

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Lent March 20, 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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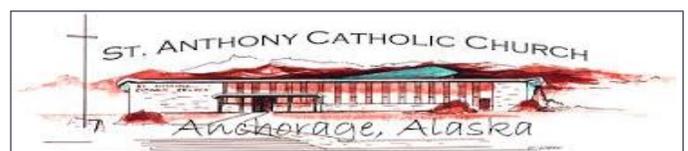
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

Continue the Next Chapter

Our Gospel today did not exactly have an ending. Jesus' parable closes with the gardener bargaining with the fig tree owner to let him keep the fig tree for just another year, to see if it bears fruit or not. We as listeners do not ever learn whether the fig tree owner said yes to this request, or what happened to the fig tree. The story ends just there.

The rest of our Readings this Sunday are a lot less ambiguous, or so it seems. As typical of Lenten readings, our Reading from 1 Corinthians and the first part of our Gospel from Luke speaks of calls to repentance, interlaced with threats of destruction. But the roots and reason for our repentance is always God's mercy, as our First Reading beautifully reminds us of God's liberating mercy shown to Moses and the Israelites in the burning bush. In times of enslavement and despair, God reveals Godself to the people of Israel, and promises them that God has witnessed the affliction of God's people. Just as God is merciful to those who suffer, we too are called to repent from our indifferences and wrongdoings, especially from the ways that our actions harm the lives of others.

The choice that God offers us, at each moment, is not the stark choice between repenting and perishing. Rather, God calls each of us by name, just like God had called Moses, to a unique vocation to become and receive mercy. And God gives us that freedom to say yes to these daily vocations of mercy. God calls us to find the holy grounds where God is revealed in our lives—whether in our devotional practices, in church spaces, in our service to the poor, and in our care for the earth. Our Lenten call to repentance is never a threat of destruction, but a call to return to God's mercy.

The parable of the fig tree today doesn't have a clear ending because God is giving us a choice and a voice to continue to write the next chapter of God's story of mercy. Jesus is telling us that our lives, too, may have times where everything seems dull and slow, and we may not feel like our faith is bearing fruit or that God is near. Jesus reminds us that those times are never the end. In those times, God nourishes us with mercy and waits for us patiently. Our stories, just like the story of the fig tree, is also not over. And the next chapter of our stories can always be rewritten whenever we say, once again, yes to God's mercy.

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Thoughts for this Week

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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.

Thank you to everyone for diligently following our health and safety protocols during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our community is continuing to experience an encouraging downward trend in Covid-19 cases in our community. As a result, **effective immediately, face covering** will be **optional** while **attending Mass and other events** here at Saint Anthony. However, if you are or any of your family member is feeling sick, please stay home.

During the **Lenten Season**, Saint Anthony will have a "**Burden Bowl**" at the Altar during all the Masses. We are inviting all Parishioners to list your burdens on slips on the table in the Church Entry. Our Parishioners will pray for those intentions and concerns over the Lenten Season.

There will be a **second collection** next weekend, **March 27**, for the coming **Black and Indian Missions**. The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Thank you for your generous support.

Saint Anthony's Parishioners donated **523 pounds of food** to the **Saint Francis Food Pantry** during month of **February**. Thanks for your continued support.

The **Legion of Mary** will hold its **Annual "Acies"** next **Saturday, March 26, 11 AM** in **Holy Cross Parish**. All are welcome to this **prayer service** in which participants entrust themselves to Mary's motherly intercession. Reception following the prayer service.

With the on-going pandemic, Saint Anthony lost a lot of members of various Ministries. The **Liturgical Committee** would like re-energized these **Ministries** once again. We invite all past members and volunteers to consider to re-enlist in their favorite Ministries. We are trying to recruit **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Home Eucharist Ministers, Sacristans, Cantors, and Choir Members**. The Lenten Season is a good time to start volunteering for these positions. If you would like to participate in the revitalization of these Ministries, please contact the **Parish Office**.

There will be a **Lenten Penance Service** on **Tuesday, April 5, 7 PM** at Saint Anthony's Parish Church.

Early notice for **rehearsals** for **Easter Triduum**. All **singers** need to attend both **rehearsals** for the **Vigil Choir** scheduled for **April 6 and 13, 6 PM**. All **participants**, which is, **all lectors, servers, foot washers, musicians,**

passion play actors - everyone participating, for the following masses need to attend the following rehearsals for their particular Masses; **Good Friday Rehearsal - April 13, 5 PM, Holy Thursday Rehearsal, April 13, 6 PM, Easter Vigil Rehearsal - April 13, 7 PM.** Please make sure you arrive at the appropriate time. Mark your calendars now, more details to follow.

Forty Days of Lent Food Drive. To help drive us toward our goal of 40,000-pounds of food, we are hosting a **friendly competition** to see which group donates the most food over the forty (40) days of Lent! Drop donations off at 3710 E. 20th Avenue, Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM. Current standings are **Saint Anthony's: 892 pounds**, Saint Andrew's: 797 pounds, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Knight of Columbus: 493 pounds, Saint Patrick's: 257 pounds, Holy Cross Catholic Church: 132 pounds, Holy Family, Knights of Columbus: 110 pounds, Saint Patrick's: 30 pounds, Other: 311 pounds, **TOTAL: 2,765 pounds.** If you have any questions, reach out to **Molly Cornish, mcornish@cssalaska.org, 907.310.7190.** Please only donate unopened, individually packaged food items.

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.** The drawing for the winning ticket will be on **May 1.** 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 **Knights of Columbus** are excited to announce a new **Ministry** in support of the **Community Pregnancy Center (CPC)**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to offering **resources and support to help parents choose Abundant Life** for their families. Current needs include **baby clothing, size 3T, 4T, and 5T, strollers, highchairs, diapers, size 4, 5, 6 and 5T pull-ups, and baby wipes.** Please no broken, dirty, or damaged items. **CPC** cannot accept used car seats, cribs, or breast pumps. Financial donations are also accepted.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs the following items: **pasta noodles, macaroni and cheese, towels, dishes, pots, and pans.** 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 E20th Avenue.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, **CH** needs the following items: **paper towels, toilet paper, liquid detergent, and fabric softener.** **CH** provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together.

Clare House (CH) Meals Team. We need a volunteer or group who can bring dinner to **CH** on the Fourth Monday of every month. Dinner would need to be able to feed forty (40) people - women and children. Reach out to **Molly Cornish**, if you are interested or have any questions email **mcornish@cssalaska.org.**

Refugee Assistance and Information Service (RAIS) is requesting for the refugees - **garbage bags, shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent, hand soap, toilet paper, and gift cards from Fred Meyers and Walmart.** Please contact **Kelly Mullin, kmullin@cssalaska.org.** Thank you for your generosity!

The **Brother Francis Shelter (BFS) Medical Respite Program** is looking for **tickets** to the **Alaska Zoo** for our guests in recovery. If your Parish or Group would like to help out, please contact **Raeshawndra, rjett@cssalaska.org.**

Book Drive for Brother Francis Shelter (BFS). The guests at BFS have requested National Geographics, comic books, graphic novels, all types of novels, sci-fi, mystery and romance too! Magazines would be a great addition to the BFS Library as well. Please help us meet our goal of 500 books by dropping off books at the Catholic Social Services (CSS), Main Center, 3710 E 20th Anchorage.

Saint Therese's Camp offers a week-long residential **Camp Summer 2022** registration is open! If you have already registered your child for summer camp, thank you. We look forward to hosting your child or children! If you have not, we encourage you to click on **<https://sainttheresescamp.regfox.com/summer-camp-registration-2022>** and register today. **Spaces are filling up.** The registration rates are **\$364 for Grades 3-8** and **\$380 for High School.** The High School Campers will go on a half-day rafting trip! The girls' section of High School is already full, but girls can register for the wait-list. There is still space for boys! Campers who **register before May 10** will get a **free t-shirt!** We do have **scholarship funds available;** contact **Rudy, 907.232.2066** or **campdirector@stthereseak.com** for details. Camp weeks: **June 12-17, June 19-24, June 26-July 1, High School Week, July 10-15, July 17-22, and July 24-29.**

The **Summer 2022 T-Shirts** are live. Parents and not-yet-camping siblings can get them! Campers registered before May 11 get a free t-shirt. For others who want a shirt or sweatshirt, contact **Rudy at 907.232.2066** or **campdirector@stthereseak.com** to order. **T-shirts** are **\$13** and **sweatshirts** are **\$20**, slightly higher prices for XL shirts and XXL sweatshirts. Ordering ends **May 11**, so that we can send the order to the print shop and get your shirts to you when you pick up your camper this summer.

Saint Anthony's Local Organizing Ministry (LOM) will host another book club employing ZOOM in **early May.** Are you interested in reading "**The Raft is not the Shore: Conversations Toward a Buddhist-Christian Awareness**" by Thich Nhat Hanh, a Buddhist spiritual leader and Daniel Berrigan, a Jesuit Priest? Their conversational dialogue from the Vietnam War era is relevant today. All are welcome. To help us gauge interest, please text, call, or email **Greg Hayward** for more information or to express interest, **gghayalaska@gmail.com** or **307.460.8690.**

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential compassionate help is available. Visit **Hope-AfterAbortion.org.**



Liturgical Ministers - March 26/27	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa Branch	Carol Lyons
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Stephanie O'Connor	Sister Yoshi Takaoka
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Samoan Community	Taiye Ulofoshio Sandy Foreman Mary Lu LaVine
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Elena Saturnino	Pat Petrivelli

Readings for Next Week's Masses
March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent
FIRST READING
 Book of Joshua
 Joshua 5:9a, 10 - 12 (33C)
SECOND READING
 Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
 2 Corinthians 5:17 - 21
GOSPEL
 The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke
 Luke 15:1 - 3, 11 - 32

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 BULLETIN DEADLINE – 5 PM
Thursday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Kateri Circle – 1 PM
Friday	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Stations of the Cross - 7 PM 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

The Saint Anthony Parish Hall and Conference Rooms are **unavailable** until further notice. Please contact the **Parish Office** for details.

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	
Robert Beans Emelia Beliveau Daniel Brooks Neddie Canete Belen Comilang Mary Jo Cunniff Paul Cordasci Nan Dietz Robert L. Edwards Jim Egan Ina Emmett Father Luz Flores Patricia Garrett Donna Gum David Hollingsworth Frank Javier Jerome Karella Erika Kelly Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Alexine Leach Sophia Lee Joyce Lightner Teresita Lolesio	Darlene Lord Bill Mueller Bobby Nickarz Christopher Nickarz Dee Olin Conchita Pal-Byas Paul Palinski Mary Patania Carol Plancich Augustine Randt-Reidell Randy Ribble Angela Ribuffo Jacob Rivera Jaxson Rivera Exaltacion Rolle Anabella Santana Josephine Skeete Angie Sipin Josefina Torio Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White Bart Whitecotton

Collection - March 12/13

Offertory - \$5,506
 Building and Maintenance - \$100
 Catholic Relief Services - \$90
 Church Central/Eastern Europe/Russian - \$100
 Online Offering - \$1,420
 Online Building and Maintenance - \$185
 Online CRS Rice Bowl - \$100

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.