

# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 26, 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

### Parish Staff

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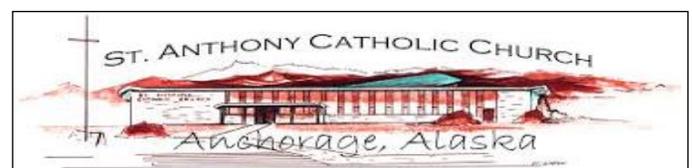
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### **Question of the Week**

What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

## Reflection for the Week

Today's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Christ and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful, the most precious things in the world.

Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, status, or pleasure. Often, we are locked into regrets over the past, or focused too much on the future. As a result, the enriching present passes us by, and the treasure is never discovered. Thus, the really valuable pearl of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments.

Right now, it is for us to use the time given to us to go in search of the pearl of great price and to help others in their search. We are challenged to search and discern where the Lord is calling us so that we may know what path to take. Let us remember that whenever we fight against discrimination, whenever we trust completely in God, whenever our selflessness conquers selfishness, whenever our love overcomes sin and our Faith overcomes suffering, whenever we render humble service to others, we are doing the will of God as it is done in Heaven. Hence, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth.

The pearl of great price in this life is also found in our human relationships: a happy family, good friends, and people who love and accept us, even if neither we nor they are perfect. We must give all we have to possess this great pearl because, through selfishness and self-worship, we can destroy entirely the bond of love joining us to God and each other, a bond that otherwise would flourish, surviving in spite of sickness, disease or geographical distance, and growing stronger when death divides us. We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and Savior, by allowing him to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to his will, by asking him daily for the strengthening and guidance of his Holy Spirit.

From Father Tony's Homilies (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Fr. Anthony Kadavil

## Readings for Next Week's Mass

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### FIRST READING

Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:1 - 3

#### SECOND READING

Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:35, 37-39

#### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Matthew 14:13 - 21

## Parish News and Events

**THANK YOU for your generous support of the 2020 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal.** Members of Saint Anthony have shared \$16,883.50 to support ministries that serve our local Church. This is 37.06% 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](http://archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate).

**Thank you for your support last week of our Annual Outreach Collection.** As a Parish, we collected \$150, which will be used to support the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Anchor, and the Catholic University of America. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit [usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" on the left. Every gift makes a difference!

**Resumption of Masses at Saint Anthony. Saint Anthony has resumed Masses at the regular scheduled times.** All remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We encourage anyone sixty-five (65) and 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 by appointment with Father Vince.

**You may sign up for next weekend's Masses by clicking [here](#).** To maintain a safe environment, for Weekend Masses we have implemented an online reservation system for reserving space. No reservation is required for Daily Masses. This link will also be available on the Parish Website and Parishioner Facebook Page.

**The Saint Anthony Parish Office has moved** - The Parish Office has relocated to the Parish Hall. Office hours are by appointment only. 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 the 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.

**Changes to Saint Anthony Staff and Administration.** The realities of the current unfortunate situation have had a concrete impact on Saint Anthony and all Parishes in the Archdiocese. Parish revenues are dramatically lower, yet expenses such as utilities, insurance, and urgent maintenance continue unabated. In anticipation of this, several months ago, all Parishes were directed by the Archdiocese to reduce current budgets by 25% for the new fiscal year, effective July 1, Saint Anthony has operated on a tight budget for the last several years, with the priority being the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Parish. Unfortunately, the

new budgetary constraints have necessitated some exceedingly difficult adjustments. After budgeting for all fixed costs and reducing other operating expenses as much as possible, personnel expenses were the only remaining area available to attain the required reductions. In consultation with the Finance Council, the Parish Council and the Chancery, several changes have been made. It saddens us greatly, but the positions of Faith Formation Director and Liturgy and Music Director have been eliminated. We sincerely thank Jill and Mary Jo for their devoted service. The Parish Council has been asked to develop volunteer-based programs to compensate for this loss. The remaining full-time administrative positions have been converted to new part-time positions. The Office Manager position is now a part-time Administrative Assistant, and the Business Manager position is now a part-time Bookkeeper. These positions have been cut to accommodate bare-minimum required administrative and financial functions. Staff work primarily remotely; Office hours are currently by appointment only. Taken together, this has allowed us to continue with the reduced budget and revenues. Your patience, understanding and prayers during this transition are appreciated.

**Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus.** Our **Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Virtues, Council 11558**, have generously **donated \$5,000** to Saint Anthony Parish to help us during this difficult time of the CoVid-19 pandemic. We are truly blessed to have such great men in service to the Church.

**Announcing Saint Francis Stewardship Awards Nominations.** Who inspires you? The Archdiocese of Anchorage is now accepting nominations for the **2020 Saint Francis Stewardship Awards**. These awards formally recognize individuals, couples, and groups whose lives of generosity and stewardship bring out the best in others and the Community. All nominees will be honored by the Archdiocese in October. To nominate someone from our Parish, please visit [archdioceseofanchorage.org/sfsa](http://archdioceseofanchorage.org/sfsa).

**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](mailto:sanderson@caa-ak.org) or leave a voicemail at 297-7747.

Copies of **The Word Among Us** for July and August are available. Copies may be picked up in the entryway of the Church. Please call ahead to set up a time to pick up your copy.

We are currently implementing our **Reopening Plan**. A copy of the reopening plan is included with this bulletin. Limited attendance is allowed as we resume Masses. As we resume our worship, a limited number of people are allowed to gather. In order to ensure adequate space for Social Distancing in our Sanctuary, **no more than sixty (60) people** may gather for Mass. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we are obligated to observe the safety measures in place. If you can not sign up online, please contact the Parish Office. We encourage you to read the attached safety plan.

#### **Some key points.**

- We encourage anyone sixty-five (65) or over or with underlying health conditions to remain at home for their own safety.

All remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

- Anyone with any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, etc.) should not come to Saint Anthony.
- Attendees arriving for Mass will be greeted by a Safety Minister who will confirm the seating reservation and do a health screening.
- Attendees should wear a mask / face covering.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the Entryway and all are asked to use it upon entering and leaving.
- Six (6) foot Social Distancing will be maintained.
- Attendees will be seated by a Safety Minister. Families from the same household may sit together without regard to social distancing from one another.
- Please observe instructional signs posted in the Sanctuary.
- There will be specific changes to the Liturgy of the Mass - instructions will be given at the time. Offerings will be accepted in the entryway. Details are available in the Pastor's letter and the safety plan.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this challenging time.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar.** Due to the continued pandemic situation and the inability to make informed long-range plans at this time, the Bazaar Committee has made the difficult decision that it will not be possible to have the Annual Christmas Bazaar at Saint Anthony this year. We pray that the tradition can be resumed next year. Our thanks and blessings go to the Bazaar Committee for their decades of service to Saint Anthony. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated.

**All are strongly encouraged to use our Parish Website ([www.stanthonyak.org](http://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. Especially 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.

**Clare House Meals Ministry.** Our **Clare House Meals Ministry is once again providing meals to the families once a month.**

**Please contact Alice Young for details.** Many thanks and blessings to Alice Young and all of the volunteers who have provided meals to Clare House over many years.

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **19th 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, contact Paul Lightner or Fred Schurman.

**The Inauguration of the new Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau and the Installation of the Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.,** as the first Archbishop of the new Archdiocese will take

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Liturgical Ministers — August 1/2	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday — 5:30 PM</b>	
Melissa Branch	Francine Bolewicz
<b>Sunday — 8:30 AM</b>	
Annette Alleva	Yoshi Takaoka
<b>Sunday — 10:30 AM</b>	
Katherine Pili	Tony Lolesio
<b>Sunday — 5:30 PM</b>	
Victoria Rahm	Nicole Van Hoey

place at **2 PM** on **Thursday, September 17**. The Installation will take place at the Co-Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Anchorage, Alaska. Further details will be forthcoming as arrangements are made for the celebration.

**Join us and tee-up for Seminarian Education at the 4th Annual Archbishop's Golf Tournament on Thursday, August 13.** Tee times start at 8 AM for the 4-person scramble on the Hill Course at Moose Run Golf Course up by Arctic Valley. We are happy to be able to host the golf tourney as a fun socially distanced event bringing folks safely together in support of our seminarians. Perhaps your business would like to sponsor a foursome or just sponsor a hole, or maybe you and four of your friends just want to spend a day on the greens together. [Click here for registration and sponsorship information.](#) See you there!

**Seminarian Night Fundraiser is Going Virtual on August 26.** The Annual Seminarian Night Fundraiser is going online! **Wednesday, August 26, 6 - 7:30 PM.** We will be hosting a virtual livestream with Bishop Bellisario and the seminarians, emceed by Father Leo – virtual happy hour, online scotch and wine pull, door prizes, Catholic Trivia Challenge, and so much more. Donations are tax-deductible and benefit the seminarians in formation. Save the date and [click here for more details!](#)

**Can you help? Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations.** Currently, we need **non-latex gloves, white kitchen trash bags, large black trash bags, Clorox wipes, liquid laundry detergent 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.

**Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry could use some canned fruits and vegetables.** You may drop off donations in the basket in the entryway of the Church. SFH needs at least one more person Monday – Friday to help with packing boxes and stocking shelves. There is some heavy lifting required. Please email Bronwen at [bnicholls@cssalaska.org](mailto:bnicholls@cssalaska.org) with questions. **Bless you for your generosity!**

**Homeless Family Services (HFS) needs cleaning supplies and shower curtains.** All items must be new, please label items HFS. Thank you for helping our homeless families!

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

## Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Pacita Agron	Bobby Nickarz
Wes Bergsrud	Christopher Nickarz
Neddie Canete	Nick Nickarz
Ed Cordova	Dominador Ochoa
Nan Dietz	Elmer Pagalilauan
Josie Duenas	Fern Parent
Frank Javier	Mary Patania
Donna Jez	Gwendolyn Roth
Jerome Karella	Josephine Skeete
Joshua Kutzgar	Onya Stein
Sam Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Joyce Lightner	Richard Varee
Peter Lizama	Chris White
Teresita Lolesio	

Collection from July 6 - July 19

Offertory (including mail) - \$7,119

Building and Maintenance - \$240

Online Giving - \$3,635

Service Collection - \$20

Outreach Collection - \$140

PFD Appeal - \$100

Archdiocesan Catholic Schools - \$20

World Mission Sunday - \$20

Holy Day - The Ascension - \$20

Memorial Donation - \$100

Thank you for your generosity!

## 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](mailto: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.

## Question of the Week for KIDS

What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

