

# St. Anthony Catholic Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 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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#### Office Hours

Monday — Friday 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM

## Reflection for the Week

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enjoy the whirl of this blessed and joyous season, it is good to find a quiet moment to reflect.

We thank our loving Father for the work we have at St. Anthony and the opportunity to serve the wonderful people who are our family here.

For each of you and for all that you do for the Lord's work throughout the year, we are truly and humbly thankful.

We are grateful for all the blessings we have received and we rejoice in the hope for greater blessings surely yet to come.

We thank Almighty God for our Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to be one of us and one with us, so that we are all truly one in Him, and He in us.

And we pray that we may see Jesus in everyone and remember that a smile, a kind word or a small gesture of love can make all the difference in the world for someone.

With heartfelt wishes for Blessings and the Joy of Christmas!

Father Vince and the Staff of St. Anthony  
Jill, Mary Jo, Mario, Nick, and John

### Readings for Next Week's Mass

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**FIRST READING—The First Book of Prophet Samuel**

1 Samuel — 1:20—22, 24-28 (17C)

**SECOND READING—The First Letter of Saint John**

1 John — 3:1—2, 21—24

**GOSPEL—The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke**

Luke — 2:41—52

### Question of the Week

When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

### Question of the Week for KIDS

When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

## Parish News and Events

### Christmas Schedule

#### Sunday, December 23

6:30 PM — Decorating the Church — All Are Welcome!

#### Monday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed — **Merry Christmas!**

6:00 PM — Family Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant

9:00 PM — Christmas Vigil Mass

There is NO MASS at Midnight

#### Tuesday, December 25 — Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed — **Merry Christmas!**

10:00 AM — The Nativity of the Lord –

Mass During the Day

No Faith Formation

#### Wednesday, December 26

No Daily Mass Today

Normal Parish Office Hours resumes

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will take place **following 5:30 PM Mass on Sunday, December 23**. Many hands make light work! All are welcome. Questions? Contact Annette Alleva

**The Angel Tree** is once again up in the entryway of the Church. Your gift helps support families and residents of **Clare House and Covenant House**. **Please bring your unwrapped gift to the Church by December 23**. Share the joy of our Lord's birth and help those who need it most. For details, contact Mary Snowball.

**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 Noon until Christmas**. For more information, contact Jill, 333-5287 or email her at [stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com).

**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.

**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, 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 \$2942.50 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 \$2975.25 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!

**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 and 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 is 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](mailto:stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com).

**Youth Choir** rehearsals are now every Thursday 6:30 PM in the Church. **The Youth Mass is now twice a month!** The next Youth Mass will be at 5:30 PM, Saturday January 12. For more information, call Mary Jo, 317-3187.

**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 every Wednesday at 7 PM.** For more details, please contact Jill Popoalii, 333-5287 or email [stanthonysfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto: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.

St. Anthony Parishioners **donated 510 pounds of food to St. Francis House** in the month of November. **Thank you for your generosity!**

**Earthquake Update** – Structural Engineers have inspected the Church and Office Buildings, there is no major structural damage to prevent their use. We are awaiting the final report, then a Stone Mason will inspect the stone and brick work which will need repair. The stone and brick work on the Church Building is not structural, but it presents a concern if it were to collapse. 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 fourplex. 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 as 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.

**Pathway to Renovation Update – 12/21:** 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! The new side lectern has finally been delivered and will be put into service soon. Our thanks and praise to God who has given us these beautiful additions to our Church to His greater glory and to all the generous donors and volunteers who help to do His work on earth.

**Sanctuary Lighting Project - The sanctuary lighting project is complete for now.** Damage caused by the earthquake has been repaired. Except for some minor fine-tuning, which will be accomplished soon, the project is done. **Generous anonymous donors stepped forward and funded this project, our sincere gratitude and blessings go to them for making it possible.**

Liturgical Ministers—December 29/30		
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday—5:30 PM		
Melissa Branch	E. Ramirez M. Latocha M. LoKanin	Bella Dahl Jacob Fanene Cordilliah Fanene Nofoga Fanene Serani Tafune
Sunday—8:30 AM		
Pat Lizama	T. VanGelderren M. Pili P. Kough	Ken Young Kristopher Anaruk Samantha Anaruk James Anaruk Winter Anaruk
Sunday—10:30 AM		
Samoan Community	L. Zavala V. Afuvai A. Candelaria J. Peters U. Tafune K. Toluono M. Alefosio	Zanoah Mafuao Zephaniah Mafuao Edward Savelio Tristan Savelio Toe Poe Jr.
Sunday—5:30 PM		
Mimi LaFlamme	A. Advincula J. Lavarias M. Laflamme	Emmanuel Mast Anastasia Mast Antonio Rivera Nicole Rivera Rafael Rivera Ryon Yamat
Home Ministry		
	Steve Foy Marsha Foy	
Week at a Glance		
<b>Monday</b>	Samoan Community Youth Practice—7:00 PM	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Creative Circle—9:30 AM	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bulletin Deadline—5:00 PM	
	Filipino Gospel Choir Practice—6:00 PM	
	Bringing Catholics Home—7:00 PM	
	Samoan Choir Practice—8 :00 PM	
<b>Thursday</b>	Kateri Circle—11:00 AM Youth Choir Rehearsals—6:30 PM	
<b>Friday</b>	Adoration—7:00 PM	
<b>Saturday</b>	Samoan Divine Mercy Group—10:00 AM	
<b>Sunday</b>	Youth and Children Rehearsals for the Christmas Play—12:00 Noon	

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Don McDermott Duane Morfield Christopher Nickarz Dominador Ochoa Elmer Pagalilauan Margie Quinn Josephine Skeete Ann Whalen Kareem Waugh
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## Collection from December 15/16, 2018

Regular Collection — \$8,217  
Building and Maintenance — \$81  
Online Giving — \$710  
Immaculate Conception — \$20  
Fund for Retired Religious — \$105

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](mailto: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](http://stanthonyak.com) website is not currently being maintained and is not functional. **Please use the [stanthonyak.org](http://stanthonyak.org) website until further notice.**

