

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

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—Second and 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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Reflection for the Week

As we start the Advent season, take time to focus on the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return in all splendor and glory to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

Lord, as Advent begins, help us to put our eyes on You. Help us to open our ears to Your voice. And help us to open our heart to Your glorious presence. May we be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to us. Jesus, I Trust in You.

Contributed by Nick Nickarz

Readings for Next Week's Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING—The Book of Prophet Zephaniah
Zephaniah— 3:14 — 18 (9C)

**SECOND READING—The Letter of St. Paul
to the Philippians**
Philippians— 4:4—7

GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Luke — 3:10—18

Question of the Week

In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Question of the Week for KIDS

What do you want to ask God to forgive you for?
What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

Parish News and Events

We are deeply thankful for God's mercy during the recent earthquake. St. Anthony came through it well, considering what might have been. A Structural Engineer has inspected our buildings and they are safe, a full report is expected shortly. When we have the Engineer's report, a Stone Mason will assess damage to the masonry. Urgent repairs have already been accomplished. Much remains to be done, the work continues. The Parish Hall sustained significant damage and it is temporarily closed. We had hoped to open this weekend but required repairs to the ceiling are more extensive than expected – we plan to have it open next weekend. The Office Building and Four-Plex also sustained damage but are secure. Both will require additional repairs in the future, but these can be safely deferred. We are doing everything possible to return to normal Parish activities. **Please thank Mario**, who has been working heroically to restore our beautiful Church! Your prayers and support are welcome.

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous. This collection is for retired religious, not retired Archdiocesan Priests. If you are interested in learning more about how to support retired Archdiocesan Priests by contributing to the Priest Pension Fund, please contact Nathan McCabe, Director of Stewardship and Development, nmccabe@caa-ak.org or 297-7789.

Archbishop Etienne will celebrate Mass at St. Anthony next Sunday, December 16, 10:30 AM Mass. We are humbly thankful for his gesture of pastoral care. We gladly welcome Archbishop Paul to our Parish!

We are again selling **beautiful poinsettias from Bell's Nursery** to decorate the Altar at Christmas. They will be on sale this weekend, **December 8-9, after all Masses.** The poinsettias are \$15.00 each. You have a choice of red, pink or white. If you purchase to donate for altar decoration, we will deliver them to the Church. You can also buy for yourself or as a wonderful gift - you will need to pick them up yourself at Bell's. For more details or to purchase, please contact Mary Snowball or Annette Alleva.

Simbang Gabi at St. Anthony — The Simbang Gabi Mass and celebration at St. Anthony will be **next Sunday, December 16, 5:30 PM.** A potluck dinner will take place in the Parish Hall following the Mass. All are welcome to share in this beautiful Filipino Christmas tradition.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular monthly business meeting **this Monday, December 10, 7 PM**, in the Parish Hall. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



The St. Anthony **Advent Reconciliation Service** is **this Tuesday, December 11, 7 PM**. There will be no Faith Formation classes this Tuesday. Faith Formation students and families are encouraged to attend the Reconciliation Service. All are welcome!

Join us next Sunday, December 16, after both morning Masses, for the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast!** Pancakes and sausage, lots of fun, and great fellowship. This month's breakfast is generously sponsored by the **Don and Toni McDermott**.

It's that time of year to gather the Youth and Children to begin rehearsals for the Christmas Play! This is a tradition at the **Family Mass on Christmas Eve, 6 PM** and a key part of the liturgy. **Rehearsals are every Sunday at Noon until Christmas.** For more information, contact Jill Popoalii, 333-5287, or email her at stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com.

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!**

Generous St. Anthony Parishioners gave \$2,942.50 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 \$2,975.25 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!

Youth Choir rehearsals are Thursdays, 6:30 PM in the Church. The Youth Mass is now twice a month! **The next Youth Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 22, 5:30 PM Mass.** For more information, call Mary Jo, 317-3187. We will see you there!

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, 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 every Wednesday, 7 PM.** For more details, please contact Jill Popoalii, 333-5287 or email stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com

Let's all respect our beautiful Church Home! 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, honor God and **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.

Sanctuary Lighting Project - The sanctuary lighting project is almost complete! It was just about perfect until 8:29 AM on Friday, November 30! The earthquake caused some minor light fixture problems, which were 30 feet in the air. Hopefully, they will all be fixed by the time you read this – as I write, they are working on it. Except for some minor fine-tuning, which will be accomplished soon, the project is done. This will improve the lighting in the Church, reduce energy usage, help to ensure electrical safety, reduce heat buildup and reduce the need for frequent lamp replacement. The work was accomplished by Raven Electric. **Generous anonymous donors stepped forward and funded this project, our sincere gratitude and blessings go to them for making it possible.** Thanks to Mary Jo once again for planning and managing the project.

Pathway to Renovation update as of 12/06 – The new crucifix has been installed! Mario and a team of Contractors and Parishioner volunteers carefully mounted it on the wall, under the watchful eye of Mary Jo, who managed the project from the start. Two days later, the earthquake struck – but the crucifix remained firmly attached and undamaged! Months of planning and engineering work and custom mounting hardware paid off. Our thanks and praise to God who has given us this beautiful addition to our Church, to his greater glory and to all the generous donors and volunteers who help to do his work on earth.

Copies of **The WORD Among Us for December** 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 \$1.00 donation is requested.



Liturgical Ministers — December 15/16

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday—5:30 PM		
Native American Community	M. Latocha M. Snowball E. Ramirez	Bella Dahl Jacob Fanene Cordilliah Fanene Nofoga Fanene Serani Tafune
Sunday—8:30 AM		
Kelly Auer	N. Nickarz M. Pili P. Kough	Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk
Sunday—10:30 AM		
Ken Varee	M. Armstrong A. Bol, S. Lolesio T. Lolesio M. LaVine M. Roldan M. Smith	Zanoah Mafuao Zephaniah Mafuao Edward Savelio Tristan Savelio Toe Poe Jr.
Sunday—5:30 PM		
Simbang Gabi Cheryl Chapman Imelda Viloria	J. Lavarias A. Candelaria M. Roldan D. Hess M. Aldana A. Advincula M. Laflamme	Angelie Corcino Sebastian Corcino Rochelle Cabutotan Chester Cabutotan Elizabeth Lucas Joaquin Leal
Home Ministry		
	Steve Foy Marsha Foy	

Week at a Glance

Monday	Samoan Community Youth Practice—7:00 PM
Tuesday	Creative Circle—9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bulletin Deadline—5:00 PM Filipino Gospel Choir Practice—6:00 PM Bringing Catholics Home—7:00 PM Samoan Choir Practice—8:00 PM
Thursday	Kateri Circle—11:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsals—6:30 PM
Friday	Adoration—7:00 PM
Saturday	Samoan Divine Mercy Group—10:00 AM
Sunday	Simbang Gabi—5:30 PM

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 Vic Algoso Audey Algoso Kristin Bozarth Keith Brown Ed Cordova Agnes Coyle Josie Duenas Ed Grantier Maricel Juan Jerome Karella Joshua Kutzgar	Sam Kutzgar Joyce Lightner Teresita Lolesio Kendrick Matthews Duane Morfield Christopher Nickarz Dominador Ochoa Elmer Pagalilauan Margie Quinn Josephine Skeete Ann Whalen Kareem Waugh
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Collection from December 1—2, 2018

Regular Collection — \$6,190
 Building and Maintenance — \$339.50
 Offertory by Mail — \$3,460
 Online Giving — \$1,385
 Christmas — \$10
 Immaculate Conception — \$10
 Fund for Retired Religious — \$20
 Catholic Campaign for
 Human Development — \$160
 Liturgical Renovation — \$6,500
 Parish Scholarship Fund — \$520
 Calendar Sponsorship — \$1,000

Parishioners of St. Anthony donated 510 lbs. of food to St. Francis House during the month of November.

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.