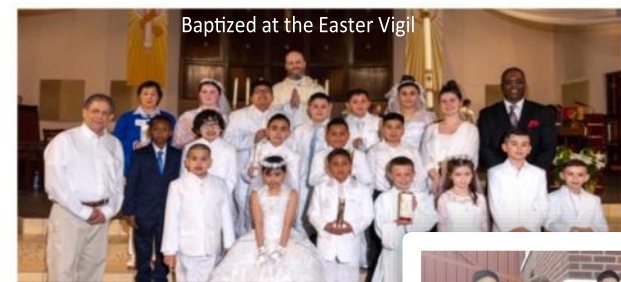


Growing In and Living Our Faith!!!

2018-2019 ST. ANTHONY IN PICS!



St. Anthony Parish

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT PASTORAL YEAR JULY 2018—JUNE 2019

314 S. 4th Street, Renton, WA 98057

Phone: 425-255-3132

E-mail: info@st-anthony.cc

Visit us at <https://www.st-anthony.cc>

Like us at <https://www.facebook.com/stanthonyrenton>

A Message from our Pastor, Fr. Jack Shrum



Dear Friends,

Another year has come and gone. Many a celebration and many a struggle have occurred in our families. God is always working to encourage and guide us on the way of trust and confidence in His love. As we recall the blessings, God is there to give us hope to look forward to those that are to come. Looking forward to the year ahead at St. Anthony Parish and School, I am confident that God will have great blessings in store for us.

Our mission is to "nurture an encounter with Christ." There will be many an opportunity for you to encounter Jesus this year in the Sacraments, in the talks and missions, in your service and sacrifice at home and at the parish, etc. I pray that all of us together will seek to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist so that we might share what we have received and nurture that encounter in others by planting seeds that will bear abundant fruit here and hereafter. I entrust this year to Christ the Teacher. May He who is "in our midst as one who serves," inspire us to serve one another.

In His Most Sacred Heart,

Fr. Jack D. Shrum
Pastor

In August 2018, we welcomed our new Parochial Vicar:

Fr. Xavier Sengol Bazil



Fr. Xavier Sengol Bazil, HGN, is from the congregation of HERALDS OF THE GOOD NEWS. He is from the state of Tamilnadu in India. He entered in to the missionary congregation for priesthood formation at St. John's Minor Seminary in Nidadavole and on October 3, 2011, was ordained as Deacon by Most Rev. Maipan Paul, Bishop of Khammam, Andhra Pradesh, India. On May 6, 2012, he was ordained to priesthood at his parish, Holy Spirit Church, by Most Rev. J. Susaimanickam, Bishop of Sivangangai. He celebrated his first Holy Eucharist at St. James Church in his native place, Kurumbakootam.

His first priestly appointment was at St. Therese of Infant Jesus Church, Kandavilai, where he also did his diaconate ministry. Besides his studies in college, Fr. Bazil was asked to do B. Ed (Bachelor of Education) and was able to teach during his ministry at St. Mary's English Medium School, Tadeaplligudem, Andhra Pradesh, India.

In the year of 2015, he was elected as Secretary General for his Congregation's Superior General, while working as Principal to a city school, Good News English Medium School at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. As he has completed his ministry in India, Fr. Bazil came to the USA August 28, 2019, to the Archdiocese of Seattle.

MINISTRY & COLLECTION REPORT

Sacraments

- ♦ Baptisms: 141
- ♦ RCIA: 18
- ♦ Children’s RCIA: 37
- ♦ Confirmation: 55
- ♦ First Eucharist: 109
- ♦ Sacrament of the Sick: 110
- ♦ Marriages: 13
- ♦ Funerals: 42
- ♦ Quinceañera Celebrations: 2

Faith Formation

- ♦ Religious Education Program: 326
- ♦ Youth Group and the Confirmation Program: 98
- ♦ Adult Faith Formation Programs: 847

Liturgy

- ♦ Sacristans: 11
- ♦ Eucharistic Ministers: 100
- ♦ Lectors: 41
- ♦ Altar Servers: 76
- ♦ Ushers/Hospitality Ministers: 47
- ♦ Cantors: 10
- ♦ Choir Members and Accompanists: 109

Our Community

- ♦ Total Parish Households: 1,900
- ♦ Total members included in the Households: 4,840
- ♦ Daily Mass Attendance: 75

Our Sacrificial Giving Report:

- ♦ No. of parishioners giving on a regular basis: 1,172
- ♦ No. of pledges for the fiscal year: 776

St. Vincent De Paul: \$ 33,617

Standing with Haiti:

- ♦ Donation: \$ 22,615
- ♦ Fundraising: \$ 41,184

Archdiocesan Collections:

- ♦ Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$4,525
- ♦ Catholic Community Services: \$4,040
- ♦ Catholic Home Mission: \$7,508
- ♦ Catholic Relief Services: \$5,599
- ♦ Holy Land Collection: \$4,028
- ♦ Northwest Catholic Communications Campaign: \$3,127
- ♦ Peter’s Pence: \$6,585
- ♦ Priest Pension Fund: \$4,229
- ♦ Rice Bowl: \$14,866
- ♦ World Mission Sunday: \$4,897

A SIMPLE GENEROUS CHOICE: ELECTRONIC GIVING

AVAILABLE AT ST. ANTHONY’S PARISH WEBSITE: WWW.ST-ANTHONY.CC

Participate Today.

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please contact Liza Pare-Seidel at (425) 277-6194 to learn how you can participate.

MAJOR LEADERSHIP GROUPS
AND NO. OF MEMBERS:

- ♦ Pastoral Council - 6
- ♦ Finance Council - 6
- ♦ Faith Formation Committee - 8
- ♦ School Commission - 7
- ♦ Hispanic Committee - 12
- ♦ Vietnamese Ministry Committee - 7
- ♦ Multi-Cultural Committee - 16
- ♦ Standing with Haiti Committee - 6
- ♦ Safety Team Committee - 3
- ♦ Communications Committee - 4
- ♦ Filipino Community Group - 8

St. Anthony School continues to serve the families of our parish and our surrounding parishes, St. Stephen, St. John the Baptist and increasingly, Vietnamese Martyrs. We also serve some families from other surrounding parishes as well as some non-Catholic families. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our faculty and staff, the academic and moral development programs are excellent examples of a great Catholic education. This year we will undergo our accreditation visit in which our efforts will be affirmed and we will formulate a plan of continuing excellence through our own self examination as well as the insights provided by the visiting team of educators.

Our theme and hymn this year is a classic, ***Holy God We Praise Thy Name.*** Please keep the students, their families, and the faculty and staff in your prayers, as we continue to play out our role in the educational ministry of our parish. St. Anthony, pray for us!

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

336 Shattuck Ave S
Renton, WA 98057
Phone: 425-255-0059

Our Mission Statement...

“St. Anthony Catholic Church is a culturally rich, engaged parish, that evangelizes and forms disciples by nurturing an encounter with Christ.”

“La Iglesia Católica de San Antonio es una parroquia culturalmente rica y comprometida, que evangeliza y forma discípulos al nutrir un encuentro con Cristo.”

“Ang Simbahang Katolika ni San Antonio ay Parokyang mayaman sa kultura, nakikibahagi, na nangangaral ng ebanghelyo at naghuhubog ng mga alagad sa pamamagitan ng maunlad na pakikipagtagpo Kay Kristo.”

Giáo xứ Công giáo St. Anthony là giáo xứ phong phú về nét văn hóa, dẫn thân phục vụ nhằm truyền bá Phúc Âm và đào tạo các tông đồ giáo dân qua sự liên kết mật thiết với Đức Kitô.

FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

The parish received a total of \$1,567,000 in ordinary income this fiscal year. Ordinary income is what we all contribute through Sacrificial Giving and is the primary source of funds for our parish to operate. Ordinary income for the fiscal year came in 5% below budget, which is what is needed to pay all expected expenses including salaries, normal supplies, and building upkeep.

The amount budgeted for expenses last year was \$1,983,000. The actual expenses came in at \$1,760,000. The amount of actual expenses was 11% less than anticipated.

The parish staff continues to focus their attention on managing expenses within the budget. The reduction in budgeted expenses for the year is primary due to the fact that we paid out less in staff salaries and benefits. The parish had two fewer full time equivalent staff members than budgeted. Staff members voluntarily assumed additional tasks and work to fill this void.

Twelve years ago, our debt was \$2.7 million. During this twelve year period, the parish also purchased the Good Shepard building and the Dr.’s office, both on Morris Ave. which totaled almost \$475,000. With the \$2.7 million plus the \$475,000 purchased, to date, our debt is down to less than \$500,000.

However, the current trend for Sacrificial Giving remains downward. Five years ago, the parish was taking in \$100,000 more in ordinary income. Unless we have an increase in giving, we will need to consider cutting programs.

As we enter our Annual Stewardship of Treasure Campaign, the Finance Council asks that you prayerfully reflect on your level of Sacrificial Giving. Anything you give does make a difference. Only through your giving can the parish continue to operate.

If you wish to be a member of the Finance Council, please contact Steve Wraith at sgw@leesmart.com or Donna Schlager at dschlager@st-anthony.cc.

2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

St. Anthony is a large and dynamic parish and a lot of activities are often taken for granted; but, in fact, there is a tremendous amount of work done by staff and volunteers that make it happen. Thank you!

-CHRISTMAS GIVING

St. Anthony’s Christmas Giving program helped 61+ families. St. Anthony parishioners adopted children and purchased gifts for these children ranging from babies to teens. During distribution weekend, 61 families were able to shop for free gifts for their children and received food boxes made by St. Vincent de Paul. It was such a beautiful experience, seeing how grateful the families were to receive several gifts for their child/children. In addition to the 61 families, we had so many gifts donated from parishioners that we were able to help families on our wait list, too! Thank you, St. Anthony Parish, for helping families in need during the 2018 Christmas Season.

-RICE BOWL + LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Each Friday during Lent, our Lenten Soup Supper team cooks and serves delicious meatless soups to raise money for Rice Bowl. This year during the meal, we dove in deeper with Stories of Hope from the countries: *Guatemala, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, and Gaza*. St. Anthony parishioners gave \$14,866 to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl this year. Thank you everyone for supporting programs to stop hunger globally and locally. Your donation makes a difference to so many countries around the world!

-SHOEBOXES FOR JOY

Thank you, St. Anthony parishioners, for donating a gift for Easter to families in need. St. Anthony parishioners gave 25 men gifts and 41 women gifts to REACH Center of Hope. The decorated shoeboxes and Easter bags were filled with a variety of surprises: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, socks, and so much more. Thank you for being such a generous parish, you have helped 66+ families in need.

-FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY

We had fun together celebrating our patron Saint Anthony. We began our night with a beautiful multilingual Mass. Then we walked over to the Parish Hall to enjoy the company of our parishioners, food, and ice cream.

-PARISH PICNIC

Our parish can party! Our annual Parish Picnic was a success. We had face painting, a pinata, and delicious food donated by committees/commissions/groups/families of St. Anthony Parish. We look forward to celebrating with you next year! Thank you to all the families that brought a dish to share.

-ARISE

Every February and August, St. Anthony hosts 25+ men in our Parish Hall from the Catholic Community Service’s ARISE program. This past August, one of the men came up to one of our volunteers and expressed how he loves coming to St. Anthony because of how our parish always goes above and beyond for the ARISE men. He loved the great food and the great hospitality. Thank you so much to all that have helped with hosting ARISE here at St. Anthony Parish! The ARISE men are so grateful!