

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 28, 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

Office Hours

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

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Reflection for the Week

Persistent in Prayer

Though we be "but dust and ashes," we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares in this week's first reading. But even Abraham - the friend of God, our Father in the faith - did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants.

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week's Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their Heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the "good gift" of the Father - the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the new covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus.

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to him as our Father- knowing that when we call, He will answer. Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God's mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction, "obliterating the bond against us," as Paul says in this week's Epistle.

On the cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all, canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been spared, visited in our affliction, saved from our enemies.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of Eucharist. We have realized the promise of this week's Psalm, we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, Hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us- raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

Submitted by Jill Popoalii

Readings for Next Week's Mass

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

The Book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21;-23(114C)

SECOND READING

Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Luke 12: 13-21

Parish News and Events

THANK YOU for your generous support of the **2019 One Bread, One Body** Annual Catholic Appeal. Members of St. Anthony have shared **\$40,431** to support ministries that serve children and adults throughout our local Church. This is **76.19%** of our goal of **\$53,062.98**. If you have not yet pledged your support, it's not too late! Please join your fellow Parishioners in helping to make possible the vital work of your Archdiocesan Ministries. Pledges and donations are accepted until December 31 and will count toward the Parish goal. Make your pledge securely online at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate

The **St. Anthony Parish Council** will meet **Sunday, August 4, 12 Noon** in the Parish Hall. This special meeting is to discuss the Parish Registration Drive. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions or items for the meeting agenda, please contact Katie Berry or the Parish Office.

Combined Choir Members — Thursday, **August 15** is **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation. **There will be two (2) Masses — 9 AM and 7 PM.** There will be a **Combined Choir for the 7 PM Mass.** All Choir Members are invited and encouraged to participate! Please join us at 6 PM before the Mass for a brief rehearsal. Questions? Call Mary Jo, 317-3187.

December 6 - Save the date! St. Anthony will be presenting an **Advent Benefit Concert!** We are seeking singers, musicians, instrumental soloists, duets, readers and volunteers. We are in the early stages of planning, more info to follow. If you are interested in participating or for more details, please contact Mary Jo, 317-3187 or Jill, 333-5287.

Fresh Organic Vegetables from St. Anthony's Community Garden are now available after all weekend Masses. Delicious and nutritious, these gifts from the Lord's bounty are **grown sustainably and without the use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides.** Summer is short, don't miss out!

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot O' Gold raffle tickets!** Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash** and there are **10 prizes of \$1,000 cash** each. Only **3,500 tickets** are sold. This is a major fundraiser for the Knights and St. Anthony. Proceeds are used by our Knights' Council to support many worthy projects and causes. See one of the Knights in the back of the Church for details.

Did you know? St. Anthony has a Clare House Meals Ministry! One Saturday a month, a small group of dedicated St. Anthony volunteers lovingly provide a nourishing dinner meal for 40-80 child and adult residents of Clare House and they have been quietly doing it for years. If you are interested in helping with this challenging and rewarding Ministry, please contact Alice Young or the Parish Office.

Annual Plein Air Weekend at the Kolstad Homestead - Saturday and Sunday, July 27—28, 10 AM - 6 PM. Join twenty-eight (28) local artists for this wonderful event to benefit the



Catholic Social Services' Clare House for women and children! Plein Air is a French term meaning "painting outdoors on location." Prizes and Games—Free Fun for All Ages! Purchase fabulous art and enjoy the silent auction. Perfect event for your visitors! For more information contact Don at donkolstad@gci.net or call -333-0793. To volunteer, contact Cindy Lentine at clentine@cssalaska.org or call 222-7309 or the main Office 222-7300.

RAIS Pop-Up Lunch - Join us at **Grow North Farm**, 3601 Mountain View Drive, on **Friday, August 2** for our next **RAIS Pop-Up Lunch**. Visit the farm and enjoy a true farm-to-table experience. Lunches are \$15 each and must be pre-ordered. All the food is organic and locally grown by refugee farmers. They'll also be selling produce and cottage foods at the event. Take a tour of the farm, enjoy your lunch and meet Mt. View's newest business owners. Visit <https://www.cssalaska.org/get-involved/upcoming-events/rais-pop-up-lunch/>.

Just a few more days to buy your tickets for the Seminarian Night Dinner and Fundraiser - August 7. Enjoy dinner and bring your tennis shoes for the lively Dessert Dash! Be sure to consider being one of our **Black Level Sponsors, \$2,500** and enjoy the blessing of sitting with one of our Seminarians. We have other table sponsorship options available as well and individual tickets are \$50. Join us at Lumen Christi High School to support our current Seminarians – your future Priests. **Reserve your tickets no later than July 31** by calling 297-7790 or online in the News and Events tab of archdioceseofanchorage.org.

Who inspires you? The **nomination deadline** for the **2019 St. Francis Stewardship Awards** is **August 14** – just two weeks away! Be sure to nominate a great Steward from St. Anthony online at archdioceseofanchorage.org under the "News & Events" tab or pick up a paper form in the foyer. Help us honor the award nominees and recipients. Winners will be announced at an **Awards Banquet on October 3** - save the date! More details on the Awards Banquet coming soon! For more information, call 297-7790.

The next monthly **Baptism Preparation Class for parents and godparents** will be held **next Sunday, August 4, 9:45 AM**, in the Parish Office Building. This class is required for parents wishing to have their child baptized in the Archdiocese of Anchorage. No pre-registration is required, the class takes approximately an hour. For details or questions please contact the Parish Office.

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. The next Program will begin in September.** For more details, please contact Jill Popoalii, 333-5287 or email jjpopoalii@stanthonyak.org.

Children's Summer Lunch Program. There are several sites in the Anchorage Area offering free lunches for children under eighteen (18) during the summer. If you are interested in a list of locations, please contact the Parish Office.

Mothers' Marriage Movement meets in Anchorage, CanaVox, an international marriage movement founded and led by mothers, has launched a group in Anchorage. The group meets monthly and provides readings on natural law, practical wisdom and science to equip women to speak effectively about the beauty of marriage. According to the website, canavox.com, the goal is to bring people together "to engage in the art of conversation with others" as "we explore the various issues affecting the marriage culture in a calm, thoughtful setting." CanaVox groups typically read short essays, personal stories and view videos to spark discussions. For more information about local meetings, contact Karen McMorrow, 245-5270 or kmcmorrow1@aol.com.

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. The next program in the Anchorage Area begins with a weekend on October 11—13. For confidential information or to register, call 863-8000, email - anchorage@helpourmarriage.org, or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Project Rachel to Begin New 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 go to our website, projectrachelalaska.com or phone our confidential phone line, 297-7781 or toll free 1-866-434-334.

Can you help? Clare House needs a variety of different donations, especially toilet paper, bath towels, bar soap, toothpaste, milk and juice. Clare House provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Our St. Anthony Youth are collecting items in a basket in the entryway, or donations can be dropped off at the shelter located at 4110 Spenard Road. Thank you in advance!

Question of the Week

Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition, or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often?

Question of the Week for KIDS

What are you most thankful for right now?



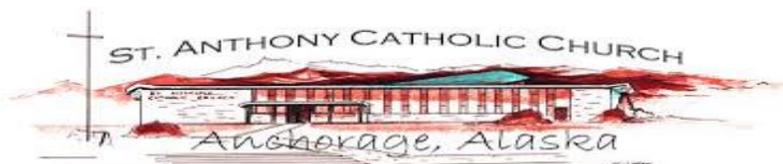
Liturgical Ministers — August 3/4, 2019

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday — 5:30 PM		
Melissa Branch	C. Lyons J. Bell D. Steger	Yvonne Lafaele Mary Lafaele Tanimu Mafuao Henryetta Talo
Sunday — 8:30 AM		
Kelly Auer	N. Nickarz T. VanGelderren P. Petrivelli	Ken Young TBD
Sunday — 10:30 AM		
Katherine Pili	M. LaVine W. West L. Greybear A. Bol T. Lolesio M. Armstrong Sister Monique	Mariah Afuvai Melesete Afuvai Rjandro Parungao Lyndon Savelio Kolio Savelio Nifae Valai
Sunday — 5:30 PM		
Cheryl Chapman	M. Aldana A. Reidell M. Laflamme	Angelie Corcino Sebastian Corcino Rochelle Cabutotan Chester Cabutotan Elizabeth Lucas Joaquin Leal
Home Eucharistic Ministry	Maria Darci Smith	Pat Petrivelli

Week at a Glance

Monday	Samoan Community Youth Practice - 7 PM
Tuesday	Creative Circle - 9:30 AM
Wednesday	<u>Bulletin Deadline</u> - 5 PM Filipino Gospel Choir Practice - 6 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 7:30 PM
Thursday	Kateri Circle - 11 AM Youth Night - 7 PM
Friday	Adoration - 7 PM
Saturday	Samoan Divine Mercy Group - 10 AM Samoan Choir Practice - 12 Noon

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 jjpopoalii@stanthonyak.org



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 Vic Algoso Audey Algoso Elena Aquino Edward Berube Kristin Bozarth Keith Brown Geneva Colon Ed Cordova Agnes Coyle Josie Duenas Robert Edwards Jim Egan Father Luzvimindo Flores Ed Grantier Kari Hays Father John Hinsvark Frank Javier Maricel Juan Jerome Karella Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Lucille LeViege & Family	Joyce Lightner Teresita Lolesio Don McDermott Kendrick Matthews Duane Morfield Christopher Nickarz Nick Nickarz Dominador Ochoa Elmer Pagalilauan Margie Quinn Angie Ribuffo Gabby Roberts Susan Elizabeth Singh Josephine Skeete Zavier Smith Rodel Soriano Onya Stein Estela Tuason Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Kareem Waugh Ann Whalen Chris White
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Collection from July 20/21

Regular Collection — \$4,416
 Building and Maintenance — \$40
 Online Giving — \$945
 Outreach Special Collection — \$455
 St. Anthony Parishioners donated
 403 pounds of food to St. Francis House
 in the month of June

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—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 St. Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are available for use for Parish and Archdiocesan ministry events. Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling availability and details.