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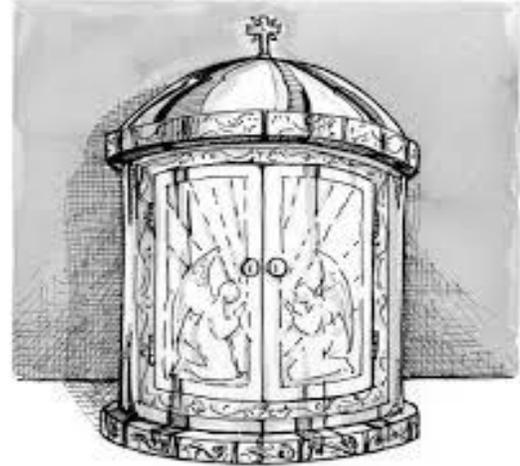
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 26, 2021

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: 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

Office Hours

Monday - Friday By Appointment

Parish Staff

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vblanco@stanthonyak.org

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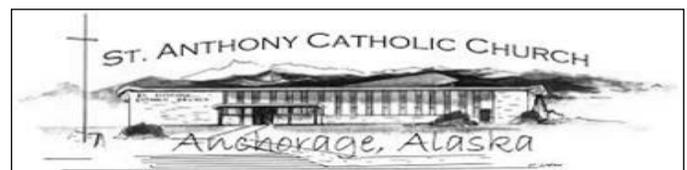
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

Our First Reading today comes from the book of the Bible oddly named "Numbers." So let us start with a number problem: Let us say you are a teacher whose been able to snag tickets for your class to take a coveted backside tour of the zoo, but the tour is limited to twenty-five students, and you have twenty-six. What to do? Or let us say you are an entrepreneur who owns five stores, and you are ready to hand over the business. You would like to give one store to each of your offspring, but you have six. What to do?

This is the kind of problem Moses seems to have faced in our First Reading. He was exhausted by the leadership of the people and asked God for help. God told Moses to take seventy elders from among the twelve tribes of Israel and gather them at the meeting tent. God would share the spirit of prophecy that animated Moses with these elders, so that the ministry of leadership might be distributed more widely. But here's the rub: seventy cannot be equally divided by twelve. You could have each tribe submit six names, but that would be seventy-two. To get to seventy, two tribes would need to be shorted one elder. Given the constant jostling and complaining of the people, Moses knew that was not going to go over well. "So unfair!" they would cry. What to do?

The Bible does not actually say all this. It does not lay out the whole numbers problem. But our Jewish brothers and sisters, in their generations of commentary on this text, see it as the most likely backdrop to the story of Eldad and Medad. How else to explain two men whose names, scripture says, were "on the list" but not present with the seventy when the spirit descended? Jewish midrash offers a couple of possibilities for how they came to be left out of the gathering. Possibly Moses held a lottery among the seventy-two and all drew a stone, with two of the stones marked, "Not you." Possibly Eldad and Medad were very humble or committed peace makers and bowed out of the running on their own. We do not know.

But what we do know is that the same God who gave the direction to gather seventy elders in the first place does not in any way seem to be bound by that number. Not because God, I think, necessarily shares our constant concern about fairness. But because it is the nature of God to be free and generous, overflowing even the boundaries God has created. The story of Eldad and Medad reminds me of one of my favorite lines in the Catechism. And since we are talking about numbers today, I will let you know it is #1257: "God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but He Himself is not bound by His sacraments." God can do—and regularly does do—whatever God wants.

And one could get upset about that, like Joshua did, "Moses, stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying! They were not at the meeting tent. They are not part of the seventy." Or one could rejoice like Moses did, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" What to do? Or more importantly, What will you do?

Ann M. Garrido
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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 and the Monthly Pancake Breakfasts are temporarily on hold until further notice. This action is taken by the Parish as a precaution due to the rising COVID-19 cases in Anchorage.

Kateri Circle meets every Thursdays at 11 AM . Come and join us for recitation of the Rosary, and reading of the Scripture for the coming weekend. Lunches will be temporarily on hold as a precaution due to the rising COVID-19 cases in Anchorage.

Father Vince would like to restart the Youth Masses again on the second Saturdays of the month, starting November 13. More information will be provided in the bulletin at a later date.

For those Parishioners who would like to continue online giving, the Parish has resolved all the issues preventing its continued use. Here is the link to the online giving site - [Sign In](#) | [OSV Hub](#)

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. This year's goal for Saint Anthony's Parish is \$47,799.20. On Week 20, Saint Anthony Parish has pledged \$30,081.20, which is 62.93% of our goal. No change from the previous week. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Thank you for your generous support.

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) is 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.

Passenger Loading Zone. Mario has completed repainting the Handicap Parking Spaces and the area designated as a Passenger Loading Zone. Please refrain from parking on the Passenger Loading Zone near the main entrance of the Church. **Passenger Loading Zone is not a parking area.** It is for the safety of those who are unable to walk from the other parking lot spaces. Thank you for your understanding.

Saint Anthony Website. If you have tried to visit Saint Anthony Parish website earlier on, you would have noticed that it was "off the air." But now, it is currently "live" thanks to volunteers who put in hours of work to refresh the website and updated the photographs. The Parish will provide current information about Church activities. Thank you for patience and continued support.

Saint Anthony Parish Masses. As we return to normal Masses, the Parish would like to start having altar servers and Hospitality Ministers on all the Saturday and Sundays Masses. If you know of anyone who is between the ages of nine through fourteen and is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Parish Office via telephone or by email for additional information.

Saint Anthony Parish is looking for **members** of the Parish who are interested in **servicing as a Sacristan**. This is an easy, fun way to help your Parish in a very important way! Please call the Parish Office to let us know of your interest.

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: **toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes**. 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 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.

We invite you to shop the **Refugee Assistance and Information Service (RAIS) Amazon Wishlist** to fill the homes for our new arrivals. Most families come here with nothing and depend on our Community donations. We could not do this without your help, thank you for your generosity! https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/31UWW3ISOW0C/ref=smi_cl_lol_l1s1_l1.

Clare House (CH) needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **new winter gear for school age children**. 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.

Afghan Relief. Our hearts are with all those who are affected by the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan – both the people fleeing their homes and our military personnel. The **Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) Program** will be welcoming **50-100 Afghan evacuees** to Alaska. These evacuees will be arriving in Alaska from **September to March**, fleeing their homeland. To find out how you can help: Visit www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief for all the details.

Liturgical Ministers - October 2/3

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa Branch	Carol Lyons
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Annette Alleva	Minerva Roldan
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Serani Tafune	Annabelle Candelaria Laura Zavala Mary Lu LaVine
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Emmanuel Mast Connie Mast	Pat Petrivelli

Readings for Next Week's Masses

Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Genesis
Genesis 2:18 - 24

SECOND READING

Letter to the Hebrews
Hebrews 2:9 - 11

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark
Mark 10:2 - 16 or 10:2 - 12

Question of the Week

Are you jealous for My sake?

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.

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

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

Collection - September 18/19

Offertory - \$3,807
Assumption of Mary - \$40
Building and Maintenance - \$170
Special Collection Church in Central and Eastern Europe - \$987

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