

# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 10, 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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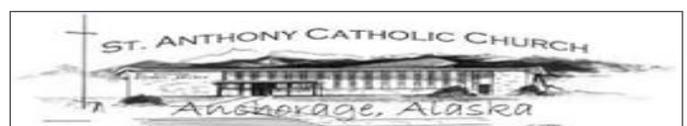
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*All are welcome!*



## Reflection for the Week

### Be not afraid of the Cross

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The crowds greeted Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with joyful enthusiasm. A few days later some of those people were undoubtedly part of the hate-filled crowd screaming "CRUCIFY HIM!" Peter, who promised Jesus that he would never betray him, does so just hours later. How can something so wonderful take such an ugly turn? How does that happen in our world, lives, and hearts? How can it get so bad so quickly?

It is not easy to be a hero, or to stand alone. It is not easy to do what is right when doing what is right is not popular. It is easier to go along with the crowd. When they shout, "Hosanna", we shout "Hosanna!" When they scream, "Crucify him", we scream "Crucify him!" The history of the Church, from Jesus to the present moment, is filled with the witness of Saints and Martyrs who did not accept the social and personal sins of their times as just "the ways things are" but instead followed the way of Jesus, even knowing it was the way of the cross. Sadly, many of us are too easily swept into the fear and hatred of the crowd, and willing to unleash our wrath on the most convenient innocent victim.

Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who came to speak a word to the weary, who did not shield His face from buffets and spitting, who emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, who was obedient unto death—this is our Lord, who we are to follow no matter where He leads, no matter how difficult the path.

However, our discipleship of Christ is not a call to accept abuse, whether physical, spiritual, or psychological, nor to believe we are being Christ-like in doing so. It is a call to speak out against abuse and stand with those who are abused. This is the way of the Cross, the way of Christ. But be not afraid, for we will not be disgraced or put to shame, for God is our help, Jesus our Lord, and the Holy Spirit our power – the power of love, not violence.

Perhaps we began this Lent with a firm commitment to pray more deeply, fast more faithfully, give alms more generously. But as the weeks went by prayer, fasting, and alms giving became less appealing than arguing with one another about who among us is the greatest. Whose country is the greatest, whose politics, whose candidate, whose policies, whose ideologies.

There is still war. There are still refugees. There is still racism. The poor, we still have with us. But because Jesus' name is above every other name, because we bend our knee before Him and confess Him as our Lord, we will be obedient to Him. We will carry the cross that Jesus that has given us. We must never go along with the violent angry crowd. We are not abandoned or afraid. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Father Paul Keller, C.M.F.

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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.

**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 be praying for those intentions and concerns over the Lenten Season.

Please join us for **coffee and doughnuts** after the **8:30 and 10:30 AM, Sunday Masses**.

The **Saint Anthony Parish Council** will have an in-person meeting this **Sunday, April 10, Noon** at the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend. Masks and social distancing are optional.

The **Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Council** will hold their **Regular Monthly Business Meeting**, this **Tuesday, April 12, 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.

Saint Anthony will be **decorating** the Church with **Easter Lilies** and other **Flowering Plants** for the Easter celebration. Parishioners, who will be bringing plants, can start bringing them on **April 13, 8 AM** through **April 16, 9 AM**. **Decorating** the Church for Easter Sunday will start on **Black Saturday, April 16, 9 AM**. All are welcome to help decorate our Church. Thank you for continuing support in making our Church festive for the Easter Holiday.

**Good Friday Walk.** For those joining the walk from Saint Anthony. All Saint Anthony walkers will start at **8:30 AM, April 15** and **conclude** at the **Town Square / Alaska Center for the Performing Arts** at **11:15 AM**. The entire group will pray the last three (3) Stations of the Cross together. See you there. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** Please join us for the next Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast for those delicious pancakes, scrumptious sausages, coffee, and juices after the **8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses** on **Easter Sunday, April 17**. This month's pancake event is jointly sponsored by **Norma Nickarz** and **Darcy Steger**. All are welcome for delicious food and great fellowship.

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 Min-**

sters, Sacristans, Cantors, and Choir Members. This 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**.

**Rehearsals notice for Easter Triduum.** All singers need to attend both rehearsals for the Vigil Choir scheduled for **April 13, 6 PM.** All participants, which includes all lectors, servers, foot washers, musicians, passion play actors - anyone and everyone participating, for the following masses need to attend the following rehearsals for their particular Masses; **Good Friday Rehearsal - April 12, 6 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.

**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. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM. Current standings are Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Knight of Columbus: 2,268 pounds, **Saint Anthony's: 2,186 pounds**, Saint Andrew's: 1,815 pounds, Saint Benedict's: 1,074 pounds, Holy Family Knights of Columbus: 619 pounds, Saint Patrick's: 561 pounds, Holy Cross Catholic Church: 294 pounds, Other: 704 pounds, **TOTAL: 9,521 pounds.** If you have any questions, reach out to **Molly Cornish, [mcornish@cssalaska.org](mailto:mcornish@cssalaska.org), 907.310.7190.** Please only donate unopened, individually packaged food items.

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling tickets for their **21<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Catholic Social Services (CSS)** needs the following items: **towels, 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 E20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Clare House (CH)** needs a variety of different donations. Currently, **CH** needs the following items: **black trash bags, white trash bags, Clorox wipes, liquid detergent, and Pine Sol or Fabuloso.** 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](mailto:mcornish@cssalaska.org).**

**Refugee Assistance and Information Service (RAIS)** is requesting for the refugees - **vacuum cleaners and blenders.** Please contact **Kelly Mullin, [kmullin@cssalaska.org](mailto:kmullin@cssalaska.org).** Thank you for your generosity!

The **Genesis Retreat in May** is our latest effort to strengthen retreatants and campers as they bring their faith to bear on the next phase of their lives.

**Genesis** is aimed at **18-35-year-olds** and takes **Theology of the Body** as its topic. Presentations include an **introduction to Theology of the Body, Bioethics, and Catholic Decision Making,** pitfalls to avoid in **preparing for a healthy marriage,** and an outline of **Natural Family Planning.**

As these topics indicate, **Genesis** will provide information and perspectives on issues related to Theology of the Body that are relevant to our community's young adults. Our intention is to give reliable, faith-informed guidance so that young people can make faith-filled and fulfilling decisions as they enter adulthood. In so doing, their relationship with God and others will stay on a holy and satisfying trajectory. This retreat will also offer young adults the opportunity to have time with the Lord, surrounded by others in fellowship.

If you or a young person in your home are in our target audience and are interested, please come on **May 13-15, Saint Therese's Camp. Cost: \$99** before Easter Sunday, **\$109** after Easter Sunday. Contact **Maddie Stoffel, Genesis Organizer, 651.500.5620** for more information. Thank you, God bless you, and see you at Genesis!

**Camp is filling up,** Register soon, camp is **84% full.** If you have registered your child for **Summer Camp 2022,** thank you! We look forward to leading them through a week of fun, faith, and friends.

If you have not yet registered your child but are planning to, I encourage you to do it soon. Just this morning, five (5) children signed up, and the number of available spots is down to **fifty-three (53).** It is our experience that registrations come in batches; siblings from the same family or children and parents from different families communicate with each other and decide what week they want to send their children, and then they register en masse. fifty-three (53) spots remain now, but that number could fall steeply and without warning.

If you are eager to send your child or children to camp but finances are a bit tight, please contact **Rudy, 907.232.2066, [campdirector@stthereseak.com](mailto:campdirector@stthereseak.com).** We do have financial aid and we can work something out.

**Summer 2022 T-Shirts.** 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, 907.232.2066** or **[campdirector@stthereseak.com](mailto: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.

The **Parish Office** continues to refresh 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.

### Thoughts for this Week

This is our Lord, who we are to follow no matter where He leads, no matter how difficult the path.

Liturgical Ministers - April 16/17	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday – 5:30 PM</b>	
Ryon Yamat Darcy Steger Katherine Pili Melissa Branch Imelda Vilorio	Mary Snowball Nicky Van Hoey Maria Darci Smith
<b>Sunday – 8:30 AM</b>	
Pat Lizama	Sister Yoshi Takaoka Minerva Roldan Darcy Steger
<b>Sunday – 10:30 AM</b>	
Ulalia Tafune	Taiye Ulofoshio Carol Lyons Tim Van Gelderen
<b>Sunday – 5:30 PM</b>	
Angeli Corcino	Darrell Hess Mimi Laflamme

Readings for Next Week's Masses	
April 17, 2022	
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
<b>FIRST READING</b>	
Book of Acts of the Apostles Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43 (42ABC)	
<b>SECOND READING</b>	
Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians Colossians 3:1 - 4	
<b>GOSPEL</b>	
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John John 20:1 - 9	

Week at a Glance	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Creative Circle – 9:30 AM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM <b><u>BULLETIN DEADLINE – 5 PM</u></b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Kateri Circle – 1 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Recitation of the Rosary - 8:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	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

**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	
Robert Beans Emelia Beliveau Daniel Brooks Neddie Canete Melissa Cuniff 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 Joe Reloza Randy Ribble Angela Ribuffo Jacob Rivera Jaxson Rivera Exaltacion Rolle Josephine Skeete Angie Sipin Josefina Torio Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White Bart Whitecotton

**Collection - April 3/4**

Offertory - \$5,447  
Building and Maintenance - \$225  
Catholic Home Mission - \$20  
CRS Rice Bowl - \$5  
Online Offering - \$1,025  
Online Building and Maintenance - \$40  
Online CRS Rice Bowl - \$25

**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](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.