

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 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

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Monday — Friday 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Reflection for the Week

Dear Friends,

Peace!

Emily Dickinson says, "Take all from me. But leave me ecstasy. And I am richer than all my fellow human beings."

"Ecstasy" is an expression of the uttermost freedom from what determines our lives, that comes from God. The commotion of our human life, which lets in everything, the good and the bad alike. All the mad tricks of thought and all the variations of pain and hurts, the fullness of expectation, is closed only to one thing, unity. But sad to say, these commotions, and variations that we've experienced in life unknowingly cause us separation and disunity.

Yet, "take all from me" is a kind of paradox for self-liberation, that will encourage us to go on living despite the pain and joy of being human that comes along the way, that sometimes overwhelms us. But what matters most is always to desire the desire of God, what God wants us to do, "unity in diversity."

Hopefully we see the beauty of it all as we approach the Year 2019 with great anticipation of joy! And may the Blessing of the Merciful God be upon us always!

Always,
Father Vince

Readings for Next Week's Mass

The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING—The Book of Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah — 40:1—5, 9—11 (21C)

SECOND READING—The First Letter

of Saint Paul to Titus

Paul — 2:11—14, 3:4—7

GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Luke — 3:15—16, 21—22

Question of the Week

When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Question of the Week for KIDS

When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you?
What is the problem with feeling that way?

Parish News and Events

A **Mass of Christian Burial** for Catherine Tiulana will be celebrated at **St. Anthony, 1:30 PM, Tuesday, January 8. Father Luz will be the celebrant.** A potluck reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

The **Pastoral Council meeting, originally scheduled for January 6, has been canceled**, due to several members being unavailable. This meeting will be rescheduled and announced later.

The mission of **St. Anthony's Local Organizing Ministry (LOM)** is to listen to fellow parishioners and neighbors in one-to-one conversations in order to build long-term personal relationships and to develop community leaders. Through these relationships, we identify common concerns, research issues, and look for concrete, workable solutions. The **St. Anthony LOM will meet this Monday, January 7, 6:30—7:30 PM, Parish Office.** All are welcome!

There will be a **meeting of the Finance Council Saturday, January 12, 3:30 PM, Parish Office Building.** All council members are encouraged to attend.

The **Liturgy Committee will meet Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 PM, Parish Office Building.** All liturgical ministry leaders are asked to attend.

Father Vince is going on vacation! Father Vince will be leaving for the **Philippines on January 9** for some well-deserved relaxation and time with his family and friends. He will return on **February 14. We welcome Father Fred Bugarin**, who will be covering during this time.

Suffering from the post-holiday Blues? Come celebrate Anchorage's diversity and raise money for AFACT (Anchorage Faith & Action-Congregations Together). Entertainment provided by many groups—including St. Anthony's Youth Choir! Silent Auction and snacks provided. Suggested donation \$5-20. **Friday, January 11, 5—8 PM, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2222 E Tudor Rd.** See you there!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will host an **Open House Sunday, January 13, 1—2 PM.** Learn more about this wonderful school and all it has to offer. For more information call 345-3712.

Annual Giving Statements will be mailed out soon. If your address has changed or if you just wish to verify your mailing address, please contact John in the Parish Office, 333-5544. Thank you!

Lector workbooks for the new Liturgical Year are available now. Current lectors can pick up their new book in the Sacristy. **Thank you for your service!**

The next **Youth Mass** will be at **5:30 PM, Saturday, January 26.** There will be a **rehearsal on Thursday, January 24, 6 PM.** For more information, call Mary Jo, 317-3187.

Copies of **The WORD Among Us for January** are available in the entryway. These booklets offer the complete Catholic Mass and Daily Meditations and are available for anyone who would like a copy. A **\$1 donation** is requested.

The Parish Hall is Open for Business! Mario has worked tirelessly since the earthquake to return St. Anthony to normal. The Parish Hall was hit especially hard, much of the ceiling collapsed. After days of demolition and cleanup, light fixtures were reinstalled by an electrician, the ceiling grid was repaired, and ceiling tiles have been replaced. There is work remaining to be done but the Hall can be used. God bless Mario – please thank him for his dedication and hard work!

Generous St. Anthony Parishioners gave \$2942.50 for the Thanksgiving Blessing! What an outpouring of love to those in need – your gifts mean so much to so many in our community. Thank you for sharing God’s bounty!

The returns are in! Congratulations and blessings to the Bazaar Committee on another successful bazaar. **This year, the Bazaar raised \$2975.25 for St. Anthony!** Please thank **Annette Alleva, Peggy Bergsrud, Lynn Cushwa, Arlene Romer, Mary Snowball**, and everyone who worked so hard to make another successful bazaar happen.

St. Anthony Youth are busy! Our St. Anthony Youth volunteered for the **Thanksgiving Blessing Project**, working hard and being a light unto the world, to the greater glory of God. And they are supporting themselves – the **Halloween Carnival** raised over **\$605**, and the servers at the Knights of Columbus **Spaghetti Dinner** earned **\$214** in tips – all for youth programs. Thank you for supporting our St. Anthony Youth!

Let’s all respect our beautiful Church. We are blessed by God with a wonderful place to gather and worship. **We are all family at St. Anthony, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and the Church is our Home.** Sometimes our younger members are tempted to eat or drink in the sanctuary where we celebrate Mass and honor God. **This is not appropriate.** When this happens, bits of food and trash are left and this does not show the respect we owe our Creator. **Please keep any food, drink and trash out of the Sanctuary.** The Parish Hall is available and the proper place for refreshments and snacks. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.

It’s not too late for Faith Formation! You can still register for the new school year, **including for Sacramental Preparation classes: First Communion and Confirmation.** **All children hoping to receive these sacraments must be enrolled in Faith Formation!** For more details, please contact **Jill Popoalii**, 333-5287 or email stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com.

RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the formation process for adults who wish to be baptized, or for those already baptized in another Christian denomination to

make a Profession of Faith to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. **Classes are held on Wednesdays, 7 PM.** For more details, please contact **Jill Popoalii** at 333-5287 or email stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com

Four Stages of Marriage. The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first three (3) Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the Fourth Stage of Awakening. Don’t give up without learning about the Fourth Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery, please contact **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). The **next program in the Anchorage area begins with a weekend on February 22—24, 2019.** For confidential information or to register, call 863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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. There are six (6) sessions from trusted experts work for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment opportunities. Join us **6—8 PM Saturday evenings, Upper Room, Lumen Christi High School: January 12, 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

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 dates for the 2019 Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends are January 25—27 and May 31—June 2.** For more information please contact **Deacon Mick Fornelli** 297-7770 or mfornelli@caa-ak.org.

Liturgical Ministers—January 12/13, 2019

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday—5:30 PM		
Melissa van Haastert	M. Latocha, M. LoKanin C. Lyons	Bella Dahl Jacob Fanene Cordilliah Fanene Nofoga Fanene Serani Tafune
Sunday—8:30 AM		
Stephanie O'Connor	M. Pili T. Van Gelderen P. Kough	Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk
Sunday—10:30 AM		
Nelisa Parungao Latisha Fruean	K. Toluono M. Alefosio U. Tafune V. Afuvai L. Zavala A. Candelaria S. Foreman	Zanoah Mafuao Zephaniah Mafuao Edward Savelio Tristan Savelio Toe Poe Jr.
Sunday—5:30 PM		
Filipino Community Linda Taeza Ruben Palugod	N. Van Hoey M. Aldana A. Reidell	Emmanuel Mast Anastasia Mast Antonio Rivera Nicole Rivera Rafael Rivera Ryon Yamat
Home Ministry		
Maria Darcie Smith Pat Petrivelli		

Week at a Glance

Monday	Samoan Community Youth Practice—7 PM
Tuesday	Creative Circle—9:30 AM
Wednesday	<u>Bulletin Deadline—5 PM</u> Filipino Gospel Choir Practice—6 PM Bringing Catholics Home—7 PM Samoan Choir Practice—8 PM
Thursday	Kateri Circle—11 AM Youth Choir Rehearsals—6:30 PM
Friday	Adoration—7 PM
Saturday	Samoan Divine Mercy Group—10 AM

Parishioners with any **concerns about child or 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

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

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

Collection from December 29/30

Regular Collection — \$4,351
 Building and Maintenance — \$345
 Online Giving — \$600
 Christmas — \$420
 Immaculate Conception — \$20
 Solemnity of Mary — \$5

Parishioners of St. Anthony donated **503 lbs. of food** to St. Francis House during the **month of December** and **7,267 lbs. total donated for 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—saparish.office@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.

Parish Website Changes – Due to technical difficulties, the stanthonyak.com website is not currently being maintained and is not functional. **Please use the stanthonyak.org website** until further notice.