



If...you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life.  
EZEKIEL 33:9

## It's None of My Business

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However,

they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Is your life an example of the values of your faith?*
- ✦ *Pray for those whom you love, who have left the practice of the faith.*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

September 6, 2020  
23d Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Fr. Jaime Mencias,**  
Parochial Administrator  
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### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
St. Peters 7:30 p.m. (summer only)  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
St. Peters 8:30 a.m.  
Tues., Thurs., Friday 12:00 p.m.  
St. Peters Wed. 10:00 a.m.

### Church Office:

235-8436 st.john@gci.net  
Parish secretary: Therese Lewandowski  
Office Hours: Tues-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
St. Peter the Apostle, Ninilchik:  
907-567-3490, st.peter136@gmail.com  
Parish secretary: Debbie Maclean

### Pastoral Council Members

#### Next Meeting: TBA, 7pm

Rick Abboud, Grace Halstead, Anita Harry, Bryan Hawkins, Rick Hoover, Francis Neville, Terry Plant

### Finance Council Members

#### Next Meeting: October 16, 6pm

Clyde Boyer, Jay Cherok, Van Hawkins, Courtney Kiel, Leslie Lord-Coffing, Cinda Martin, Alex Sweeney



Please thank these council members for their service and pass on to them any thoughts, suggestions or concerns.

All are also welcome to attend council meetings but please let the office know ahead of time.

If you wish to address the councils please provide a statement of your topic.

**H**ave mercy on me O Lord for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you. -cf. Ps 86(85):3,5

**Weekend and weekday Masses are being celebrated following the Archdiocese approved guidelines.**

You must be free of any COVID-19 symptoms. We ask that you wear a face mask, sanitize your hands upon entering, enter at the front door, exit the side door. And please seat allowing for social distance spacing. There will be some modifications to the mass to limit contact. Communion will be given as you exit at the end of mass. Our mass will be livestreamed via FB which you can link to from our website.

### Calendar

**Pic'n Pay is open on Saturdays again, we have only one volunteer so it may be sporadic.**

**Sunday Social Hours have been suspended.**

### Mission Statement

*St. John the Baptist Catholic Community is united through the Eucharist and the Sacred Scriptures and inspired by the Holy Spirit to know Christ and to make Christ known through worship, service and fellowship.*

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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact parish office one month prior to date

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact parish office six months prior to date

## PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call Elaine Grantier 299-1424 with your prayer request.

## MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you or a parishioner you know is unable to attend Mass, please call the office at 235-8436. Arrangements can be made for Holy Communion, meals, or for a visit.

## Community FOOD BASKETS

Non-perishable items for the local Food Pantry can be left in the baskets at the church entrances.

## Pic'n Pay is now open - Sat. 10am-2pm

Our thrift store is now open!

Please consider helping with Saturday sales. The store is open 10am-2pm. Customers are asked to wear face masks, sanitize hands upon entry, enter 3-5 at a time at the back door and exit at the front after paying.

Please contact the office or Terry Plant if you would like to help.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild oversees total volunteer operation of Pic'n Pay. Low-cost second-hand items are sold; proceeds go towards local and state charities

**Next meeting:**  
TBA

*President*—Terry Plant  
*V. Pres.*—Melodie M.  
*Secr.*—Therese L.  
*Treas.*—Marie Walli

## Knights of Columbus

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus see Rick Hoover or [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or contact Rick Hoover 907-227-1674, [rallenhoo@yahoo.com](mailto:rallenhoo@yahoo.com)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### September 5— Saturday

**Lector:** Vivian Finlay

**Greeters:** Bob Bond

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

### September 6— Sunday

**Lector:** Bryan Hawkins

**Greeters:** Rick Hoover, Tim Joyce

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

We have a modified Ministry need at this time. If you have a desire to be a Lector who reads the Word of the Lord, or a greeter who gets to know all the parishioners, please let the office know.

## Prayer for Labor Day

Bless, O God, all those who labor.

Whether they are compensated by paycheck or pride, let them know their true worth in your eyes.

May all workers be gifted with a sense of service to the common good, and graced with the satisfaction of a job well done.

Thank you for those whose work provides protection, comfort, healing, and relief from suffering and stress.

May all of our labors be for your goodness and glory, O God.

Amen.

## Mass Intentions

September 5 — Judith Houston, beloved friend,  
Rest In Peace

September 12 — John Webb, beloved friend,  
Rest In Peace

September 19 — Blain Kern, special intention

September 26 — Aaron Kemp, special intention

Aug. 4-Oct. 20 — Lucille Pepin, beloved mother.  
Rest In Peace d. March 2020

July 2020-June 2021 — Rest In Peace for  
Anthony & Philomena Peragine



## Dear Padre – September 6, 2020

*In the story of Noah, God destroyed most of the world. Did that really happen? How should we think about the world's end?*

Most biblical scholars generally consider the Noah story to be a tale of God's new covenant with the people. Life here is temporary, but life with God is eternal. The story of the Flood was probably based on some historical event that was recounted in oral traditions for centuries before the story of Noah was written.

The National Geographic Society, in researching that region, discovered that the Mediterranean Sea broke through a natural dam more than 7,500 years ago, filling a freshwater lake with seawater and creating the Black Sea. This natural catastrophe could be the basis for the story of Noah and the Ark. Catastrophic world events such as war, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or tornadoes remind us repeatedly how fragile and temporary our lives are.

The biblical truth of the Noah story and of Jesus' account of the end of the world tell us that God is our beginning and our end. The world will end, but God will not end. God's love for us will also never end. There is a spiritual transformation that will happen both at the end of lives on earth and at the end of time. We can be certain that, in the end, sin and death will be no more and God's love will reign forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

Along with supporting priest, deacons, seminarians, young people, rural communities, and multicultural ministries, parish One Bread One Body donations in excess of the Archdiocesan goal (\$9290) is rebated back to our parish! In the past, money has been used for church maintenance. Thank you to everyone who has given, we have exceeded the goal already!

If you haven't already, please consider making a pledge by using the cards in the church or by pledging securely online at



The Inauguration of the  
Archdiocese of Anchorage-  
Juneau  
&  
The Installation of the new  
Archbishop

With joy and thanksgiving to Almighty God  
The Archdiocese of Anchorage  
and

The Diocese of Juneau  
announce

The Inauguration of the  
Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau

The Installation of

The Most Reverend Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.  
as the First Archbishop of Anchorage-Juneau

And the Imposition of the Pallium by

The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre  
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America  
Thursday, the *seventeenth day of September*

2020

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral  
Anchorage, Alaska

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online at either

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