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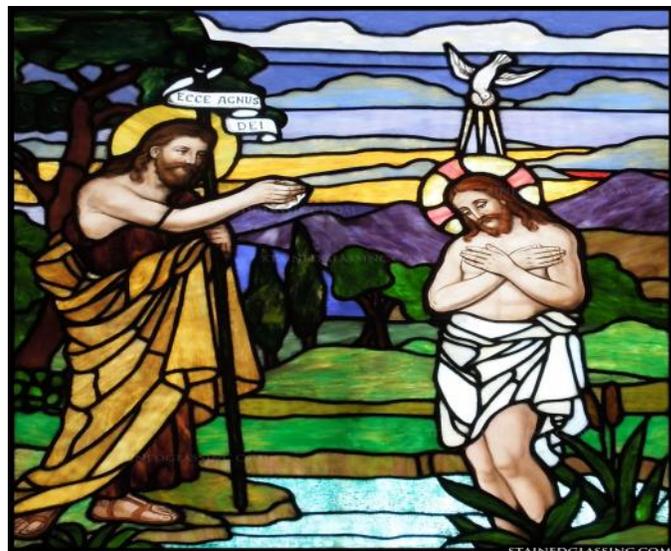
Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Our Mission:

To express faith in action,
welcome and celebrate diversity,
and be alive in prayer and worship!

All are welcome!



Mass Schedule

Tuesdays - Fridays, 9 AM

Saturdays, 5:30 PM

Sundays: 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

Fridays: 7-8 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4-5 PM

Baptism

Baptism Parents' Class: First Sunday
of month, 9:45 AM, Parish Office

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

Parish Staff

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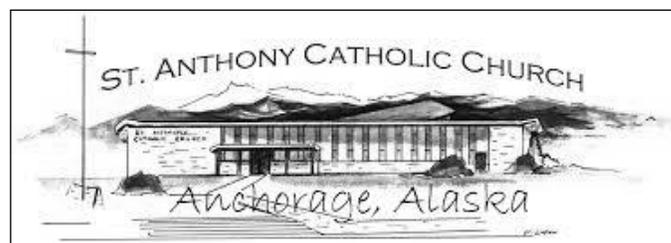
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Reflection for the Week

This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises:

On the day of our Baptism, as Pope Saint John Paul II explains, "We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our Parents and Godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit."

This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises, consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and "rejecting Satan and all his empty promises," which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication.

Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service, and forgiveness.

From a reflection on the
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Father Tony's Homilies, Father Anthony Kadavil
<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>

Readings for Next Week's Mass

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Samuel

Samuel 3:3b - 10, 19

SECOND READING

First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 6:13c - 15a, 17 - 20

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

John 1:35-42

Question of the Week

Do you ever feel that you are a beloved Child of God
and God is well-pleased with you?



Question of the Week for KIDS

When do you feel most loved?

Parish News and Events

Sign Up for Mass. Now **sixty (60) Parishioners are allowed** per Mass. To help maintain a safe environment, we are using a reservation system for attendance at weekend Masses. You may sign up for next weekend's Masses by clicking [here](#).

Pastoral Council Virtual Meeting. The Pastoral Council will hold a **Virtual Meeting, 12 Noon, Sunday, January 10.** The meeting will be **hosted on Zoom** by Council President Katie Berry. You may attend online: PC, Mac or smartphone, or by phone-only: no Internet required. You may use voice-only or video - the choice is yours. Complete details for the meeting are available in the [flyer](#) with this bulletin. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Thank you and God bless!

The Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Council will hold their **Regular Monthly Business Meeting, Monday, January 11, 7 PM,** in the **Parish Hall.** The meeting will be preceded by a Rosary in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. This year's theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit," is based on John 15:1-17. Learn more about this initiative from the Vatican website, christianunity.va.

Nine Days for Life is a Novena for the Protection of Human Life. This year the Novena will be on **January 21-29.** Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Pray with us at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.

On **Friday, January 22,** the Church in the United States observes the **Annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."** This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22.

THANK YOU for your generous support of the 2020 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal. The people of Saint Anthony have shared **\$41,161** to support Ministries that serve our local Church. This is **90.35%** of our goal of \$45,559. Your participation is more important than the amount you are able to share. If you have not yet pledged your support, it is not too late. **Donations are gratefully accepted until March 31!** Please join your fellow Parishioners in helping to make possible the vital work of your Archdiocesan Ministries. Make your pledge securely online at archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **20th Annual Bison Hunt Raffle!** Winners receive an **all-expenses-paid guided bison hunt on Kodiak Island, or \$3,500 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 or Fred Schurman.

New Lector Workbooks for Liturgical Year 2021. The New Liturgical Year begins November 29. Lector workbooks for

2021 are available for pick up in the Sacristy. Current Lectors may pick up their new book at any Mass time.

Saint Francis House Food Pantry. Our Parishioners donated 628 pounds of food in December and a total of 4,146 pounds of food in 2020. Thank you. You may still drop off donations in the basket in the Entryway of the Church. This week, they are requesting **canned fruits and vegetables**. Please thank Bonnie Jack and Pat Stowell for their years of faithful, quiet service with this Ministry! Bless you for your generosity!

The Saint Anthony Lector Ministry needs you! We need more Lectors to proclaim the Word of God at Mass. This rewarding Ministry is central to our worship and is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Body of Christ. If you have been looking for the right opportunity to serve the Lord, we ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Proclaimer of the Word. Training and necessary materials will be provided. Please contact Ministry Leader, Imelda Viloria or the Parish Office, if you are interested. Thank you to Darcy and Casey Steger for volunteering. Many thanks and blessings to Imelda for her years of service!

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry. Our **Clare House Meals Ministry** is still providing **meals** to the **Families once a month**, even during the pandemic. Please contact Alice Young for details. Many thanks and blessings to Alice and all the Volunteers who have provided meals to Clare House over many years.

There will be a recitation of the Rosary in the Chapel, Tuesday - Saturday Mornings, 8:30 AM. All are welcome to come and pray. For details, please contact John Nicely.

January is Poverty Awareness Month: How We Make a Difference. The Catholic Church in the US continues to work toward a culture of encounter by honoring the dignity of each human person in our world. With the help of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, we are working to improve lives and bring hope to those in need. How? Read stories of impact and initiative on a variety of issues at pov-ertyusa.org/stories. The Church's Mission to alleviate poverty and bring justice is a calling for us all. By virtue of our Baptism, we are all incorporated into Christ's body and are sent on Christ's Mission to love, respect, and serve all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as stewards of our common home, in local and global ways.

Retrouvaille is a Program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife re-discover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The successful Program saves hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a Peer Ministry of Volunteer Couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. The next Retrouvaille of Alaska Program begins with a **weekend experience in Big Lake on February 26**. For confidential information or to register, call 863-8000, or send an email to anchorage@helpourmarriage.org, or complete the online registration process [here](#). Registration fee is \$150, but no couple

is ever denied an opportunity to heal their marriage due to financial difficulty.

Join us for the **First Alaska Virtual Weekend! March 19-21**, Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. Distance is overcome with our new virtual world! Whether you live in Nome to Unalaska or Ketchikan, you can join in on our growth, sharing and connection of a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. Invite your other couple friends to share this experience with if you like! Make another encounter even if you already have made one! We would love to share our hearts and love with you. Apply today at <https://wwme.org/apply/>. Click on Alaska to view our weekends.

View a short [video](#) of Alaskan Couples sharing what their **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** meant to them and invite Couples everywhere to join in on an experience. Now offered virtually, WWME is offered in evening and weekend formats to meet the many needs of Couples and Priests today.

First Fridays at Brother Francis Shelter (BFS). BFS needs **Medical Professionals**. They have begun first Fridays of the month where professionals in the medical field speak to the BFS Guests about their area of expertise. Contact Sarah at sharris@cssalaska.org with questions or to Volunteer. Thank you!

Can you help? **Clare House (CH)** needs a variety of different donations. Currently, we need **toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, and paper towels**. 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.

Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry needs you! There is a **Volunteer Opportunity** to help pack food boxes in the warehouse on **Monday - Wednesday, from 2 - 4 PM**. This is a great service project to do with a friend, or someone in your "bubble". We follow CDC guidelines, wearing masks, social distancing and limiting the amount of people in the warehouse. Please contact Sarah, sharris@cssalaska.org with questions or to volunteer.

CSS Winter Needs. CSS is requesting the following for all of its many Ministries and those they serve; **hand warmers, winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, ice cleats, warm socks, winter boots**. God bless you for helping!

It is getting colder. **Brother Francis Shelter (BFS)** is requesting donations of **bus passes, reflective tape, new hoodies, new socks, beanies, blankets, coats, and hand warmers**. God bless you for your generosity.

Supportive Family Services (SFS) Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services and Family Disability Services have been combined into the new **Supportive Family Services (SFS) Ministry**. We are currently need **baby wipes**. Donations are being accepted from 9 AM – 4 PM on Fridays. You may leave donations in the shopping carts at the E. 20th Avenue side of the Catholic Social Services Building at 3710 E. 20th Avenue. Volunteers interested in "**Bundle of Joy**," distributing diapers and formula, Fridays, 10 AM - 12 PM or 12 - 2:30 PM, please contact David Trenor at dtrenor@cssalaska.org. God bless you for your support!

Liturgical Ministers — January 16/17	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday — 5:30 PM	
Native American Community	Francine Bolewicz
Sunday — 8:30 AM	
Annette Alleva	Sister Yoshie Takaota
Sunday — 10:30 AM	
Elena Saturnino	Annabelle Candelaria
Sunday — 5:30 PM	
Victoria Rahm	Nicole Van Hoey

Project Rachel 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 1-866-434-3344, outside the Anchorage Area.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Homeless Family Services (HFS) needs the following: **bedding and twin sheets; new or gently used, and toilet paper.** HFS is a Case Management Program that helps homeless individuals and homeless families with children. HFS Staff work with families to address barriers that prevent them from being self-sufficient. The goal is to connect them to the resources to find a place to call home. HFS travels to the families wherever they may be, a camp site, a motel or a car. If you have questions about the services HFS provides, please contact Karlo Mercene, Program Director, at kmercene@cssalaska.org.

Did you know? Catholic Social Services (CSS) provides Supportive Services for Veteran Families! If you or someone you know is a veteran or has served at least one (1) day of Active Duty in the Military and needs rental assistance, we may be able to help. Learn more at our Website: [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](http://SupportiveServicesforVeteranFamilies.org).

Brother Francis Shelter Medical Respite Ministry is seeking donations of **herb seeds, pots, and gardening tools.** Thank you.

This Holiday Season, **Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry** hopes to provide a few additional ingredients as gifts to make family mealtime more celebratory and delicious. To empower our clients to create flavorful meals with loved ones, and enjoy the meal preparation process, we are encouraging food donations over the holidays to focus on some of the “extras” for the kitchen. Many clients have expressed need for the following items to improve their meals and enable them to follow family recipes: **salt, black pepper, garlic powder, ketchup, mustard, Sriracha sauce, Tabasco sauce, vegetable oil, onions, lem-**

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

Elena Aquino	Teresita Lolesio
Wes Bergsrud	Bobby Nickarz
Neddie Canete	Christopher Nickarz
Nan Dietz	Nick Nickarz
Josie Duenas	Paul Palinski
Robert L. Edwards	Mary Patania
Frank Javier	Josephine Skeete
Jerome Karella	Onya Stein
Joshua Kutzgar	Josefina Torio
Sam Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Alexine Leach	Richard Varee
Joyce Lightner	Chris White

Collection from December 28 - January 3

Offertory (including mail) - \$6,414.99
 Building and Maintenance - \$415
 Online Giving - \$3,075
 Solemnity of Mary - \$457
 Christmas - \$250
 Fund for Retired Religious - \$25
 Saint Anthony Parishioners donated **628 pounds** of Food to Saint Francis House in **December 2020**. In 2020, Parishioners donated **4,146 pounds of Food**.
 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.

ons, and soy sauce. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Center on Fridays from 9 AM - 4 PM or left in the basket at Saint Anthony. Thank you for your generosity!

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.