

# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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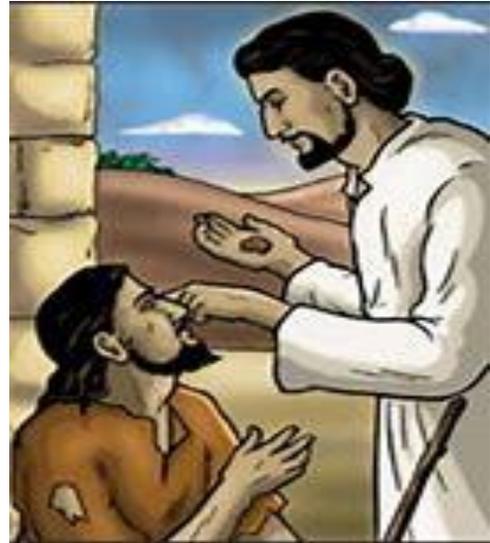
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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 24, 2021

### Our Mission

To provide a safe place, equally inviting to all people – of all ages, races and cultures – to grow, share, develop and deepen our personal relationship with God and with our neighbors.



### 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: Second 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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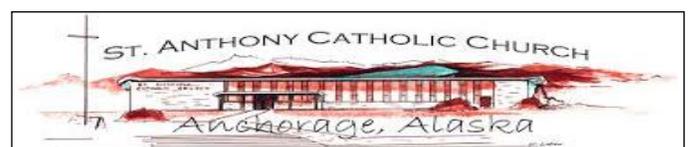
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## All are welcome!



## Reflection for the Week

Most of us have no idea what it is like to be physically blind.

So, as we hear this weekend's Gospel, it can be easy for us to be wowed by the miracle that takes place, forgetting the perspective of Bartimaeus himself. We know that he was poor enough to beg by the side of the road and that he was distraught enough to ask Jesus to have pity on him—not just once, but over and over again.

And as this poor beggar repeated his plea, those around Jesus became uncomfortable. Even then, the followers of Jesus wanted everything to be perfect.

In the time of Jesus, being blind was not only a personal burden but also would have been viewed by many as a punishment for one's sins or the sins of one's family. Thus, Bartimaeus would have been ostracized, unable to earn a living and participate in the life of the community.

For years Bartimaeus dreamed of this day, this opportunity. He yearned for an end to the darkness, he longed for an end to his suffering.

And so, when the crowd called to him, he sprung to his feet, threw off his cloak, one of his few possessions, and came to Jesus.

As he approached, he brought not only his inability to see, he brought all of the pain and struggle that came with it. He brought years of anger, shame, and hurt to the man who understood all of it.

It may seem odd to us that Jesus would ask Bartimaeus what it was that he wanted. The man is blind, what else might he want but to have his blindness cured? What on earth could he ask for but that?

And yet, he does not just say that he wants to see. In the Greek it is closer to saying I want to see your face. Bartimaeus seems to be saying, "Master, I want to see you."

Without faith, such a statement would not have mattered. Without Bartimaeus' understanding of who Jesus truly was, he might have just said, "I want to see again" or "I want to be able to see the beautiful people that walk down my street."

Instead, after years of blindness, a lifetime of doubt and pain and fear, Bartimaeus wants to see the face of the one in whom he believes. He longs to see the face of the one that stands before him.

Without even raising his hand toward Bartimaeus, Jesus tells him that he can see. There is no spitting, no clay, no water being turned into anything. All that is needed is faith. A faith that restores sight, a faith that allows the blind not only to see, but to see the face of God.

And it is that faith that saves all of us from our own blindness and our shared blindness to injustice in our world. There is no need for us to await a miracle, we have been given our call loudly and clearly.

Go on your way, your faith has saved you.

Eric S. Fought is a Lay Pastoral Minister,  
Preacher, and Public Theologian.

Taken from usatholic.org

## Parish News and Events

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, CM has reinstated the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. This obligation reinforces our need for essential celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of Christian Life" Thanks to be God. Please consult Father Vince, if you have any questions about the obligation to attend Mass.

There will be **no mass** on **November 1, All Saints Day**, instead Father Vince will be incorporating all the rituals and activities on all the weekend Masses prior to All Saints Day.

**Passenger Loading Zone. Passenger Loading Zone is not a parking area.** It is for the safety of those who are unable to walk from the other parking lot spaces. Thank you for your understanding.

Due to the current rise of COVID-19 cases, for the safety and well-being of other Parishioners, **it is now mandatory that all attendees wear masks during the Mass.**

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated **778 pounds** of food to Saint Francis House during the month of **September**.

**Sunday Coffee and Donuts** and the **Monthly Pancake Breakfasts** are **on hold** until further notice due to the rising COVID-19 cases.

**Kateri Circle** meets every **Thursdays** at **1 PM**. Come and join us for recitation of the Rosary, and reading of the Scripture for the coming weekend.

There will be a Second Collection this weekend, **October 23-24**, for **World Mission Sunday**. This collection supports the **Society of the Propagation of the Faith**, **91%** of collection and **Catholic Near East Welfare Society**, **9%**. Thank you for your generous contribution and continued support.

Father Vince would like to restart the **Youth Masses** again on the second Saturdays of the month, starting **November 13**. More information will be provided in the bulletin at a later date.

For those Parishioners who would like to continue **online giving**, here is the link to the online giving site - **Sign In | OSV Hub**

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. Saint Anthony's Parish goal is \$47,799.20. Through **Week 22**, Saint Anthony Parish has pledged **\$31,081.20**, which is **65.02%** of our goal. No change from previous week. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Donation can also be made through the Archdiocese website, **www.aoaj.org/donate**. Thank you for your continued support.

The Archdiocese Synod Committee has provided additional information about the **Synodality 2021 - 2023** that Pope Francis initiated. The pamphlet contains information about the Synod, which includes the purpose, the process, and the theme is available at the tables in the back of the Church.

Saint Anthony Parish is once again proceeding with the **Annual Poinsettia Flower Decorations** for the Church during the Holiday Season. The poinsettias are supplied by Bell's Nursery. This year the poinsettias will be limited to 100 regular 8-inch pots, in red, white, or pink. This is a **small fundraiser** by the Creative Circle that will be selling vouchers starting the first week of Advent. The vouchers are for pick-up or donations to the Church. Donations for the Church will have memorial nameplates added and placed on the Altar. The Creative Circle will need volunteers to pick up and unpack for those donated to Church and setting up tables after the Masses. We are aiming to make this Christmas the most beautiful ever! Additional information will be provided as soon as they are available.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot' O' Gold Raffle Tickets!** Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash**, and there are **10 prizes of \$1,000 cash** each. Only **4,000** tickets are sold. Tickets are **\$25** each. This is a major Fundraiser for the Knights and Saint Anthony, where **\$10** from every ticket sold **comes back to our local Knight's Council**. Proceeds are used by our Knights' Council to support our Parish and many worthy projects and causes. See one of the Knights in the back of the Church for details or to purchase tickets.

Remember our **Little Reading Library** on the Church Grounds? **Melissa Branch** and her son, **Dominic**, have volunteered to be new "foster parents" of the Little Reading Library. To keep the library stocked, the Library will need book donations, all ages and variety. You can drop off your book donations at the Saint Anthony Parish. Questions can be directed to **Melissa, [greatlandgirl@gmail.com](mailto:greatlandgirl@gmail.com)**. Thanks for your support.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Program (RCIA) is on **Sundays** after the **10:30 AM Mass**. If you or someone you know is seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, or a Catholic desiring to complete Sacramental Initiation or a returning Catholic, this is a wonderful opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions will focus on Scripture, Prayer and introduction to the Church's teachings and beliefs to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. **Darcy Steger** will be leading the Program this year. Please contact **Darcy, [darcysteger@gmail.com](mailto:darcysteger@gmail.com)** for more information if you have any questions about

RCIA or would like to register. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Faith Formation.** Parents, we invite you to register and bring your children to Faith Formation. As parents, you are the first and primary religious educators of your children. Our Parish Faith Formation Programs are there to assist and support you in fulfilling your obligation to educate your children to love, know and serve the Lord. So please, register your children today. With the joy of the Gospel, may you share with your children your life of faith.

**Glory Bound 2021 at Saint Therese's Camp** is on! Glory Bound 2021 runs **December 28-30** for **Grades 6-8** and **December 30-January 1** for **High School**. Campers will enjoy three days full of fun activities including sledding, playing on frozen Lake Neklason, snowball fights and music, all conducted by our outstanding counselors. We will also have fireworks on New Year's Eve for the High Schoolers! We will also have Mass, Confession, Adoration, cabin talks, and a variety of spiritually focused sessions. The cost is **\$106** for **Grades 6-8** and **\$118** for **High School Students**. Visit **[www.stthereseak.com](http://www.stthereseak.com)** to register. Hurry, Glory Bound is already half full! Some scholarship money is available. Contact **Rudy**, 907 232 2066 with any questions.

**Saint Anthony Parish Masses.** As we return to normal Masses, the Parish would like to start having altar servers and Hospitality Ministers on all the Saturday and Sundays Masses. If you know of anyone who is between the ages of nine through fourteen and is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Parish Office via telephone or by email for additional information.

**Saint Anthony Parish** is looking for Parishioners who are interested in **servicing as a Sacristan**. This is an easy, fun way to help your Parish in a very important way! Please call the Parish Office to let us know of your interest.

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

**Do you have extra rosaries to share?** We would like to have some rosaries to give to those without when they ask, we frequently get requests. If you have any extra rosaries you are not using and would like to share them with others, please contact John Nicely.

**Catholic Social Services (CSS)** needs the following items: **diapers size 5 and 6**, and **gift cards to Fred Meyer, Walmart, and Target**. The listing above are the needs of the following programs: **Saint Francis Food Pantry, Homeless Family Services, and Supportive Family Services**. You can bring these items to Main Office, 3710 E20<sup>th</sup>.Avenue.

Liturgical Ministers - October 30/31	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday – 5:30 PM</b>	
Melissa Van Haastert	Francine Bolewicz
<b>Sunday – 8:30 AM</b>	
Annette Alleva	Minerva Roldan
<b>Sunday – 10:30 AM</b>	
Samoan Community	Carol Lyons Annabelle Candelaria Mary Lu LaVine
<b>Sunday – 5:30 PM</b>	
Ryon Yamat	Nicky Van Hoey

## 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).

### Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Anjie Aspiras	Joyce Lightner
Wes Bergsrud	Teresita Lolesio
Daniel Brooks	Darlene Lord
Neddie Canete	Bobby Nickarz
Tess Copeland	Christopher Nickarz
Nan Dietz	Dee Olin
Robert L. Edwards	Paul Palinski
Ina Emmett	Mary Patania
Donna Gum	Amy Reidell
Frank Javier	Josephine Skeete
Patricia Garrett	Josefina Torio
Jerome Karella	Elizabeth Varee
Erika Kelly	Richard Varee
Joshua Kutzgar	Marisa Villanueva
Sam Kutzgar	Chris White
Alexine Leach	

## Readings for Next Week's Masses

October 31, 2021

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### FIRST READING

Book of Deuteronomy  
Deuteronomy 6:2 - 6

#### SECOND READING

Letter to the Hebrews  
Hebrews 7:23 - 28

#### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark  
Mark 12:28b - 34



### Question of the Week

Is your faith strong enough to save all of us from our own blindness and our shared blindness to injustice in our world?

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **Liquid detergent, floor cleaner, white trash bags, black trash bags, pillows, and pillowcases.** 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.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential compassionate help is available. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

## Collection - October 16/17

Offertory - \$5,833  
Building and Maintenance - \$130  
PFD Offering - \$925  
Church in Central and Eastern Europe - \$5  
Online Offering - \$1,445

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated **778 pounds** of food in **September**.  
**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](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 still **unavailable** until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office for details.