

St. Anthony Catholic Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 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

Parish Staff

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Reflection for the Week

At this time of reflection and renewal, we think back on the many blessings we have received in the last year. We give thanks for God's great mercy and his love for us. We remember the loved ones who have gone on before us and we welcome the new members of our St. Anthony Family. And above all, we thank God for the greatest gift, the redemption won by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve in some small way to His greater glory.

Father Vince and Staff of St. Anthony wish you and yours, A Blessed and Happy New Year!

Father Vince, Jill, Mary Jo, Mario, Nick and John

Prayer for Those Who Serve

Jesus, our Savior and Brother,
You teach us that to serve others
Is to act in Your name. Send Your Spirit to guide us;
Give us Your wisdom and strength,
As we reach out to those who need Your care.
Fill us with compassion, and give us Your peace
so that we may be faithful witnesses of Your love.
Amen

Readings for Next Week's Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

FIRST READING—The Book of Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah — 60:1—6 (20ABC)

**SECOND READING—The First Letter of Saint Paul
to the Ephesians**

Paul — 3:2—3a, 5—6

GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Matthew — 2:1—12

Question of the Week

How would you have reacted if you were
Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple?

Question of the Week for KIDS

What do you think it was like for Jesus to be in the
Temple for three days without His parents?

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

Parish News and Events

There will be a New Year's Eve Mass celebrated at St. Anthony at 6 PM on Monday, December 31. All are welcome!

Tuesday, January 1 — The Octave Day of Christmas, Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Anthony will be at 10 AM. There will be **No Daily Mass, Wednesday, January 2.**

The **Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1**, in observance of New Year's Day.

There will be **No Faith Formation on Tuesday, January 1**, in observance of New Year's Day.

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.

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 Parish Hall is Open for Business! Mario has worked tirelessly since the earthquake to return St. Anthony to normal. The Parish Hall was hit specially hard and 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 still work 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 \$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. 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 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 Sanctu-

ary 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.

The next Youth Mass will be at **5:30 PM, Saturday, January 26**. There will be **rehearsals on Thursday, January 24, 6 PM**. For more information, call Mary Jo, 317-3187. We will see you there!

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, 333-5287 or email stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com

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 \$1.00 donation is requested.**

Important Announcement - Paul and June Cordasci's email account has been compromised. We have been asked by Paul and June to make this important announcement on their behalf. Someone has gained control of their email account. Their efforts to recover their Hotmail account have been unsuccessful so far. It appears that the hackers have access to all their email contacts. Several people have received emails, which appear to be from Paul and June, asking for money, or otherwise attempting to exploit your trust. These emails appear to be authentic. **Any email you receive purporting to be from Paul and June Cordasci is suspect.** Currently, you should assume any email from Paul and June is not trustworthy. Do not reply or follow any instructions you receive. Do not attempt to email Paul and June until further notice. We thank you for your understanding.

Earthquake Update – Structural Engineers have inspected the Church and Office Buildings, there is no major structural damage to prevent their use. We are waiting the final report. A Stone Mason will inspect the stone and brick work for needed repair. The stone and brick work on the Church Building is not structural, but it presents a concern if it collapses. Everyone is asked to keep a safe distance from the areas with yellow caution tape. The Parish Hall has been

returned to service. Plumbing has been repaired in the Church, Office Building and Four-Plex. Additional repairs to the heating system in the Church have been accomplished. Plans are being made to replace and reinforce ceiling tiles in the Sanctuary. Some furnishings were lost and will be replaced when possible. Several of the Stations of the Cross were damaged. Jacques and Mary Regat have generously offered to attempt to restore them. We are sincerely thankful for their spirit of service and their willingness to lend their professional expertise to this project.

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. **Join us on Friday, January 11, 5—8 PM, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2222 E. Tudor Road.** See you there!

Married Singles Lifestyle — The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This Program has helped tens of thousands of couples having trouble at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. **The next Program in the Anchorage Area begins on February 22—24, 2019.** For confidential information or to register, call 863-8000 or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site—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. **Six (6) sessions** from trusted experts work for both marriage preparation and marriage enrichment opportunities. **Join us on Saturday Evenings, 6—8 PM in the Upper Room at 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.

When was the last time you made a retreat? Here's a wonderful opportunity! Fr. Gabriel Mosher, OP, will lead the **annual silent retreat for men and women Feb 1—3, 2019, at Holy Spirit Center. Cost includes room, board and retreat fee of \$240 single / \$220 double.** For reservations or information, call Legion of Mary, 947-8335.

Liturgical Ministers—January 5/6, 2019		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday—5:30 PM		
Melissa Branch	F. Bolewicz M. Snowball E. Ramirez	Paul Fruen Yvonne Lafaele Mary Lafaele Tanimio Mafuao Henryetta Talo
Sunday—8:30 AM		
Kelly Auer	D. Braudis P. Lightner P. Petrivelli	Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk
Sunday—10:30 AM		
Elena Saturnino	M. Roldan M. LaVine W. West C. Lyons M. Armstrong A. Bol Sister Monique	Mariah Afuvai Melesete Afuvai Rjandro Parungao Lyndon Savelio Kolio Savelio Nifae Valai
Sunday—5:30 PM		
Cheryl Chapman	D. Hess A. Reidell J. Lavarias	Angelie Corcino Sebastian Corcino Rochelle Cabutotan Chester Cabutotan Elizabeth Lucas Joaquin Leal
Home Ministry		
	TBD	

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

Did you know that Archbishop Etienne has his own blog? Keep up on all of Archbishop's adventures around the Archdiocese of Anchorage by subscribing to his blog, **TRUTH IN LOVE** at www.archbishopetienne.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	Kareem Waugh
Sam Kutzgar	

Collection from December 22/23 and Christmas 2018

Regular Collection — \$3,898
 Building and Maintenance - \$110
 Offertory by Mail - \$27,865
 Online Giving — \$1,810
 Christmas - \$17,297
 Immaculate Conception - \$30
 Fund for Retired Religious - \$75
 Parish Scholarship Fund - \$100

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.

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.**

