

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 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

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Reflection for the Week

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:37-39

Jesus has a talent for saying things that make us uncomfortable. The truth sometimes does that, and Jesus never lies to us. Earlier in this discourse, He commissions the Apostles (and all of His followers) to spread the Gospel to all people. He knew it would not be easy, He wants us to have no illusions.

He tells us that the good news of the New Covenant will bring division and even hatred, within our own families, or from our closest friends. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword." (Matthew 10:34)

I think Jesus wants us to get our priorities straight. Our natural instinct is to recoil from painful things, to avoid them, to compromise to keep the peace. But our only real safety, and ultimately our salvation, lies in holding tightly to Jesus and His teachings.

He asks us to do only two things - love and honor God with everything we have, and love and serve our neighbor as ourselves. This is the whole of the law of the Spirit in the New Covenant, everything else follows from this. This is simple, there are no footnotes or exceptions, it does not require years of study or a great intellect. Imagine the world if we all did these two simple things.

While the old law of letters carved on stone derives from punishment and death, the new law "written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh" is the law of love and life. (2 Corinthians 3:3).

Jesus knows this is not easy, that the world of flesh and death will not gladly accept its own demise. But if we trust in Jesus and put Him first, everything else will fall into place in time.

"But seek first the Kingdom [of God] and His righteousness,* and all these things will be given you besides." Matthew 6:33

John

Readings for Next Week's Mass

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Zechariah

Zechariah 9:9-10

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:9, 11-13

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew

Matthew 11:25-30

Question of the Week

When have you felt more fully alive
by giving of yourself to another?

Parish News and Events

Did you know that Twenty-one (21) of the Thirty-three (33) Parishes and Missions in the Archdiocese of Anchorage are in rural and remote Communities? Your gift through the **One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal** helps make possible support for Parishes and Missions in some of the most remote Communities in North America. Please make your pledge today at <https://www.Archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate/>

The Parishioners of Saint Anthony have already shared \$10,258.50 for the 2020 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal. This is **22.52%** of our **goal of \$45,559.** Thank you for supporting the work of Our Lord's Church!

This weekend, we will take up the Service Collection. The Service Collection supports the Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father, Catholic Relief Services Church in Latin America and Church in Africa. Your sacrifice makes these worthy ministries possible. Thanks and blessings for your generosity!

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. Further details will be forthcoming as arrangements are made for the celebration.

Please read Father Vince's letter to Parishioners. It is included with this bulletin. You will also receive a copy of the letter by mail.

Resumption of Masses at Saint Anthony. Saint Anthony has resumed Masses at the regular scheduled times. Weekday Masses are now Tuesday through Friday at 9 AM. Confession is available by appointment with Father Vince. You may access the reservation system by clicking [here](#).

We are currently in the process of implementing our reopening plan, subject to approval and availability of required supplies, personnel and training. **A copy of the Reopening Plan is included with this Bulletin.** All remain dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. At the same time, we remember our obligation to keep holy the Lord's Day. Due to restrictions on the distribution of printed materials, **publication of the paper bulletin remains suspended.** Our normal activities will gradually resume as it is determined that it is safe to do so.

Limited attendance is allowed as we resume Masses. As we resume our worship, only a limited number of people are allowed to gather, in accordance with our reopening plan with guidance from the Archdiocese and Municipality mandates. In order to ensure adequate space for social distancing in our sanctuary, **no more than sixty (60) people may gather for Mass.** To facilitate this requirement, for weekend Masses we have implemented an online reservation system for reserving space. **No reservation is required for Daily Masses.** You may access the reservation system by clicking [here](#). This link will also be available on the parish website and parishioner Facebook page. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we are obligated to observe the safety measures in place. If you cannot 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.

Office Hours are by appointment only. Questions may be directed to the Parish Office, 333-5544. Please leave a message with your requests. If you wish to speak to Father Vince, please call for an appointment. Please call ahead to the Office prior to visiting. Currently, **all Visitors to the Parish Office are required to wear a mask or face covering and are subject to health screening, under the Reopening Plan.** Thank you.

On May 19, Pope Francis merged the Archdiocese of Anchorage and the Diocese of Juneau and has erected the new Ecclesiastical Circumscription of the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. At the same time, he named the current Bishop of Juneau and Apostolic Administrator for Anchorage, **Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M. as the new Metropolitan Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau.** We give thanks to our almighty and merciful God and, welcome Archbishop Andrew!

Our Parish is contending with the realities of this Pandemic and this prolonged period of suspended Masses and gatherings. Weekly Offertory has declined significantly over the past few weekends. Despite not having services, expenses are still mounting such as utilities, maintenance, Archdiocesan dues and personnel. We humbly ask if you have the means to consider supporting the Parish, please prayerfully consider doing so. You can contribute online at www.osvonlinegiving.com/4540. A link is available on the website or you can mail in offertory to the Office via the giving envelopes that you receive once a month. Thank you for your support throughout the years and your continued support during this crisis.

Many of you have already continued your regular giving online or by mail. Thank you!

The Saint Anthony Parish Office has moved. The Parish Office has relocating to the Parish Hall. Another Archdiocese Ministry is planning on renting the space in the current building and assuming responsibility for maintenance and utilities. We anticipate annual savings and rental income totaling approximately \$25,000. After consultation with the Archdiocese, the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council, Saint Anthony is proceeding with the rental plan of action. The project is almost complete. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

In conjunction with the Office move, our phone system has changed. Please call the main number, 333-5544 with any questions for Father Vince or Parish Staff. Older extensions are no longer in service. We hope to achieve worthwhile cost savings by this change. Thank you for your understanding.

Repairs to the stone wall behind the Altar. The limestone block wall sustained significant damage during the November 30 earthquake. In consultation with the Finance Council and the Archdiocese, Father Vince has decided to replace the stone with conventional sheetrock. **This Project is now complete.** Your patience and prayers are appreciated as we continue to work to restore the Sanctuary.

Saint Anthony Community Garden opened for a modified season on May 15. Mike and Amy Reidell, leaders of the Community Garden Ministry, have established protocols so that gardening activities can proceed with restrictions. Please contact Mike or Amy with any questions.

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 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 Bergerud 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 **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** in 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 and Fred Schurman.

Archbishop's Golf Tournament. Save the Date! Reserve your spot today to play in the **2020 Archbishop's Golf Tournament** on Thursday, **August 13**, at Moose Run Golf Course near JBER. Register yourself or a team of four (4) at Archdioceseofanchorage.org/golf.

Religious Freedom Week. Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us in promoting religious freedom For the Good of All. All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

The Saint Francis Awards Committee invites you to consider a short-term (July-October) Volunteer commitment as a Parish Liaison. Your role will be to help share and collect nomination

| Liturgical Ministers—July 4/5 | |
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| Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
| Saturday — 5:30 PM | |
| Melissa Van Haastert | J. Bell |
| Sunday — 8:30 AM | |
| Stephanie O'Connor | M. Pili |
| Sunday — 10:30 AM | |
| Ula Tafune | T. Lolesio |
| Sunday — 5:30 PM | |
| Victoria Rahm | M. Laflamme |

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.

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry is resuming! Our CH Meals Ministry will once again be providing meals to the families once a month. Please contact Alice Young for details. CH will also gladly accept financial donations or gift cards, see instructions below. Please label donations “Clare House Meals.” Many thanks and blessings to Alice Young and all the Volunteers who have provided meals to CH over many years.

Can you help? CH needs a variety of different donations. Currently, we need shower liners, shower curtains, shower rods, paper towels, black large trash bags, white kitchen trash bags, non-latex gloves (medium and large), Lysol wipes and Lysol spray. 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.

Brother Francis Shelter is requesting bicycle locks. Donations are accepted 7 days a week, 8 AM - 9 PM at 1021 East 3rd Avenue.

Refuge Assistance and Immigration Service (RAIS) is requesting donations of reusable cloth face masks. Thank you!

Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry could use some canned fruits and vegetables. To keep Clients, Staff and Donors safe, here is how to drop off donations to SFH. Donations must be new and unused. Donations are being accepted from 9 AM – 4 PM on Fridays. Donors can leave donations in the shopping carts at the E20th Avenue side of the Catholic Social Services Building, 3710 E20th Avenue. One cart will be designated for **FOOD** and the other will be for **NON-FOOD** items. If you would like a receipt, you can email Molly Cornish at mcornish@cssalaska.org and we can scan and/or mail one to you. **Bless you for your generosity!**

SFH Food Pantry. SFH Food Pantry has converted to a fast track pantry. This means pre-packaged food boxes can be picked up at SFH. Hours remain the same. Shoppers should always bring their ID when visiting the pantry. First time shoppers will be asked to complete a form upon arrival. Shoppers may bring the form already completed or fill it out when they arrive. We are starting to open Limited Volunteering opportunities: packing food boxes for clients.!

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

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| 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 June 20/21

Regular Collection - \$2,400
 Building and Maintenance - \$280
 Online Giving - \$2,595
 Outreach - \$30
 Palm Sunday - \$20
 Holy Thursday - \$20
 Good Friday - \$20.
 Easter - \$20
 The Ascension - \$20

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

When have you been able to put what someone else needs ahead of what you want for yourself?