

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 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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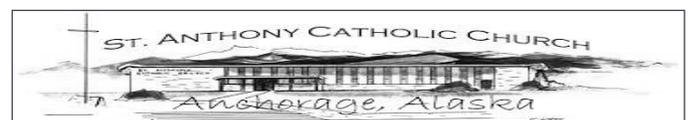
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

Reflection: God's salvation is free and inclusive, but not cheap.

The question of inclusion and exclusion is a perennial human problem which has become important in recent times. The growing climate of nationalist populism, with such ideological goals as isolationism, nativism, anti-immigration, anti-Blackness, anti-Semitism, and related sentiments is a reality that has characterized many political movements today, especially in the West. Underlying all nationalist movements is the basic principle of inclusion of some, the "we," those who belong, and the exclusion of "others," those who do not have the right to belong.

In the First and Third Readings, we are confronted with the same question of inclusion and exclusion. However, unlike the nationalist political climate of our time, the Readings speak about God's eternal plan to include all people, especially those without rights in the family of God's redeemed people. The First Reading from Isaiah envisions a time when all nations will share in God's kingdom and have access to God's saving grace. The text alludes to a future when the Israelites and the Gentiles will form one community, and all will participate in one worship of God. God will even select the Gentiles, those who were formally excluded from membership within God's people to become priests and Levites. In this Reading, we see a picture of an inclusive and equal community of God's people where nationalism and race distinction no longer hold sway. Here we see the free and inclusive nature of God's gift of salvation.

The Gospel Reading further buttresses the message of the first reading but goes beyond it. It stresses the free gift of membership into the community and God's salvation. We hear that many people will come from the four corners of the world and "eat in the kingdom of God." But Jesus also admonishes against any feeling of entitlement to the kingdom. In fact, he contrasts those who feel they have a right to God's kingdom, and those who actually enter the kingdom. In this passage Jesus emphasizes that while salvation is gift of God, human response through obedience to God is required. This point is accentuated with the imagery of the narrow door. Here Jesus deploys the athletic or martial imagery: "strive," or "fight," a term usually used in the Hellenistic world to reference the exercise of virtue, underscores this human response. God's gift of salvation is free but not cheap. The passage also speaks of the urgency to accept God's invitation now since the narrow door will not remain indefinitely open.

In the reading from Hebrews, the author stresses the importance of discipline and obedience in the formation of God's people. The heavenly race will not be an easy one. We are reminded of God's discipline and training. God will train us how to walk through the narrow door proposed by Jesus. This training will be painful, but the goal is to guide us through the right path. These readings invite us to accept God's training towards inclusivity and acceptance of "others" especially the socially excluded in our midst.

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Taken from us catholic.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.

SYNOD UPDATE. As the Diocesan Phase of the Synod process closes and moves to the Regional and International Phases **Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M.** will release the **Synod Report** for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. This report will be available on the Archdiocese's website, www.aoaj.org.

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

There will be **no Daily Mass** on **August 23, 24, and 26** due to funeral schedules and Staff Schedule conflicts. We apologize for the inconvenience.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Please join us for the **Knights of Columbus Monthly Pancake Breakfast** for those delicious pancakes, scrumptious sausages, fresh coffee, and juices after the **8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses** this **Sunday, August 21**. All are welcome to join the fellowship that follows.

The **Annual Campaign – United in Mission – Disciples: Be One, Make One.** As of **Week 15**, ending on **August 15**, **Saint Anthony Parish** has contributed **\$21,175**, which is **48.6%** of our goal of **\$43,607.43**. Thank you for generous support of this Annual Appeal.

There will be a **Second Collection** this **Sunday, August 21** for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia**. The **Mission to Magadan, Russia** will receive **50%** of the collection.

Saint Anthony's Parishioners donated **521** pounds of food to the **Saint Francis Food Pantry** during month of **July**. Thanks for your continued support.

The next monthly **Baptism Classes** is scheduled **every first Sunday** of the month, **9:45 AM** at the **Faith Formation Building**. The **September Baptism Class** will be rescheduled from **September 4** to **11**. 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.

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** 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.

The **Salvation Army** is managing donations from the Community for the **Centennial Campground** and are accepting monetary donations for this effort. Parks and Rec will continue to provide security and a team of on-site staff to ensure continued cooperation with the Municipality. If you would like to make a financial donation to the efforts at Centennial Campground, please visit **<https://give-ak.salvationarmy.org/centennialcampgroundfund>**. If you would like to donate goods, please see the list above. If you are interested in volunteering at the campground with The Salvation Army, please visit our volunteer information page. We appreciate all who want to help and ask that you please direct any inquiries to **ak.communications@usw.salvationarmy.org**. Goods currently needed include **battery operated handheld lamps or flashlights, rain ponchos, new or gently used sweatshirts and sweatpants, new or gently used boots or tennis shoes, bus passes, gas cards, and camping mats-under sleeping bag, tents**. Our in-kind donation drop-off location - The Salvation Army Safe Campus McKinnell House, 1712 A Street.

The **Brother Francis Shelter (BFS)** needs the following items; **individually wrapped snacks: granola bars, fruit bars, fruit snacks, cheese, crackers, individually wrapped, cream of wheat, oatmeal, fruits, vegetables, candies, baked goods, juice, and milk**. These items can be dropped off at **1021 E 3rd Avenue**, 7 days a week, 9 AM - 7 PM.

Saint Francis House (SFH) needs **canned vegetables and individually wrapped snacks**. These items can be dropped off at **3710 E 20th Avenue**, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM.

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

With a **generous gift** from **Doyon, Clare House (CH)** received **all new bunk beds!** Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been helping assemble the heavy-duty beds! You are helping provide a safe place for moms and kids to sleep at night at **CH**. Would you like to bring a group to **CH** to build bunk beds? Please contact **Kelly Mullin**, **kmullin@cssalaska.org** for more information.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Complex Care Facility (CCF) is located at **303 West Fireweed Lane**. Donations can be delivered to **Catholic Social Services, 3710 East 20th**. Would you be willing to help support their mission by donating **daily and weekly bus passes, sweatpants, sweatshirts, individually wrapped snacks, fruit, milk, peanut butter, jelly, and bread**. Donations can be delivered to the **CCF**, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 4 PM.

Retreat. Father Vince will be attending a **Priests and Brothers Retreat** on **September 6 - 9** at the Holy Spirit Center. There will be **no Daily Morning Mass**.

Faith Formation. It is the time of the year for the Faith Formation Classes to start again this Fall. Additional information will be provided in the bulletin as soon as they are available.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program, (RCIA). It is the time of the year for the **RCIA** Classes to start again this Fall. Additional information will be provided in the bulletin as soon as they are available.

Spaghetti Dinner Auction Fundraising. The Knights of Columbus will be having their "Annual" Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser and Live Auction on **October 22**, after the **5:30 PM Mass**.

Retrouvaille. You give your heart and soul to everything you do. Are you also giving your heart and soul to your marriage? If not, it is likely that you and your spouse have drifted apart over time. The **Retrouvaille Marriage Program**, dedicated to healing and renewing the covenant of marriage between one man and one woman, gives you an opportunity to grow close once again, to discover new things about yourself and one another, and to learn techniques for keeping your marriage fresh and refreshing. For confidential information or to register for the next Retrouvaille of Alaska program beginning with a weekend experience on **October 7**, call **907.863.8000**, email **anchor-age@helpourmarriage.org**; or visit the website **www.helpourmarriage.org**.

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 - August 27/28	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa van Haastert	Mary Snowball
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Marci Sablan	Sister Yoshi Takaoka
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Samoan Community	Taiye Ulofoshio Ulalia Tafune Marge Armstrong
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Emmanuel Mast	Darrell Hess

Readings for Next Week's Masses
August 28, 2022
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
FIRST READING
Book of Sirach
 Sirach 3:17 - 18, 20, 28-29 (126c)
SECOND READING
Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews
 Hebrews 12:18 - 19, 22 - 24a
GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke
 Luke 14:1, 7 - 14

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 – 11 AM
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

Accept God's training towards inclusivity and acceptance of "others" especially, the socially excluded in our midst.

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 Rosemarie A. Nidoy Dee Olin Ben Painter Paul Palinski Mary Patania Carol Plancich Augustine Randt-Reidell Randy Ribble Angela Ribuffo Exaltacion Rolle Josephine Skeete Rafaela Sipin Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White Bart Whitecotton

Collection - August 13/14
 Offertory - \$5,766
 Building and Maintenance - \$115
 Online Offering - \$935
 Online Building and Maintenance - \$75
 Church in Central and Eastern Europe - \$25
 Saint Vincent de Paul - \$25
 Peter's Pence - \$20

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.