

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Our Mission

To express faith in action,
welcome and celebrate
diversity, and be alive in
prayer and worship!



Mass Schedule

Tuesdays - Fridays: 9 AM

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Healing Mass - First Friday

Filipino Mass: Second Sunday, 5:30 PM

Native Mass: Third Saturday, 5:30 PM

Samoan Mass: Last Sunday, 10:30 AM

Youth Mass: Fourth 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

Office Hours

Monday - Friday By Appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor

Father Vince Blanco

Administrative Assistant

Mary Jo Cunniff

Bookkeeper

Darcy Steger

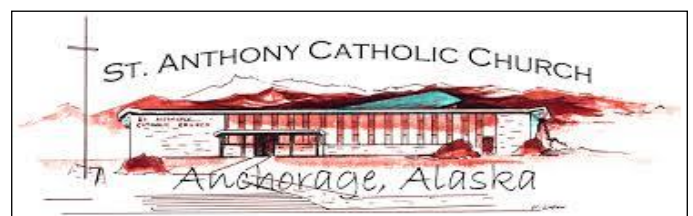
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

When I was in high school, my youth group participated in a weeklong service program called JusticeworX. We stayed at a Vincentian Retreat Center, now closed, in Central New Jersey, journeying into Trenton each day to serve at different sites and returning to the retreat center for evenings of theological reflection to ground our experiences in the Gospel. Not that I could have articulated any of that at the time—admittedly, I attended because my friends were going. Who wants to be the one 14-year-old who stayed home and missed out on the giant slumber party?

Each participant of JusticeworX was given a lurid t-shirt with the logo splashed across it and, more importantly, the scripture citation which provided the foundation for the work of the program: “Faith without works is dead,” James 2:26, NKJV. It is the wisdom of the Center for Faith Justice, the Parent Organization of the WorX Programs, that “faith and justice are intimately bound together,” faithjustice.org, that our Christian faith compels us to serve those in greatest need and work for justice in our time. It is our Christian witness—who we say that Jesus is—that will point the people of God to their savior.

Turns out, the week blew my mind and heart wide open and ignited in me an almost voracious desire to serve, to grow in my faith, and to connect the two. I did not know it at the time, but the Holy Spirit was at work planting the seeds of my vocation. What worked to captivate my teenage self and guide me into thinking more deeply about vocation, about who God called me to be—even if I did not yet have the vocabulary for it—was this encounter with faith through the compassionate action of the Gospel call, this witness of others saying who Jesus is through their works.

To this day, I find myself more deeply drawn into the wondrous mystery of salvation, the incarnation and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through the prophetic witness of those who serve those in greatest need, who manifest the call of the Gospel, whose Christian witness draws my eyes to what it is that the reading from James reminds us to do as people of faith. People like Missionaries of Jesus Sister Norma Pimentel on the border in Brownsville, Texas welcoming the stranger in our midst and accompanying those entering our country, Jesuit Father Greg Boyle standing on the peripheries with gang members and reminding them of the unconditional love of Jesus, or the less famed, more personal witnesses of those good and holy people in my life who profess who Jesus is in ways large and small.

All these people, all these witnesses, draw my eyes to Jesus; they say who Jesus is without speaking a word. As Peter proclaims in response to Jesus’ question, “You are the Christ” Mark 8:29, it is our witness today that points to the reality that Jesus is the Christ. Those who demonstrate that faith without works is dead are the ones who, for me, say who Jesus is.

Nicole M. Perone
National Coordinator of ESTEEM,
faith-based leadership formation program.

Taken from usatholic.org

Parish News and Events

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, CM has reinstated the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sunday 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” Thanks to be God. Please consult Father Vince, if you have any questions about the obligation to attend Mass.

Sunday Coffee and Donuts. Saint Anthony Parish will be resuming our old traditional Coffee and Donuts Fellowship after **all Sunday Morning Masses, 8:30 and 10:30 AM!** Donations will be greatly appreciated.

The **Pastoral Council** will hold an **in-person meeting** at the **Parish Hall, 12 Noon, Sunday, September 12.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bazaar Planning Committee has canceled this year’s bazaar due to Covid-19 conditions.

Kateri Circle meets every week at **11 AM** on Thursdays. Come and join us for recitation of the Rosary, lunch and reading of the Scripture for the coming weekend. All are welcome.

There will be a **Second Collection** on **September 18-19** for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** and **Russian**. Fifty percent of the collection supports the Archdiocese’s Mission in Magadan.

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. This year’s goal for Saint Anthony’s Parish is **\$47,799.20.** On **Week 16,** Saint Anthony Parish has pledged **\$23,022,** which is **48.16%** of our goal. No update from the previous week. Updates will be provided as soon as they are available. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Thanks for your continued support.

The Saint Anthony Knights of Columbus Council will hold their **Regular Monthly Business Meeting, this Monday, September 13, 7 PM,** in the Parish Hall. The Meeting will be preceded by a recitation of the Rosary in the Sanctuary, 6:30 PM. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot’ O’ Gold Raffle Tickets!** Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash,** and there are **10 prizes of \$1,000 cash** each. Only **4,000** tickets are sold. Tickets are **\$25** each. This is a major Fundraiser for the Knights and Saint Anthony, where **\$10** from every ticket sold **comes back to our local Knight’s Council.** Proceeds are used by our Knights’ Council to support our Parish and many worthy projects and causes. See one of the Knights in the back of the Church for details or to purchase tickets.

Remember our **Little Reading Library** on the Church Grounds? **Melissa Branch** and her son, **Dominic**, have volunteered to be new “foster parents” of the Little Reading Library. To keep the library stocked, the Library will need book donations, all ages and variety. You can drop off your book donations at the Saint Anthony Parish. Questions can be directed to **Melissa, greatlandgirl@gmail.com**. Thanks for your support.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (RCIA) will begin on **September 19**, and on **Sundays** following the **10:30 AM Mass**. If you or someone you know is seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, or a Catholic desiring to complete Sacramental Initiation or a returning Catholic, this is a wonderful opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions will focus on Scripture, Prayer and introduction to the Church's teachings and beliefs to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. **Darcy Steger** will be leading the Program this year. Please contact **Darcy, darcysteger@gmail.com** for more information if you have any questions about RCIA or would like to register. Details will be available in the Bulletin or contact the Parish Office for more information.

Faith Formation. Parents, We invite you to register and bring your children to Faith Formation. As parents, you are the first and primary religious educators of your children. Our Parish Faith Formation Programs are there to assist and support you in fulfilling your obligation to educate your children to love, know and serve the Lord. So please, register your children today. With the joy of the Gospel, may you share with your children your life of faith.

There will be a **Recitation of the Rosary** in the **Chapel, Tuesday through Saturday Mornings, 8:30 AM**. All are welcome to come and pray. For details, please contact John Nicely.

Do you have extra rosaries to share? We would like to have some rosaries to give to those without when they ask, we frequently get requests. If you have any extra rosaries you are not using and would like to share them with others, please contact John Nicely.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) needs the following items: **pots and pans, toilet paper, shampoo, and conditioner**. 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.

Eat at Grow North Farm. Refugee entrepreneurs that came to Alaska through **Refugee Assistance and Information Service (RAIS)** resettlement are **selling hot foods** at Grow North Farm! Stop by **every Thursday** from **4 - 7 PM** to try food from all over the world and support our refugee friends. Farm is located at 3601 Mountain View Drive.

Hunger Action Month. Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. By raising awareness about hunger, donating food, supporting local food banks and pantries, you can help fight hunger and make sure that every person has access to the food they need. Learn more at **www.cssalaska.org/ham**.

Catholic Social Services (CSS) Amazon Wish List. Our Amazon Wish List is current with our Community's needs. Browse the shopping lists of essential supplies on Amazon and choose to ship your gift directly to **CSS Alaska**. It is easy, safe, and your generosity contributes to a brighter future for thousands of Alaskans. Learn more at **<https://www.cssalaska.org/donate/in-kind-donations/>**.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **winter gear for children, toilet paper, paper towel, and oven cleaner**. CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Your generous support of these families in crisis is a great blessing.

Project Rachel. If you or someone you know has been impacted by abortion, whether recently or long ago, consider grieving your loss through the Archdiocesan-supported **Project Rachel Healing Group**. It is free and completely confidential. Distance Ministry is available. Learn more at **projectrachelalaska.com** or call our confidential phone line, 297-7781 or the National Hotline, 866-434-3344.

The North Star Catholic, the Archdiocese's new Catholic Newspaper, has a new website, too! Visit **northstarcatholic.org** to read monthly local Catholic News. You can also sign up for breaking e-news: use the “Email Signup” button in the top left corner. If you have not been receiving your free copy of our Catholic newspaper, contact **Sarah, 297-7747** or **sanderson@caa-ak.org** to update your subscription information.

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

New Website for the **Archdiocese**. There is a new website for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau. The site is now live at **<https://aoaj.org/>**. Read the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's newspaper, The North Star Catholic, at **<https://northstarcatholic.org/>**.

Liturgical Ministers - September 18/19

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Native American Community	Francine Bolewicz Margaret Latocha
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Darcy Steger	Pok Kough Norma Nickarz
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Elena Saturnino	Taiye Ulofoshio Marge Armstrong Sandy Foreman
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Victoria Rahm	Alice Advincula Mila Aldana



Readings for Next Week's Masses

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING
Book of Wisdom
Wisdom 2:12, 17 - 20

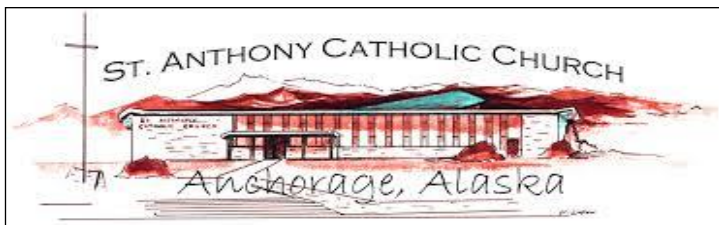
SECOND READING
Letter of Saint James
James 3:16 - 4:3

GOSPEL
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark
Mark 9:30 - 37



Question of the Week

Do we serve those in greatest need
and work for justice in our time?
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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

Wes Bergsrud	Teresita Lolesio
Daniel Brooks	Darlene Lord
Neddie Canete	Bobby Nickarz
Nan Dietz	Christopher Nickarz
Robert L. Edwards	Dee Olin
Donna Gum	Paul Palinski
Frank Javier	Mary Patania
Patricia Garrett	Amy Reidell
Jerome Karella	Josephine Skeete
Joshua Kutzgar	Josefina Torio
Sam Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Alexine Leach	Richard Varee
Joyce Lightner	Chris White

Collection

August 28/29, September 4/5

Offertory - \$11,238
Doughnut Donations - \$66
Holy Thursday / Holy Day - \$50
Building and Maintenance - \$215
Room Rental - \$60

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated
1,088 pounds of food in August.

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, 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 unavailable until further notice. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

