

# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Solemnity of our  
Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe  
November 21, 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

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday By Appointment

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

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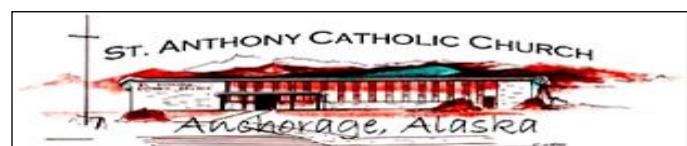
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All are welcome!



## Reflection for the Week

You say I am a king." So, Jesus responds to Pilate when Pilate presses Him on His kingship.

"Are You then a king?" asks Pilate.

"You say I am a king." So, Jesus admonishes Pilate, with this half-affirmation at best, because He knows what kind of king Pilate has in mind: the beastly kind, the prophet Daniel's tyrant of ten horns, who rules by the lie that might makes right. The kind of king whose reign begins and ends steeped in others' blood. As Jesus stands before Pilate, He stands ready to shed His own blood for a different kind of reign. He is not Pilate's kind of king at all.

The Church's choice of this Gospel passage for the Solemnity of Christ the King invites us to solemn reflection. We would do well to heed Jesus's admonishment ourselves, for too many times in Christian history, we have made Pilate's mistake. When Christians marched under the banners of the Crusades, they marched under a false flag; when the Inquisition bled its opponents with the blade, it sought truth with lies; and today, in this age of anxiety, do we not face the temptation to hitch ourselves to a leader, any leader, who has the seeming strength to save us? Or to any power, or any technology, or any means whatsoever, no matter the ultimate cost—so long as it seemingly helps us through the terrible now?

The Solemnity of Christ the King confronts us with that temptation toward worldly strength and power and glory. For that very reason, we can and must celebrate it, to nourish our hope and resistance. For there is different kind of strength to save here. It is the kind of strength the poor know in their extremity, and that Saint Oscar Romero discovered when he fell in love with them and the Gospel. There is a scene in the movie Romero that captures the moment of his discovery. "You are a liar," Raúl Julia's Romero says to the dictator's face. And so, he realizes the truth: the power that oppresses depends on lies. It is not absolute. Try as it might, it cannot make right. And so, it cannot last. It falls in self-contradiction.

Whereas Jesus stands before Pilate, strong in the everlasting truth of the reign of God, the truth for which He came into the world. By His own blood He testifies, that God's dominion extends over life and death itself and knows no contradiction. And so, Jesus goes willingly to His death, trusting that God saves.

I am the Alpha and the Omega; God proclaims in the Book of Revelations. God has made the world firm, not to be moved, we ourselves proclaim with the Psalmist. Dare we believe it? Dare we believe what we truly celebrate today, and so draw the strength to walk in Jesus's footsteps, and stand with all those who speak truth to power?

Matthew Gummess, O. Carmelite  
Carmelite Friar and a Ph.D. student in History/  
Philosophy of Science and Systematic Theology  
University of Notre Dame  
Taken from uscatholic.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.

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

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 spaces in our parking lot. Thank you for your understanding.

The Thanksgiving Day Choir will be a combined choir of all musicians! **Mass** is at 10 AM, November 25. More details about rehearsals will follow.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting their **Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Donation Funds**. Please find envelopes in the pews and place them in the collection basket. All donations will go towards providing Thanksgiving turkeys for families in need through the Food Bank of Alaska.

The Saint Anthony Youth Group will be having their **Thanksgiving Blessings Retreat for Middle School and High School Youth**, this weekend, **November 20/21**. The sessions will start at **10 AM** in the **Faith Formation Center**, the **old Parish Office Building**. For additional information, please contact Jill Popoalii.

Our very own Mario needs help in changing out all the "**Today's Missal**" in the pews of the Church. If you can stay after the **Thanksgiving Day Masses**, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance for helping Mario.

**United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021.** Saint Anthony's Parish goal is \$47,799.20. Through **Week 27**, Saint Anthony Parish has pledged \$47,399.20, which is **99.16%** of our goal. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Donations can also be made through the Archdiocese website, [www.aoaj.org/donate](http://www.aoaj.org/donate). Thank you for your support.

For those Parishioners who would like to continue **online giving**, here is the link to the online giving site - [Sign In | OSV Hub](#).

There will be a **Second Collection** this weekend, November 20/21 for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. The collection will support the **National Office, 75% and Local Programs, 25%**. Thanks for your continued support and generosity.

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.

Help us **beautify our worship space for Christmas** by purchasing a poinsettia, or two, or even more! **Vouchers will be sold** following all the Masses during Advent for **\$15 each**. You may choose to pick up your poinsettia at Bell's Nursery for your personal enjoyment. If you choose to donate the plant to the Church in memory or honor of a loved one, we will label those plants with their names when we decorate the Church. This is a **Fundraiser for the Parish**. We have purchased a hundred (100) plants, but we need to sell at least sixty (60) vouchers to break even. We are also looking for **help in picking up the plants** at Bell's and **delivering them to the Church, the week before Christmas**, as well as folks to **help decorate** for this **Blessed Season**. If you are available for any of these tasks, please contact **Annette Alleva, 907.441.9239**. More information will be forthcoming.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot' O' Gold Raffle Tickets!** Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash**, and there are **ten (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 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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (RCIA)** meets every **Sunday, 9:30 AM** in the **Faith Formation Center**. Sessions focuses 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. If you have any questions about RCIA, please contact **Darcy, [darcysteger@gmail.com](mailto:darcysteger@gmail.com)** or the **Parish Office**.

**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 here 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. May you share the joy of the Gospel with your children, your life of faith.

The **Parish Office** is trying to refresh the **Parish Directory** before the end of the year. If there are any changes and updates to your information or you would like to register yourself and your family, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Saint Anthony Parish Masses.** The Parish would like to start having **Altar Servers** and **Hospitality Ministers** on

**all Saturday and Sundays Masses.** If you know of anyone who is between the ages of **nine (9) through fourteen (14)** and is interested in becoming an **Altar Server**, please contact the **Parish Office**.

**Saint Anthony Parish** is looking for Parishioners who are interested in **serving as Sacristans**. This is an easy, fun way to help your Parish in a very important way! Please call the **Parish Office** if you are interested.

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**.

Saint Anthony's Local Organization Ministry, (LOM) will host a **Weekly Book Club** over Zoom, starting **December 1, 6:30 PM**. All are welcome to join us to exchange perspectives as we walk together and learn from Pope Francis's recent publication, "Let Us Dream." In this book, our Holy Father shares why we must make the world safer, fairer, and healthier for more people now. For more information contact **Greg Hayward** and to receive ZOOM, **[ghayalaska@gmail.com](mailto:ghayalaska@gmail.com)** or **307.460.8690**.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs the following items: **laundry detergent, twin-size and queen-size comforters, and can openers**. 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 the Main Office, 3710 E20<sup>th</sup>. Avenue.

**Clare House (CH)** needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **body soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, baby lotion, shampoo, wash, oil, diaper rash cream, baby bottles, pacifiers, bottle cleaners, kids mittens, and waterproof gloves**. CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Thank you for your support.

**Afghan Relief.** Our hearts are with all those who are affected by the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, people fleeing their homes. The **Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) Program** will be welcoming **50 - 100 Afghan evacuees** to Alaska. Some are already in Alaska and will continue to arrive through **March**. The Afghan evacuees have an **urgent need for small to large rugs, tables and chairs, and tea kettles**. To find out how you can help, please visit **[www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief](http://www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief)** for additional details.

Saint Anthony **Parishioners** donated **1,049 pounds of food** to Saint Francis House during the month of **October**. Thank you for your generous contributions.

The **Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau** is looking to hire a **Communications Assistant**. This is a support position to the Director of Stewardship and Communications. For the full job description, please visit the Archdiocese's website, **[aoaj.org](http://aoaj.org)** or send a resume to **Seth Bakic, [sbakic@caa-ak.org](mailto:sbakic@caa-ak.org)**.

## Liturgical Ministers - November 27/28

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa Branch	Mary Snowball
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Marci Sablan	Minerva Roldan
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Samoan Community	Mary Lu LaVine Sandy Foreman Taiye Ulofoshio
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Connie Mast	Mimi Laflamme

## 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 Robert Beans Wes Bergsrud Robert Branch Daniel Brooks Neddie Canete Tess Copeland Nan Dietz Robert L. Edwards Ina Emmett Father Luz Flores Patricia Garrett Donna Gum Frank Javier Jerome Karella Erika Kelly Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Alexine Leach Sophia Lee	Joyce Lightner Teresita Lolesio Darlene Lord Bobby Nickarz Christopher Nickarz Dee Olin Aurora Paiste Paul Palinski Mary Patania Augustine Randt-Reidell Amy Reidell Randy Ribble Loc Silvers Angie Sipin Josephine Skeete Josefina Torio Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White
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## Readings for Next Week's Masses

November 28, 2021

### First Sunday of Advent

#### FIRST READING

Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

#### SECOND READING

First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

#### GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Luke 21:25-28, 34 - 36

## Collection - November 13/14

Offertory - \$4,333

Building and Maintenance - \$240

Holy Day - All Souls Day - \$100

Holy Day - All Saints Day - \$400

World Mission Sunday - \$20

PFD Appeal Offering - \$100

Thanksgiving Turkey Donations - \$1,420

Online Offering - \$1,780

Online Building Maintenance - \$85

Thank you for your generosity!

## Week at a Glance

Tuesday	Creative Circle – 1 PM
Wednesday	<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE – 5 PM</b>
Thursday	Kateri Circle – 1 PM
Friday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7 PM
Saturday	Reconciliation - 4-5 PM Filipino Choir Practice - 5 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 7 PM

## Question of the Week

Dare we believe what we truly celebrate today, and so draw the strength to walk in Jesus's footsteps, and stand with all those who speak truth to power?

## 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, 907.333.5544 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.