward Savelio Tristan Savelio Toe Poe Jr. |
| Sunday — 5:30 PM | | |
| Filipino Community Linda Taeza Ruben Sinfuego | M. Laflamme N. VanHoey M. Aldana | Emmanuel Mast Anastasia Mast Antonio Rivera Nicole Rivera Rafael Rivera Ryon Yamat |
| Home Eucharistic Ministry | Mike Martz | Brenda Bergsrud |

| Week at a Glance | |
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| Monday | Samoan Community Youth Practice - 7:00 PM |
| Tuesday | Creative Circle - 9:30 AM Faith Formation - 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday | <u>Bulletin Deadline - 5:00 PM</u> Filipino Gospel Choir Practice - 6:00 PM RCIA - 7:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 8:00 PM |
| Thursday | Kateri Circle - 11:00 AM Youth Night - 7:00 PM |
| Friday | Adoration - 7:00 PM |
| Saturday | 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.

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.

Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

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| Pacita Agron Vic Algosu Audey Algosu 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 23/24

Regular Collection — \$4,662
Building and Maintenance — \$49.50
Online Giving — \$985
Black and Indian Missions — \$213
Solemnity of Mary — \$2

St. Anthony Parishioners donated 467 pounds of food to St. Francis House in the month of February
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.

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