

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

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, 9 AM

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

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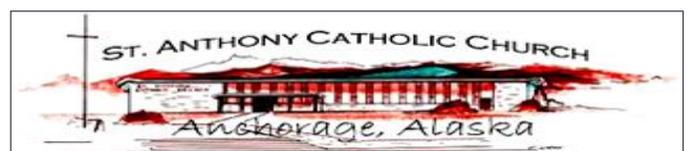
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

On Holy Saturday, adults wearing white clothes wait with unlit candles in hand. They will be lit during the Christian Ritual of Initiation of adults, when adults are readied for full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Communion. Families, friends, and the assembly of God's people bear witness to the faith they are about to profess as they join the Church Community.

Those gathered hear the words of the ritual deep in their hearts, encouraging reflection on their own baptisms in Christ. Indeed, becoming like Christ is the ultimate effect of baptismal initiation as we, just like Christ, attain the identity of God's children.

We hear in the gospel that Christ showed up like everyone else to be baptized by John the Baptist at the Jordan River. In the presence of all, therefore, Christ's sonship was publicly proclaimed by a heavenly voice: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," Luke 3:22. The fondness of Christ's relationship with God is revealed as pleasing and delightful just as that of believers, Roman 1:7, 1 John 4:10.

The reception of the Holy Spirit and divine anointing prepare Jesus for the ministry of justice, Luke 4:18. He dedicates His life to serving humanity, restoring the poor to a place of honor and dignity, rehabilitating those on the fringes of social life and relationship, and freedom for those whose experience of self-flourishing is controlled or denied in a social system that is designed to keep them out. Jesus reveals to us what happens to a believer who is anointed at baptism and receives the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Just as Christ acknowledges that He must get on with doing the work of God, John 9:4, likewise our baptism prepares us to get involved and to share in the work of God for the salvation of the world. We are called for the ministry of justice in the world as the Prophet Isaiah said in the First Reading, Isaiah 42:3. Through our baptism in Christ and our relationship with God, we become people of justice. Our experience of the reception of the Spirit of God prepares us for service in the saving plan of God for the world.

In *Gaudete et Exultate*, On the Call to Holiness in Today's World, Pope Francis reminds us that our union with Christ "entails reproducing in our own lives various aspects of Jesus' earthly life: His life in community, His closeness to the outcast, His poverty and other ways in which He showed His self-sacrificing love." Our lives of baptismal initiation in Christ invite us to uphold the dignity of every child of God, to express goodwill toward everyone—especially the poor and vulnerable—and to consciously care for creation.

To each one of us and to those whose baptismal initiation we witness, Pope Francis reminds us that our "identification with Christ and the will of Christ involves a commitment to build with Him that kingdom of love, justice, and universal peace."

Our baptism in Christ, therefore, invites us to uphold the life of each one in a dignified world.

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Taken from usatholic.org

Parish News and Events

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, CM has reinstated the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays 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." Please consult Father Vince, if you have any questions about the obligation to attend Mass.

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

The Saint Anthony Parish Council will have an in-person meeting on this **Sunday, January 9, Noon** at the **Parish Hall**. All are welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing are required.

A huge **Thank You** to all who helped beautify our altar for Christmas; from the youth, their families and new folks who took on necessary tasks, to our seasoned crew who welcomed them. We made short work of a big task. Your help is again requested to "**undecorate**" the **Church, Wednesday, January 12, 6 PM**. The more hands, the lighter the work.

Thank You to all those who participated in bringing gifts to the **Angel Tree**. All the organizations: **Clare House, Covenant House, Brother Francis Shelter**, and the **Catholic Social Services Refugee Program** were very grateful. Just shows the generosity of our Parishioners in continuing to help others.

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

Our generous and caring Saint Anthony Parishioners donated **986** pounds of food to **Saint Francis House (SFH)** during the month of **December**. The total amount of food donated by our Parishioners total **9,879** pounds of food to **SFH** in **2021**. Thank you to all who supported our less fortunate members.

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

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

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **21st Annual Bison Hunt Raffle!** Winner will receive an **all-expenses-paid guided Bison Hunt on Kodiak Island, or \$3,500 cash**. The tickets are **\$20 each, five for \$100**. The drawing for the winning ticket will be in **May 2022**.

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.

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. The Parish will be holding several **Group Discussion Sessions** to discuss and provide information to the Archdiocese Working Group assigned to consolidate responses.

Are you curious about the **Synod**? Want to know more? You can go to Archdiocese's website at www.aoaj.org. On the home page, click on the tab that says **Synod**.

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. If you have any questions about RCIA, please contact **Darcy**, darcysteger@gmail.com or contact the **Parish Office**.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, **CH** needs the following items: pillows and **pillowcases**, **black trash bags**, and **white kitchen trash bags**. **CH** provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together.

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 need **dust pans** and **brooms**, **baking sheets**, and **light bulbs**. For **furniture donations**, please contact **Nick Leone**, nleo@cssalaska.org. To find out how you can help, please visit www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief for additional details.

Pick.Click.Give. Your generosity through **Pick.Click.Give**. makes it possible for **Catholic Social Services (CSS)** to ensure that **Brother Francis Shelter** and **Clare House** provide emergency shelter, **Saint Francis House Food Pantry** can provide emergency food, and **Case Managers** in all our programs can provide individualized support for families on their journey toward permanent stability. Sign up for your **PFD** and **Pick.Click.Give**: <https://www.pfd.alaska.gov/>.

Giving. There are many ways to support and help people in need, such as donating to program-specific **Wish Lists**, supporting local families, volunteering your time. Donate to one of our six (6) programs! Your gift goes toward helping house those experiencing homelessness, making sure our guests have a good night's

sleep at **Brother Francis Shelter (BFS)**, making sure a new arrival refugee family feels welcomed upon arriving in Anchorage, or providing a warm, inviting space for mothers and children at **Clare House (CH)**. Email **Celeste Earley** with questions, cearley@cssalaska.org. Donate gift cards to clients for **Fred Meyer**, **Walmart**, or **Target**. This will help newly housed clients purchase needed household items and children to buy clothing and items for school.

Do you have extra rosaries to share? We have an urgent need for 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**, jfnice-ly61@yahoo.com.

Our Marriages call us to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." **Retrouvaille** offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a lackluster or failing marriage. **Retrouvaille** offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. **Retrouvaille** helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. **Retrouvaille** provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, and crises. For confidential information or to register for the **Retrouvaille of Alaska Program** beginning with a virtual weekend retreat on **February 25**, call **907.863.8000** or email: anchorage@helpourmarriage.org or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

The **Parish Office** is refreshing the listing of the **Sick and Suffering** as well as the **Parish Directory**. If there are any updates, please contact the **Bulletin Editor** or the **Parish Office**. Thank you.

Project Rachel. If you or someone you know has been impacted by abortion, whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported **Project Rachel Healing Group**. It is free and completely confidential. Distance Ministry is available. Learn more at projectrachelalaska.com or call our confidential phone line, **297.7781**, or the National Hotline, **866.434.3344**.

New Website for the **Archdiocese**. The website for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau is <https://aoaj.org/>. Read the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's newspaper, **The North Star Catholic**, at <https://northstarcatholic.org/>.

Saint Anthony Parish Masses. The Parish would like to start having **Altar Servers** and **Hospitality Ministers** on all **Saturday** and **Sundays Masses**. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact the **Parish Office** for more information.

Saint Anthony Parish is looking for Parishioners who are interested in **servicing** 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.

Liturgical Ministers - January 15/16

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Alaska Native Community	Jim Bell
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Darcy Steger	Darcy Steger
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Jon Agosti	Ulalia Tafune Jacinta Peters Carol Lyons
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Elena Saturnino	Darrel Hess

Readings for Next Week's Masses

January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of the Prophet Isaiah
Isaiah 62:1 - 5 (66C)

SECOND READING

First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
1Corinthians 12:4 - 11

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John
John 2:1 - 11

Week at a Glance

Tuesday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Creative Circle – 1 PM
Wednesday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM <u>BULLETIN DEADLINE – 5 PM</u>
Thursday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Kateri Circle – 1 PM
Friday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7 PM
Saturday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Reconciliation - 4-5 PM Filipino Choir Practice - 5 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 7 PM

Question for the Week

Our baptism in Christ invites us to uphold
the life of each one in a dignified world.
Are we ready to uphold our part in a dignified world?

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.

Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Anjie Aspiras
Robert Beans
Daniel Brooks
Neddie Canete
Paul Cordasci
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
Paul Palinski
Mary Patania
Augustine Randt-Reidell
Randy Ribble
Jacob Rivera
Jaxson Rivera
Exaltacion Rolle
Josephine Skeete
Sol Maza Sipin
Josefina Torio
Elizabeth Varee
Richard Varee
Marisa Villanueva
Chris White

Collection - January 1/2,

Offertory - \$4,118
Building and Maintenance - \$266
Online Offering - \$1,120
Online Building and Maintenance - \$40

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated **986 pounds** of food in **December** and a total of **9,879 pounds** of food to **Saint Francis House** in all of 2021.

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**, 907.333.5544 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.