

# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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## Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020

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 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 8 AM — 4 PM

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## Reflection for the Week

### New Archbishop named, and merger of Archdiocese of Anchorage and Diocese of Juneau announced

On May 19, 2020, **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**. The appointment was publicized in Washington, DC, by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop Bellisario was appointed Bishop of Juneau in July 2017. He has also been serving as Apostolic Administrator of Anchorage since June 2019. He is a member of the Congregation of the Mission, Vincentian Fathers and Brothers.

The full press release is available here - <https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/pope-francis-merges-archdiocese-of-anchorage-and-diocese-of-juneau-and-names-bishop-andrew-bellisario-cm-as-metropolitan-archbishop-of-anchorage-juneau/>

We thank our almighty and merciful God and welcome Archbishop Andrew in his new role!

## Readings for Next Week's Mass

### Pentecost Sunday

#### FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostle

Acts 2:1 - 11 (63A)

#### SECOND READING

First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Paul:12:3b - 7, 12 - 13

#### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

John 20:19 - 23

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on Your departed Veterans who gave their lives in the service of their Country.

Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of Your Son, they may share in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in You with Your Saints forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Parish News and Events

Due to the current Public Health Emergency, all **Public Masses and other large gatherings are suspended or severely restricted at Saint Anthony and throughout the Archdiocese of Anchorage, until further notice**. We are currently in the process of implementing our **Phase 1 Reopening Plan**, subject to approval and availability of required supplies, personnel, and training. 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. **Our normal activities will gradually resume as it is determined that it is safe to do so.**

**Bishop Bellisario published an updated letter** regarding the public health emergency response on **Friday, May 8**. **A copy of the letter is included** with this Bulletin. **This letter contains important updates and guidance – all are encouraged to read it.** It is also available on the Archdiocese, Catholic Anchor and Saint Anthony websites.

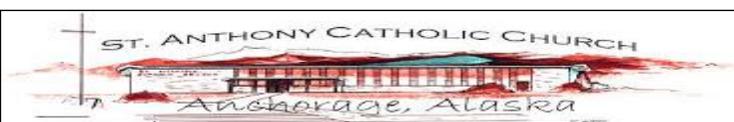
**State and Municipal Authorities have mandated that non-essential business operations are severely restricted or prohibited.** Saint Anthony supports our Civil Authorities and we are complying with this Emergency Order. During this time, the Staff of Saint Anthony Parish are practicing social distancing and self-isolation as much as possible. As a result, **Office Hours during this time are by appointment only**. Questions may be directed to the Parish Office - 333-5544. **Please leave a message with your requests.** You may leave a message by pressing "1" at any time during the voicemail announcement. We are instantly notified of new messages. If you wish to speak to Father Vince, please call for an appointment. **Please call ahead to the Office prior to visiting.** Thank you.

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](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4540), a link is available on the website or you can mail in offertory to the Office using the giving envelopes that you receive once a month. Thank you for your support throughout the years and your continued support.

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

**Repairs to the stone wall behind the Altar will begin this week.** The limestone block wall sustained significant damage during the November 2018 earthquake. Engineers and Architects have determined that the safest course of action is to reconstruct the wall to current Seismic Code Standards. By the grace of God, a generous anonymous donation for this project has made to make this repair possible. This project has been planned and budgeted for several months, however the mandated shutdown caused it to be delayed from the original start date earlier this year. This project is expected to take approximately two (2) weeks. Your patience and prayers are appreciated as we continue to restore the Sanctuary.

This year's **2020 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal** is centered around the first letter of Saint John, when he says,



“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 John 3:18. We are missionaries of love and hope. Through Jesus, we are called to take care of one another. Watch for a letter in the mail from Bishop Bellisario for this year’s One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal. This is an opportunity to be “Missionaries of love and hope,” to support the important Ministries of the Archdiocese and continue to put the Word into action throughout the Parishes of the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Please prayerfully consider this request for your participation and support. If you have questions about the Annual Appeal, please call the Office of Stewardship & Development, 297-7700.

**Saint Anthony Parish would like to recognize all our Parishioners who are graduating from College and High School.** If you could send us their name and picture along with the name of the high school, college or university and the degree they are graduating with. We will blast our Facebook Pages and Website with the Graduates until the end of May through June until each one is celebrated. Please email all information to [office@stanthoniak.org](mailto:office@stanthoniak.org).

**Saint Anthony Community Garden opened for a modified season on Friday, 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.stanthoniak.org](http://www.stanthoniak.org) or 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 Bergsrud** for their work on the **Parish Website** and the **Parishioner Facebook Page**. Specially 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.

Copies of **The Word Among Us** for **Easter** are available. Copies may be picked up in the Office. Please call ahead to set up a time to pick up your copy.

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.

**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a listing of links to many available online Masses.** This listing is available at the following - <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/online-masses-during-coronavirus-crisis.cfm>

**Publication of the paper bulletins** is currently **suspended**, since without **Weekend Masses**, there is no means for distribution.

The **Chrism Mass** has been **postponed**. We will share further details as they become available.

The **Christian Initiation of the Elect** and the **Reception into Full Communion and Confirmation of Baptized Candidates** at the **Easter Vigil** are **postponed** until after **Public Masses** resume. Pastors will determine the date and time.

**First Holy Communion is postponed until after Public Masses resume.** Pastors will determine the date and time. **Confirmations will be rescheduled for the Fall.**

### Catholic Social Services (CSS) Updates.

**Main Center.** Our Main Center, 3710 E. 20th Avenue, **will be open to Employees only** at this time. Saint Francis House Food Pantry is still operating inside the Main Center as a fast track food pantry where clients can pick up a pre-packed box of food. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We continue to do our best to keep up with questions and inquiries. Thank you for your understanding!

**Volunteers.** For the protection and safety of Clients and Volunteers, CSS has made the difficult decision to **temporarily suspend most onsite Volunteer Programming. We are slowly reintroducing some positions in our Volunteer Program.** We are following all safety measures and precautions. CSS needs three (3) volunteers Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM – 2 PM to help organize in-kind donations. This would be an ongoing position and it would be wonderful if volunteers could commit to coming in one day a week likely until the end of June. Offsite Volunteer Programming remains active and up to each Volunteer Group’s discretion. We will welcome back all our dedicated Onsite Volunteers once we are through this difficult time. Thank you and God bless you for your support

**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 note “**Clare House Meals**” on your donation. 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 of toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and baby wipes.** 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.

**Instructions for making donations to CH.** To keep Clients, staff, and donors safe, here is how to drop off donations to CH. Donations must be new or very gently used. Donations are being accepted from **10 AM - 5 PM, 7 days a week.** Donors are asked to **call ahead to CH at 563-4545 ext. 100.** Staff will leave a receipt outside the door before you arrive if requested. Please ring the buzzer and communicate through the intercom when you arrive at Clare House, 4110 Spenard Road. Staff will instruct you to leave the donation outside the door of CH. Once you have walked away a safe distance, Staff will collect your donation. Thank you for sharing God’s love with these families!

**Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry** could use some **breakfast items - oatmeal packets are preferred and breakfast bars, canned proteins, and vegetables.** Gift cards to U-Haul for new boxes would be a great blessing! **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 shop

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ping carts at the E. 20th Avenue side of the Catholic Social Services Building, 3710 E. 20th 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](mailto:mcornish@cssalaska.org) and we can scan and/or mail one to you.

**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. **SFH is grateful for the continued support of our Community.** We are starting to open limited Volunteering opportunities: packing food boxes for Clients. If you are interested in packing food boxes, hours are **Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM – 1 PM – three (3) people maximum per day.** Email Bronwen Nicholls at [bnicholls@cssalaska.org](mailto:bnicholls@cssalaska.org) with questions or to volunteer.

**Instructions for in-kind donations for all CSS Programs except Clare House.** Donations are being accepted from **9 AM – 4 PM, Fridays.** Donations must be new or very gently used. Donors can leave donations in the shopping carts at the E 20th Avenue side of the CSS Building (3710 E 20th 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](mailto:mcornish@cssalaska.org) and they can scan or email one to you.

**CSS Financial Donations and Electronic Gift Cards are welcomed!** Send gift cards electronically to [mcornish@cssalaska.org](mailto:mcornish@cssalaska.org) or via mail to Catholic Social Services, 3710 E 20th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99508. Paper checks are also welcomed at this address! These gift cards can be for Amazon, Carra, Costco or Fred Meyer. You may also order items from the wish list and have them delivered directly to the Recipient Program by the Vendor. Thank you for your understanding as we adapt services and operations to keep our Community safe.

**Did you know? CSS provides Supportive Services for Veteran Families.** If you or someone you know is a **veteran** or has served at least one day of **active duty** in the **military** and needs **rental assistance**, we may be able to help. Learn more at our website: [https://www.cssalaska.org/our-programs/homeless-family-services/veteran-services/?fbclid=IwAR1oqbnFfrNysUdaWwS-71EGtBqG\\_I78gTc46JkslP-eTuYt90eut4Utdl8](https://www.cssalaska.org/our-programs/homeless-family-services/veteran-services/?fbclid=IwAR1oqbnFfrNysUdaWwS-71EGtBqG_I78gTc46JkslP-eTuYt90eut4Utdl8).

**RAIS needs the following:** cleaning supplies: **Clorox wipes, sponges, spray bottles, etc., toilet paper, laundry detergent, hand soap, diapers - all sizes, food items - rice, dried beans, cooking oil, lentils, flour, sugar, black tea, gift cards - Walmart or Fred Meyer, gardening soil.** Donations must be new or very gently used. Donors can leave donations at the Catholic Social Services Building, 3710 E. 20th Avenue. Please label items **RAIS.**

**RAIS and the Grow North Farms** are looking for **Farm Mentors** to assist refugee farmers with their burgeoning small business. Agricultural experience is preferred. Please reach out to Keenan with questions, [tkplate@cssalaska.org](mailto:tkplate@cssalaska.org).

**RAIS needs raised garden beds.** RAIS had planned to hold a class with Clients and build them together, but due to COVID-19, we are not holding in person classes. If you are interested in building a raised bed, please contact Keenan at [kplate@cssalaska.org](mailto:kplate@cssalaska.org) and he can help with sizing and instructions. We also request Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart gift cards to buy soil and supplies for raised beds. Thank you for your help!

## 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](mailto:sapbulletin@gmail.com).

## Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Pacita Agron  
Wes Bergsrud  
Edward Berube  
Neddie Canete  
Ed Cordova  
Nan Dietz  
Josie Duenas  
Frank Javier  
Donna Jez  
Jerome Karella  
Joshua Kutzgar  
Sam Kutzgar  
Joyce Lightner  
Peter Lizama

Teresita Lolesio  
Bobby Nickarz  
Christopher Nickarz  
Nick Nickarz  
Dominador Ochoa  
Elmer Pagalilauan  
Fern Parent  
Mary Patania  
Gwendolyn Roth  
Josephine Skeete  
Onya Stein  
Elizabeth Varee  
Richard Varee  
Chris White

Parishioners with any concerns about **Child and Vulnerable Adult Safety** or who need information about **Safe Environment Compliance** at Saint Anthony, please contact our **Safe Environment Coordinator, Jill Popoalii, 333-5287**, or via email at [jpopoalii@stanthonyak.org](mailto:jpopoalii@stanthonyak.org)

## 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](mailto: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

Jesus promises to be with us always.  
How do you experience His presence most?

## Question of the Week for KIDS

What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?