

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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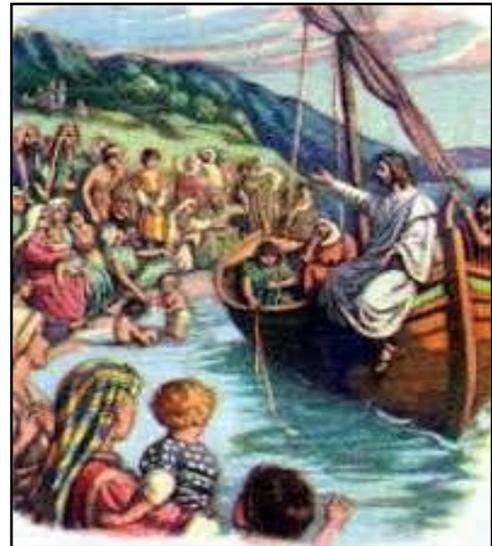
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Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
January 30, 2022

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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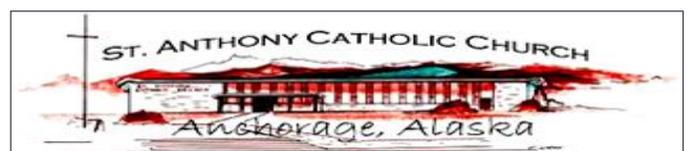
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

Mother Teresa of Calcutta recounts in one of her books her visit with some of her Sisters to an Aboriginal man in Australia. This man was living by himself and had no family. When the Sisters entered his house, they saw that it was in a terrible mess, filled with dust. This man was tired of living and was simply waiting for death. The Sisters cleaned his house. In the process of cleaning the house, they saw a very old lamp and asked him if they could clean the lamp and light it.

The man refused, saying, "For whom am I going to light the lamp; there is no light anymore in my life." Mother Teresa told him that if he let them clean the lamp and light it, she would make sure that the Sisters visited him regularly to share the love of God with him. The man agreed, and they cleaned the lamp and lit it and prayed and had a meal with him. Many years later, Mother Teresa received a letter from this man that simply said, "Dear Mother Teresa, I just want to tell you that the light you lit in my life is still burning."

Whenever I hear Saint Paul's hymn of love, that is, the Second Reading for this Sunday from 1 Corinthians 13: 4-13, I think of this testimony of Mother Teresa, and the ordinary and extraordinary acts of kindness and love that many of us show in our relationships with others. To love is to light the flame of life in another person. The fire of love that we are called to light in people's lives is the divine creative energy that gives them new life, new hope, new purpose, and a new inspiration and courage to believe and to live again.

There are so many people today whose lives are covered by the dust of pain and sorrow; and whose lives are messy like the home of this lonely brother in Australia. Can we be their light? It is our Christian calling to raise those who have fallen, to wipe away the tears from the eyes of those who are despairing, and to bring the light of Christ in a world that is filled with so many pockets of darkness in the brokenness and wounds of our pandemic times.

In the First Reading, Jeremiah receives his vocation from God. It is as if God was saying to the Prophet: "You Jeremiah must take up your vocation with courage and determination. I have given you a special mission in life. I have equipped you for this mission, so you have no excuse not to carry this mission out. So go out and fulfill the purpose of your life without being afraid."

Jesus in the Gospel begins His public ministry and faces opposition and rejection. Here, we find an all too human reality—the failure to clearly see the presence of God in others, the failure to recognize what God is doing in our lives, and the failure to see how God reveals the face of God's Son in the sufferings and pains of our brothers and sisters. Just like the crowd in the synagogue, sometimes we fail to recognize Jesus in the poor and we fail to see the great miracle that God is doing in our lives by keeping us going to this day in spite of ourselves. This is why we need to ask the Lord for the mysticism of open eyes so that we can see in our naked humanity today our broken lives that need to be mended through the kind of relationships that love alone can bring about.

We must realize that the most fundamental vocation and purpose of our lives as Christians is to love. However, love without sacrifice is empty, and love without pain is vain. Mother Teresa once said that humanity has cured so many incurable diseases, but one disease that afflicts humanity today is that there are many of our brothers and sisters who feel unwanted and unloved. May each and every one of us become God's light and hand in the world to touch a wounded soul and heal a broken heart through acts of kindness that flows from a deep place. May we remember the immortal words of Saint Therese of Lisieux: "My life is for a moment, I am only the breath of God. O, my God teach me that for loving you and loving my neighbor, I have only today for my life is only for a moment."

Father Stan Chu Ilo is a Priest of Awgu Diocese, Nigeria Research Professor of World Christianity and African Studies, Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University in Chicago. He has preached retreats and Facilitated spiritual renewal seminars for Parishes, Catholic groups, Clergy, and Religious in North America, Europe, and Africa

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.** If you or any of your family members are **feeling sick**, please **stay home** to keep us all well and safe.

There will be a **Second Collection** this **weekend, January 29/30**, for the **Archdiocesan Catholic Schools**. This collection supports Catholic Education in our Archdiocese. Thank you for your support of our schools.

On the **Feast Day of Saint Blaise of Sebaste**, Bishop and Martyr, **February 3**, there will be **blessing of the throat** during the **9 AM Mass**. On his **Feast Day**, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles.

The **Saint Anthony Parish Council** will have an in-person meeting next **Sunday, February 6, Noon** at the **Parish Hall**. All are welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing are required.

The **Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Council** will hold their **Regular Monthly Business Meeting**, next **Tuesday, February 8, 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.

Our **Holy Father Pope Francis** has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of her mission and looks toward the future. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

The **Parish Council** has tentatively scheduled the first series of **Synod Discussions Sessions** on **Friday, February 18** through **Sunday, February 20, Noon** at the **Parish Hall**. Each **session** lasting at least **one and a half hours** or longer. More discussion sessions can be scheduled if there are needed to capture all Parish comments. All these in person Discussion Sessions will require all attendees to wear mask and practice social distancing. Likewise, the Parish Council is planning to have a **Zoom Meeting - Synod Discussion Session** on

Tuesday, February 22, 6 - 8 PM for those who want to provide testimony remotely. Details and information on the Zoom Meeting regarding remote access will be provided when all the details are finalized.

A truly Synodal Church walks together, side by side, along the same road towards renewal in the Spirit and the good of all people.

Please join our Parish in this journey. Keep an eye open for the times and dates of our dialogue sessions and come and participate.

Consider one or more of the following themes when responding.

This document can be used as a worksheet as you prepare to share your response.

As a **Companion on the Journey**, are all of the people of God included?

Are we **Listening** to everyone, especially minorities, the vulnerable, people living on the margins and those who separate from the Church?

Speaking out, what enables or hinders speaking up courageously and responsibly in your local Church?

Celebration, how should the Church promote active participation of all the faithful in Mass?

Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission, how do we ensure the various Social Ministries of the Church are active and supported by all of the faithful?

Dialogue in Church and Society, what particular issues in the Church and society need more attention.

Ecumenism, how can the Church Community relate with members of other Christian traditions and denomination?

Authority and Participation, how is authority exercised within our local Church? How are lay ministers promoted and lay people encouraged as co-responsible members?

Discerning and Deciding, how does the Church make decisions and how can it be improved to include to promote transparency and accountability?

Forming Ourselves in Synodality, how do we form people to be more capable of walking together, listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?

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**.

Let us all **respect** our **beautiful Church**. We are blessed by God with a wonderful place to gather and worship. Sometimes, our younger members are tempted to eat or drink in the Sanctuary where we celebrate Mass and honor God. **This is not appropriate**. When this happens, bits of food and trash are left, and this does not show our respect for our Church. **Please keep any food, drink, and trash out of the Sanctuary**. Your cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.

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.

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

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (RCIA) meets every **Sunday, 9:30 AM** in the **Faith Formation Center**. Sessions 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. 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: **Size 6 diapers, paper towels, and face towels**. 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**. Currently, these are the items needed: **pressure cookers, pack and plays, new towels, baking sheets, end tables, coffee tables, lamps, and garbage bags**. 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/>.

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**, jfnicely61@yahoo.com.

Liturgical Ministers - February 5/6	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa Van Haastert	Jim Bell
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Pat Lizama	Sister Yoshi Takaoka
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Jill Popoalii	Carol Lyons Tim VanGelderren Annabelle Candelaria
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Mimi LaFlamme	Nicky Van Hoey

Readings for Next Week's Masses
February 6, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
FIRST READING
 Book of the Prophet Isaiah
 Isaiah 6:1 - 2a, 3 - 8 (75C)
SECOND READING
 First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
 1Corinthians 15:1 - 11:13 or 15:3 - 8, 11
GOSPEL
 The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke
 Luke 5:1 - 11

Week at a Glance	
Tuesday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Creative Circle – 9:30 AM
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 Samoan Divine Mercy Group Prayer Meeting - 10:30 AM Reconciliation - 4-5 PM Filipino Choir Practice - 5 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 7 PM

Thought for the Week
 Love without sacrifice is empty,
 and love without pain is vain.

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	
"Bill" Robert Beans Daniel Brooks Neddie Canete Mary Jo Cunniff 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 Angela Ribuffo Jacob Rivera Jaxson Rivera Exaltacion Rolle Josephine Skeete Josefina Torio Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White Bart Whitecotton

Collection - January 15/16

Offertory - \$4,813
 Building and Maintenance - \$80
 Online Offering - \$1,695
 Catholic Schools - \$30

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