

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 5, 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

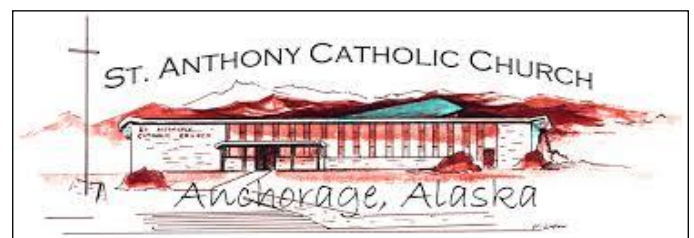
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All are welcome!



Reflection for the Week

The message we hear in all three readings today is simply: Ephphatha! That is: Be opened! Be open to the goodness and graciousness of our God.

Isaiah speaks words of hope to the Israelites in the desert, to those whose hearts are frightened: "Be strong, fear not" Isaiah 35:4. He encourages them to be open to the saving work of God, who will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. God will transform even the earth with streams bursting forth in the desert, burning sands become pools and springs of water in thirsty ground.

James speaks of welcome and hospitality, of openness to both the wealthy and the poor. For those of us baptized into Christ, there cannot be any judgment of worthiness of another to be in our company, to be part of our communities of faith. Our call and our behavior is to be open to all.

And finally, in Mark's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus healing the deaf man with a speech impediment. Here is when Jesus speaks, "'Ephphatha'—that is, 'be opened'" (Mark 7:34). And indeed, his ears were opened, and his speech impediment was removed.

How do God and the Gospel open our eyes, ears, hearts? How are our lives transformed—indeed, made different?

The Gospel calls us to see with eyes of love and acceptance. In our humanness, we tend to notice only differences: age, color, ethnic background, sexuality, socioeconomic status, physical and psychological well-being, politics. These differences bring judgment. With hearts opened by God, we see every person and our earth as our neighbors, deserving of respect and care. Paul speaks this theme clearly, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" Galatians. 3:28. What a transformation there would be if we lived what we see in the example of Christ.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2018 Pastoral Letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love," applies to all discrimination: "Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons based on their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love."

God calls us to hear the Gospel with open minds and hearts, and to speak that message with our lives. May we hear God speaking to us: "Ephphatha! Be opened." And then, both seeing and hearing, transformed by new sight and sound, may we be catalysts for change in the world.

Taken from 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.

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. Thank you.

The Pastoral Council will hold a **meeting, 12 Noon, Sunday, September 12.** Complete details for the meeting will be made available in the next week's Bulletin. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bazaar Planning Committee has **canceled** this year's bazaar due to Covid infections.

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.

United in Mission Annual Catholic Appeal 2021. This year's goal for Saint Anthony's Parish is **\$47,799.20.** As of **Week 16,** Saint Anthony Parish has pledged **\$23,022,** which is **48.16%** of our goal. Currently, Saint Anthony has not been receiving from the Archdiocese due to personnel changes. 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, next Monday, September 13, 7 PM,** in the Parish Hall. The Meeting will be preceded by a 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!** This year, there will be a **special early-bird drawing** next week for **five (5)** prizes of **\$500 cash** each and will remain eligible for the Grand Drawing. 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.

All are invited to the commemoration of the **100th Anniversary** of the founding of the **Legion of Mary** on **September 7, Holy Family Cathedral.** The **Rosary** will begin at **6:30 PM,** followed by **Holy Mass** at **7 PM,**

with Archbishop Emeritus Roger Schwietz as the main celebrant. A dessert reception will follow.

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.

Saint Francis House Food Pantry. Saint Anthony Parishioners have continued to share generously to Saint Francis House. In the month of **August**, **1,088 pounds of food** was **donated to Saint Francis House**. You may continue to drop off donations in the basket in the Entryway of the Church. Thank you.

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. Parishioner **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/pans, toilet paper, dish soap, and sponge. 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.

The families in our Case Management Services and at Clare House can use your help! We are **collecting school supplies for High School, Middle School, and Elementary Students**. Please drop off supplies at the Main Center, 3710 E 20th Avenue. Email **Katie** if you have any questions at kgordon@cssalaska.org.

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 boots for Elementary age, Kindergarten to 6th Grade, winter jackets for Elementary through Middle School age, rain jackets for all Elementary-aged students, white trash bags, and black trash bags.** 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 and a worthy offering.

Clare House (CH) Meals Ministry. Our CH Meals Ministry is still providing meals to the Families once a month, even during the pandemic. Please contact Pat Lizama for details. Many thanks and blessings to all the Volunteers who have provided meals to Clare House over many years.

Brother Francis Shelter (BFS) Meals Team. We are looking for volunteers to join the BFS Meals team, who can help make lunches at the Saint Francis House Food Pantry and deliver them for our BFS friends! This is an ongoing need, so volunteers can sign up for just one afternoon or monthly volunteer slots to help us plan. Please email **Katie** at kgordon@cssalaska.org for more information!

Saint Francis House (SFH) Food Pantry needs you! There is a **Volunteer Opportunity** to help pack food

Liturgical Ministers - September 11/12

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday – 5:30 PM	
Melissa Branch	Mary Snowball Jim Bell
Sunday – 8:30 AM	
Pat Lizama	Minerva Roldan Darcy Steger
Sunday – 10:30 AM	
Katherine Pili	Annabelle Candelaria Laura Zavala Maria Smith
Sunday – 5:30 PM	
Filipino Community	Darrel Hess Pat Petrivelli

Readings for Next Week's Masses

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Book of Isaiah
Isaiah 50:4c - 9a

SECOND READING

Letter of Saint James
James 2:14 - 18

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark
Mark 8:27 - 35

Question of the Week

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boxes in the warehouse on **Monday** and **Wednesday, 9 AM - 1 PM**. Help is also needed working with SFH Staff to distribute food boxes on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays**. This is a great service project to do with a friend, or someone in your "bubble." We follow CDC guidelines, wearing masks, social distancing and limiting the amount of people in the warehouse. Please contact Sarah at sharris@cssalaska.org.

The next Retrouvaille Marriage Healing Program in Anchorage begins September 10, call 863-8000, or www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

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.

Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

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	Onya Stein
Joshua Kutzgar	Josefina Torio
Sam Kutzgar	Elizabeth Varee
Alexine Leach	Richard Varee
Joyce Lightner	Chris White
Teresita Lolesio	

Collection - August 28/29

No collection data is available
at the moment
due to software issues

Saint Anthony Parishioners donated
1,088 pounds of food in August 2021
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.