

# Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 31, 2021

### 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

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

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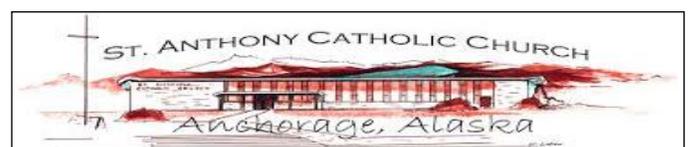
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## All are welcome!



## Reflection for the Week

Music is essential to any Liturgy, a Priest once told me. No one leaves the Church humming the homily. Melody makes everything more memorable. So, let us put this week's message to the test: Love, love, love; so the Beatles sang, Love, love, love; And the scriptures claim, Love, love, love; But how can this be all that we need to do?

The old song insists all we need is love. And the teachings of Moses and Jesus agree: Love with your neighbor with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. For some of us, this is good news. As one ten-year-old in my religious education class used to say: Christianity is easy! We just have to love people!

Yet, we all know someone who becomes positively disagreeable when religious observance is boiled down to this easy-peasy message. They claim religion is supposed to be hard! Jesus hangs on a cross for a reason! If we are going to follow a suffering Lord, we should have a rather bad time of it ourselves.

So, who is right? Is the Gospel easy or hard? Both are right! The Gospel is simple; but love is no cakewalk. Couples vow to love exclusively, remaining loyal even when circumstances change and circumstances always change. Parents love their babies, even though they have no idea what this little life will turn out to be. That is a big risk, to make a lifelong pledge to a virtual stranger! Friends can be friendly but sometimes, disappointing. There is also that business about loving our enemies. When Jesus talks love, it is more than just holding hands.

The mandate to love goes even wider. Consider what the scriptures say here. Love God and neighbor as we love ourselves. This is a summons to empathy. Because, of course, we can not know how anyone else feels, but we do know how we feel. Let us presume everyone we meet has a burden like ours, whether it is fragile health, a troubled child, a relationship gone awry, or the incredible shortness of cash. Maybe they have lost a dear one. Or they have made some bad decisions that they regret. As the saying goes: Be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle today.

Empathy is only possible if we take each person's battles as seriously as our own. Including the struggles of folks who live across town, across borders, across race and culture, across the political divide. Remember how, when Jesus says love your neighbor, some wise guy asks: But who is my neighbor? So, Jesus tells the story of the one person no one in His audience wants to love. Imagine who that person might be for you. The one person you do not want to make room for in your heart. That is your neighbor. And Jesus asks that we make that person's battles our own.

Religion is hard. Jesus does hang on a cross for a reason! So, the message we should leave humming today is love, love, love, is really, really, all that we need to do.

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Taken from [uscatholic.org](http://uscatholic.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.

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

Kateri Circle meets every Thursdays, 1 PM. Come and join us for recitation of the Rosary, and reading of the Scripture for the coming weekend.

**Passenger Loading Zone. Passenger Loading Zone is not a parking area.** It is for the safety of those who are unable to walk from the other spaces in our parking lot. Thank you for your understanding.

Due to the current rise of COVID-19 cases and for the safety and well-being of other Parishioners, **it is now mandatory that all attendees wear masks during the Mass.**

The Thanksgiving Day Choir will be a combined choir of all musicians! Mass is at 10 AM, November 25. More details about rehearsals will follow.

**United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021.** Saint Anthony's Parish goal is \$47,799.20. Through **Week 24**, Saint Anthony Parish has pledged \$37,841.20, which is 79.2% of our goal. Brochures and additional information are available on the tables at the Church Entry. Donations can also be made through the Archdiocese website, [www.aoaj.org/donate](http://www.aoaj.org/donate). Thank you for your continued support.

The Archdiocese Synod Committee has provided additional information about the **Synodality 2021 - 2023** that Pope Francis initiated. The pamphlet contains information about the Synod, which includes the purpose, the process, and the theme is available at the tables in the back of the Church.

Saint Anthony Parish is once again proceeding with the **Annual Poinsettia Flower Decorations** for the Church during the Holiday Season. The poinsettias are supplied by Bell's Nursery. This year the poinsettias will be limited to 100 regular eight-inch pots, in red, white, or pink. This is a **Creative Circle Fundraiser Activity**. Vouchers will be sold starting the first week of Advent. The vouchers are for pick-up or donations to the Church. Donations for the Church will have memorial nameplates added and placed on the Altar. The Creative Circle will need **volunteers** to pick up and unpack for those donated to Church and setting up tables after the Masses. We are aim-

ing to make this Christmas the most beautiful ever! Additional information will be provided as soon as they are available.

The **Knights of Columbus** are once again selling their **Pot' O' Gold Raffle Tickets!** Grand prize is **\$15,000 cash**, and there are **ten (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 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.

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.

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 Saint Anthony Parish. Questions can be directed to **Melissa**, [greatlandgirl@gmail.com](mailto:greatlandgirl@gmail.com). Thanks for your support.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (RCIA)** meets every **Sunday at 9:30 AM**. Sessions focuses 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. If you have any questions about RCIA, please contact **Darcy**, [darcysteger@gmail.com](mailto:darcysteger@gmail.com) or the **Parish Office**.

**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. May you share the joy of the Gospel with your children, your life of faith.

**Glory Bound 2021 at Saint Therese's Camp** is on! Glory Bound 2021 runs **December 28-30** for **Grades 6-8** and **December 30-January 1** for **High School**. Campers will enjoy three days full of fun activities including sledding, playing on frozen Lake Neklason, snowball fights and music, all conducted by our outstanding counselors. We will also have fireworks on New Year's Eve for the High Schoolers! We will also have Mass, Confession, Adoration, cabin talks, and a variety of spiritually focused sessions. The cost is **\$106** for **Grades 6-8** and **\$118** for **High School**

**Students.** Visit [www.stthereseak.com](http://www.stthereseak.com) to register. Hurry, Glory Bound is already half full! Limited scholarship funds are available. Contact **Rudy**, **907.232.2066** with any questions.

**Saint Anthony Parish Masses.** The Parish would like to start having **Altar Servers** and **Hospitality Ministers** on **all 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**.

**Saint Anthony Parish** is looking for Parishioners 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** if you are interested.

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**.

Saint Anthony's **Local Organization Ministry, (LOM)** will host a **Weekly Book Club** over **Zoom** starting **December 1, 6:30 PM**. All are welcome to join us to exchange perspectives as we walk together and learn from Pope Francis's recent publication, "Let Us Dream." In this book, our Holy Father shares why we must make the world safer, fairer, and healthier for more people now. For more information contact **Greg Hayward** and to receive ZOOM, [Ghayalaska@gmail.com](mailto:Ghayalaska@gmail.com) or **307.460.8690**.

**Catholic Social Services (CSS)** needs the following items: **diapers; size 5 and 6, baby wipes, and laundry detergent**. 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 E20<sup>th</sup>.Avenue.

**Clare House (CH)** needs a variety of different donations. Currently, CH needs the following items: **laundry detergent, black trash bags, white kitchen trash bags, and pillows**. CH provides a safe home environment for women and children in crisis, keeping the families together. Thank you for your support.

**Afghan Relief.** Our hearts are with all those who are affected by the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, people fleeing their homes. The **Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services (RAIS) Program** will be welcoming **50-100 Afghan evacuees** to Alaska. Some are already in Alaska and will continue to arrive through **March**. To find out how you can help, please visit [www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief](http://www.cssalaska.org/afghanrelief) for additional details.

Liturgical Ministers - November 6/7	
Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Saturday – 5:30 PM</b>	
Melissa Branch	Mary Snowball
<b>Sunday – 8:30 AM</b>	
Stephanie O'Connor	Norma Nickarz
<b>Sunday – 10:30 AM</b>	
Katherine Pili	Taiye Ulofoshio Sandy Foreman Sr. Monique Theurillat
<b>Sunday – 5:30 PM</b>	
Victoria Rahm	Pat Petrivelli



**Readings for Next Week's Masses**  
November 7, 2021

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**FIRST READING**  
First Book of Kings  
1 Kings 17:10 - 16 (155B)

**SECOND READING**  
Letter to the Hebrews  
Hebrews 9:24 - 28

**GOSPEL**  
The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark  
Mark 12:38 - 44 or 12:41 - 44



Week at a Glance	
Monday	
Tuesday	Creative Circle – 1 PM
Wednesday	<b><u>BULLETIN DEADLINE – 5 PM</u></b>
Thursday	Kateri Circle – 1 PM
Friday	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 7 PM
Saturday	Reconciliation - 4-5 PM Filipino Choir Practice - 5 PM Samoan Choir Practice - 7 PM

**Question of the Week**

Did you know that the one person you do not want to make room for in your heart?  
That is your neighbor that Jesus is talking about.

**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](mailto:sapbulletin@gmail.com).

Pray for our Sick and Suffering	
Anjie Aspiras Robert Beans Wes Bergsrud Robert Branch Daniel Brooks Neddie Canete Tess Copeland Nan Dietz Robert L. Edwards Ina Emmett Patricia Garrett Donna Gum Frank Javier Jerome Karella Erika Kelly Joshua Kutzgar Sam Kutzgar Alexine Leach Sophia Lee	Joyce Lightner Teresita Lolesio Darlene Lord Bobby Nickarz Christopher Nickarz Dee Olin Paul Palinski Mary Patania Amy Reidell Randy Ribble Loc Silvers Angie Sipin Josephine Skeete Josefina Torio Elizabeth Varee Richard Varee Marisa Villanueva Chris White

**Collection - October 23/24**

Offertory - \$5,272  
Building and Maintenance - \$25  
PFD Offering - \$490  
World Mission Sunday - \$615  
Saint Vincent de Paul - \$5  
Online Offering - \$1,415

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated  
**778 pounds** of food in **September**.

**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](mailto: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.