

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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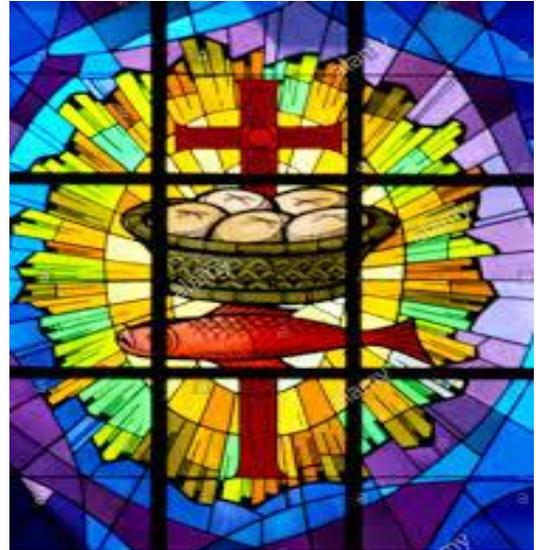
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2020

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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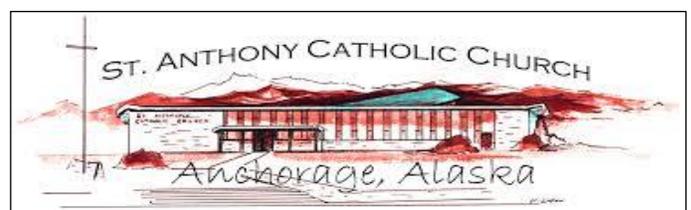
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Reflection for the Week

In today's Gospel we find an equation the disciples of Jesus could not solve: five loaves and two fish divided by 5,000-plus people. They failed to recognize Jesus in the equation; that whatever they had to offer, Jesus could take it and bless it and satisfy the hunger of the crowd with it.

Good stewards recognize that the Lord can work miracles with the gifts they offer to a hungry and broken world. How often are we willing to offer our gifts in faith, even during disquieting times, even as insignificant as we think they are, and count on the Lord to do the rest? How often do we count Christ into the equation?

Dearest Lord,

As we continue to confront the pains and struggles in our lives and in the life of our country, the tensions, anxieties and fears that pervade us cry out to you for healing, courage, faith, and hope.

Be with your people now.

Show us a sign of your presence.

Do not leave us in fear and despair.

Let us know that you are ever faithful and will not abandon us.

We pray that all who suffer may find comfort in you who have carried all the sufferings of the world and have died to bring new life.

May all those who are in agony and pain see in your cross a sign of hope.

Give us the wisdom to be good stewards of your Gospel, and show us how we may more readily reveal your presence to all those most in need of a sign of your boundless love and mercy.

You who live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen

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International Catholic Stewardship Council

Parish News and Events

Important late-breaking news - On Friday afternoon, July 31, Mayor Berkowitz issued **Emergency Order 15**, "Four Week Re-set", effective Monday August 3. This new order has now restricted all indoor gatherings, specifically including churches, to a **maximum of 15 people**. This will require us to limit Mass attendance even further. This order also reinstates other restrictions similar to the original Phase 1 order. Unfortunately, beginning Monday and including **Masses next weekend**, attendance will be further **limited to fifteen (15) attendees**. This new order is in effect through Sunday, August 30. We will share additional information as it becomes available.

THANK YOU for your generous support of the 2020 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal. Members of Saint Anthony have shared **\$19,983.50** to support ministries that serve our local Church. This is **43.86%** 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](https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate).

The Holy Spirit has inspired an anonymous family to share their blessings, and they have **donated \$20,000 to Saint Anthony** at this challenging time. We gratefully offer our sincere and humble gratitude for their sacrifice. We are overwhelmed by thanksgiving and praise for our God, who cares for us in all things!

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.** Pursuant to **Emergency Order 15, effective Monday August 3, and instructions from the Archdiocese, Staff will continue to work remotely as much as possible.** 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 our main number, **333-5544** with any questions for Father Vince or Parish Staff. Older extensions are no

Readings for Next Week's Mass

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

First Book of Kings

1 King 19:9a, 11 - 13a

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 9: 1 - 5

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Matthew 14:22 - 33

Question of the Week

To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ's love this week?

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.

Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry. Saint Anthony Parishioners donated 120 pounds of food in July - Thank you! You may still drop off donations in the basket in the entryway of the Church. **This week, they are requesting diapers and baby wipes.** Bless you for your generosity!

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry. Our CH 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.

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.

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.

Saint Francis Stewardship Awards. The Annual Saint Francis Stewardship Awards celebrate groups, couples, and individuals who embody excellent stewardship in the local Community. We are

now accepting your nominations of those who have gone above and beyond the call to serve in the spirit of Saint Francis. Even when we cannot gather together, we are still doing good together! Who would you like to nominate? Tell us their story! Form due: August 31. Paper forms at the Parish Office or online: 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 or leave a voicemail at 297-7747.

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. **Pursuant to Emergency Order 15, effective Monday, August 3, no more than fifteen (15) people may gather for Mass.** 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.

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

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Liturgical Ministers — August 8/9	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday — 5:30 PM	
Melissa van Haastert	Elizabeth Ramirez
Sunday — 8:30 AM	
Pat Lizama	Megan Pili
Sunday — 10:30 AM	
Ken Varee	Annabelle Candelaria
Sunday — 5:30 PM	
Connie Mast	Darrell Hess

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.

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 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.

Archbishop's Golf Tournament. Registration closes next Sunday! Join Bishop Bellisario on the course and tee-up for the 2020 Archbishop's Golf Tournament to support seminarian formation! Join us Thursday, **August 13** at Moose Run Golf Course, Hill Course near JBER, AK. Tee times start at 8 AM. Register today at archdioceseofanchorage.org/golf.

Seminarian Night Fundraiser. Join us for this Virtual Fundraiser on **August 26**, from **6 – 7:30 PM** to support our Seminarians through the endowment and in their next year of education and formation. Keep our Seminarians in your prayers and consider how you can support them. Learn more or give online early at archdioceseofanchorage.org/seminarian-dinner

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) Volunteer opportunity - SFH needs at least one (1) 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 with questions.

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
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 25/26

Offertory (including mail-in) - \$2,484
 Building and Maintenance - \$50
 Online Giving - \$1,855
 PFD Offering - \$100
 Outreach Collection - \$109
 Anonymous extraordinary donation - \$20,000
 Saint Anthony Parishioners donated
120 pounds of food
 to Saint Francis House in **July 2020**

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.

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

Jesus fed the crowds today. How does He offer you spiritual nourishment?

