

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 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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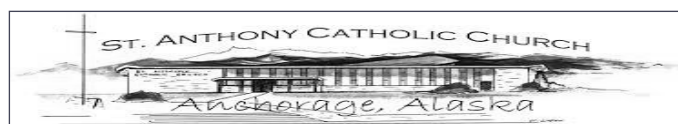
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

Reflection - Showing up for God in prayer.

I have always been drawn to meditative forms of prayer. I prayed the Rosary every night when I was going through the RCIA program in my early twenties. And when I discovered the Angelus prayer, I began to pray it in the morning, afternoon, and evening. I continued to explore the forms of meditative prayer our tradition offers, but over time, I grew tired of these prayers. I lost that feeling of connectedness to God—that feeling of knowing that God is there and listening. I kept trying to do something to get that feeling back. Eventually, it seemed there was nothing I could do, so I stopped trying.

Even though I stopped trying to reach God, God did not stop trying to reach me. At times, I would feel a sudden and strong urge to pray. But I either ignored it or put it off until I did not feel it anymore. This tug-of-war with the Holy Spirit continued for a few years until my friend recommended me to a spiritual director, who helped me understand that I did not grow tired of prayer because God was not meeting me anymore; I grew tired of it because it was time to engage with God in prayer in a different way. Instead of choosing to grow in my prayer life, I gave up on it because I could not control it anymore. Perhaps if I had remained persistent in prayer, I would have realized that all I needed to do was to show up consistently and let God guide me.

Today's readings highlight the importance of persistent prayer. Although Abraham is depicted as having a direct conversation with God, the story can be thought of as a lesson on prayer. Abraham is hesitant to confront God repeatedly but chooses to do so anyway. He remains persistent in his desire to reach God and ends up successful in his mission. In the Gospel, Jesus gives the disciples a set prayer for when they are at a loss for words. He then follows with a parable demonstrating the importance of perseverance in prayer. In this parable, Jesus does not delineate any special action or words that need to be recited when praying. What He highlights is the man's persistence, even when His friend was stubborn.

We may not always feel "in the mood" to pray. The desire to pray will come and go, as will our awareness of God's presence with us. But God is consistently at our sides whether we feel it or not. And remaining persistent in our prayer lives helps us to remember God's presence in our lives and keeps us open to seeing it. There are many ways to pray, but there is nothing special we really need to do to pray. Praying is about listening and giving up control to God. God is always waiting for us to come to him. All we need to do is show up and show up consistently.

Kate Oxsen

Assistant Professor of Old Testament Studies
Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.
Taken from uscatholic.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.

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

Sunday Doughnuts. Please join us after the **8:30 and 10:30 AM Sunday Mass** for coffee and doughnuts. Enjoy the food and the fellowship that follows.

The **Annual Campaign – United in Mission – Disciples: Be One, Make One**. As of **Week 11**, ending on **July 20**, **Saint Anthony Parish** has contributed **\$9,860**, **22.61%** of our goal of **\$43,607.43**. Thank you for generous support of this Annual Appeal.

Saint Anthony's Parishioners donated **345** pounds of food to the **Saint Francis Food Pantry** during month of **June**. Thanks for your continued support.

Cardinal Quebedo Emeritus from the Archdiocese of Cotabato, Philippines be here to celebrate a **Mass on 2 PM, Sunday, July 31**. Potluck reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Saint Anthony Yard Sale will on **Saturday, August 13, 9 AM - 5 PM**, . Set up on **7 - 9 AM**, Tables \$25 each. Food sponsored by the Knight of Columbus. To purchase a table or for additional information, contact the **Parish Office, 907.333.5544** or by email office@stanthonyak.org.

Parish Hall Annual Cleaning. Parish Hall will be closed on **August 15 - 19**. There will be no events scheduled during the cleaning.

Saint Anthony Parish is resuming the monthly **Baptism Classes, every first Sunday** of the month, **9:45 AM** at the **Faith Formation Building**. The **August Baptism Class** will be moved from **August 7** to **August 14**, no change on time and location. These are required classes for the parents to have their children baptized. Please contact [Jaime Karns](#), 907.337.0088 or the Parish Office to sign up for these classes.

Altar Server Training for Sunday 5:30 PM Mass. Inviting young adults who had their First Eucharist and are interested in the **Ministry of Altar Serving**

to come to the Altar Servers Training at Saint Anthony, **August 7, 4:30 PM**. **Mila Aldana** will lead the training for the Altar Servers.

Please join us for an exciting **Bible Study Program** right here at Saint Anthony's! This program is packed full of information that will help you read, understand, and navigate the Bible. We will gather in the large meeting room in the **Faith Formation Building**. There is no cost for this, and all are welcome! Contact **Darcy Steger**, **907.341.9627**, or **darcysteger@gmail.com** for details or more information.

Saint Anthony Parish is looking for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. Are you at least sixteen (16) years old, baptized, confirmed, and in good standing with the Catholic Church? You may want to consider being a Eucharistic Minister. There will be a **training session** soon for interested folks. For additional information, please contact **Sandy Foreman**, **907.952.5251**.

The **Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Council** has a great need for new Knights to join their Council. They are looking for **men, eighteen (18) years or older, of good standing with the Church**. If interested, please contact **John Nicely**, **907.201.5454** or any Knight after the Mass.

Holiday Bazaar Organizational Meeting: August 7, 9:30 AM, Parish Hall. Important Dates: Set up in Parish Hall, November 11 until 8 PM, **Bazaar** will start at **9 AM - 4 PM, November 12 in Parish Hall**.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **diapers size 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, and paper towels**. CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together.

Brother Francis Shelter (BFS) is starting their **Wellness Wednesdays** in the next few weeks and needs the following supplies **garden supplies - plants, pots, and all garden tools, book shelves, easels, paint brushes, paint trays, paper, fishing supplies - fishing rods, tackle boxes, etc., popcorn machine, and tickets for the Alaska Zoo**. Donations can be delivered to the shelter at 1021 E 3rd Avenue, seven days a week.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Complex Care Facility (CCF) is located at **303 West Fireweed Lane**. The facility serves up to eighty-three (83) guests at any one time. It provides a private, stable place for guests to stay while they complete assessments and are connected with benefits and resources to support their path toward permanent

housing. Currently, the **CCF** needs the following items: **sweatshirts, sweatpants, new adult underwear and socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, and conditioner**. Donations can be delivered to **Catholic Social Services, 3710 East 20th**.

The most **immediate need** at **Complex Care Facility (CCF)** is **food**. Would you be willing to help support their mission by donating **individually packaged snacks, fruit, or baked goods**. Donations can be delivered to the **CCF, 303 West Fireweed Lane, Monday-Friday from 9 AM - 4 PM**.

Grow North Farms is open! Starting last Thursday, June 30, the farm stands sales are open with **fresh-picked veggies for sale by Grow North Farm Businesses and FIG Program Participants Monday-Friday, from 4 - 7 PM**. Each **Thursday** will feature a **rotating menu of global cuisine** prepared fresh by Grow North Farm Business Owners!

Rain, Rain, Go AWAY! The Framers at **Fresh International Gardens (FIG)** have been working away in this refreshing rain, but it is cold! The FIG program needs **rain gear: 15 - 20 women's jackets, sizes small, medium, or large; 10 - 15 kid's jackets, ages 0 - 6, mostly 2 - 4-year-olds; 2 men's jackets, size large; rain boots and socks; 15 pairs women's, sizes 5 - 8; and 1 pair men, size 9.5**. These donations can be delivered to the **RAIS Welcome Center, 4135 San Roberto Avenue, on Monday-Friday between 9 AM - 4 PM**. Thank you for your support.

Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) is looking for **RAIS** currently needs **bicycle locks, yarn, and needles**. Please drop them off with **Dwayne or Kelly at Catholic Social Services (CSS), Main Center, 3710 E 20th** or with **Katie at the RAIS Welcome Center**. Thanks for continued support.

Homeless Family Services (HFS) has a client who recently began working! A **bike and helmet** would make his commute more manageable. If you have any questions or would like to donate a bike, please contact **Kelly Mullin, kmullin@cssalaska.org**.

Friends of Catholic Social Services (CSS). There are only five short weeks of summer left for Anchorage School District students and **CSS** would like to help provide families in need with **school supplies**. Please contact **Kelly Mullin, kmullin@cssalaska.org** to sign up to support children in **Homeless Family Services (HFS)**.

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.

Liturgical Ministers - July 30/31

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa van Haastert	Francine Bolewicz
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Marci Sablan	Sister Yoshi Takaoka
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Samoan Community	Mary Lu LaVine Annabelle Candelaria Ulalia Tafune
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Ryon Yamat	Mimi Laflamme

Readings for Next Week's Masses

July 31, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 (114c)

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 3: 1-5, 9 - 11

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Luke 12: 13 - 21

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

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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

Lisa Alleva Robert Beans Emelia Beliveau Robert "Bob" Branch Sr. Daniel Brooks Brynn Coon Paul Cordasci Nan Dietz Robert L. Edwards Erlinda Fleming Patricia Garrett Donna Gum David Hollingsworth Frank Javier Jerome Karella Erika Kelly Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Alexine Leach Sophia Lee Joyce Lightner	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 Josephine Skeete Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White Bart Whitecotton
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Collection - July 16/17

Offertory - \$4,801

Building and Maintenance - \$360

Online Offering - \$485

Online Building and Maintenance - \$100

Outreach–Special Collection - \$353

Catholic Communication Campaign/Catholic Anchor <Northstar Catholic>
Catholic University of America - distributed 33% each

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 now **available** for Parishioners to use. Please contact the **Parish Office** for details.