

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH  
OF VIOLET**  
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**Office Hours**

Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Holy Mass Schedule**

**Sunday:**

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday (no Holy Mass)

**Holy Days:**

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration/Divine Mercy**

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.  
First Sunday of the month 3:00 p.m.

**Rosary**

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



January 11, 2026

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
30 minutes before each Mass.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**  
Contact Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Six months prior to wedding notice. Obligatory preparation program.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** By appointment.

**RCIA** - Contact the Pastor if you would like to join the RCIA program to receive your sacraments in the Catholic faith.

**Visiting Homebound:** Once a month on First Friday. Please call the parish office to request a visit.

**Sacraments will be offered in English or Spanish.**

**Parish Ministries**

Altar Servers

Music Ministry Carolyn Snappa

Jose & Cecilia Lopez

Organist Mary Helpert

Carol Kocurek

Women's Circle Sam Morris

Violet Historical Society Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association Sam Morris

**From the Pastor's Desk**  
**January 10 & 11, 2026**

## **The Truth and Beauty of Revelation**

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). "Man" is comprised of male and female—a community of persons, a communion of love. The complementary masculine and feminine attributes help us understand the manner in which God reveals Himself to His creatures, images of the Blessed Trinity. Men tend toward the conceptual—the Word. Women tend toward the personal and relational—God's infinite Trinitarian love. God's revelation manifests truth and beauty in equal measure—truth apprehended by reason and beauty encountered through loving relationships. The Incarnation stands at the center of human history and divine revelation. The account of the Incarnation from the Annunciation through the Christmas epiphanies provides a treasury of Catholic doctrine that appeals to the practical and rational masculine mind.

The Infancy Narratives communicate Catholic truth. The shepherds represent Israel, the Chosen People, and awaiting fulfillment. The Magi represent the Gentile nations drawn into the covenant. Jesus is not only King of the Jews, as Pilate's inscription declares, but King of all nations. The Twelve Apostles correspond to the Twelve Tribes of Israel, signaling continuity rather than rupture. The Church is Catholic because Christ's kingship is universal.

Faith and reason operate in harmony because Christ reconciles God and man in Himself. Religion and science are not adversaries. Science explains how creation functions. Faith explains why creation exists at all. In Christ, our reality and destiny become intelligible.

An exclusive intellectual focus on doctrine, however, can become detached from historical human relationships. The historicity of the Infancy Narratives is sometimes dismissed as implausible or symbolic. For rationalists, the "Christian message" alone is sufficient. Yet a disembodied message—severed from historical experiences—quickly dissipates. Modern skepticism often mistakes historical denial for intellectual rigor, treating the Gospels as meaningful myths rather than eyewitness testimony.

The conceptual masculine mind requires the relational feminine complement to avoid the error of rationalism. God's revelation employs the feminine (and Trinitarian) inclination of human relationship to root divine revelation in time and place. Jesus was born to Mary in Bethlehem after the Angel Gabriel's annunciation. The shepherds were not literary inventions detached from history; they were historical witnesses who brought joy to the Holy Family. Imagine the shepherds recounting their vision of the angelic choirs—a historical event recalled every time the Gloria is sung at Mass.

The Magi represent the Gentiles and foreshadow the universality of the Church. But insight detached from historical encounter becomes sterile symbolism. Mary would have little to ponder if the Magi were a figment of a theologian's imagination.

In Jesus, the Word is made flesh. Meaning emerges not through abstraction, but through encounter with a living Person. "Male and female He created them." God reveals Himself through their complementary dispositions: the union of mind and heart, the conceptual and the relational, truth and beauty—united in divine love.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY            JANUARY 10, 2026**

6:00 p.m.    + PAUL THOMPSON - By Bruce & Penny Hoelscher

**SUNDAY            JANUARY 11, 2026**

9:00 a.m.    + DELORES BERNSEN - By Family

**11:00 a.m. PRO POPULO**

**MONDAY            JANUARY 12, 2026**

8:00 a.m.    +SHIRLEY VICKERY - By Don & Carolyn Havelka

**TUESDAY            JANUARY 13, 2026**

No Holy Mass

**WEDNESDAY        JANUARY 14, 2026**

6:00 p.m.    +JAMES + BARBARA, +STEPHEN WILLIAMS  
By Bob & Margaret Barker

**THURSDAY        JANUARY 15, 2026**

8:00 a.m.    +EARL JALUFKA - By Schanen Family

**FRIDAY            JANUARY 16, 2026**

8:00 a.m.    Mass of Thanksgiving—Martha Loa Gomez, Birthday  
By Ben & Norma Cantu

**SATURDAY        JANUARY 17, 2026**

6:00 p.m.    +NAOMI TISCHLER - By Tischler & Hajek Families

**SUNDAY            JANUARY 18, 2026**

9:00 a.m.    + EDWARD MOKRY - Heavenly Birthday  
By Sam Morris & Beverly Mokry

**11:00 a.m. PRO POPULO**

**Sanctuary Candle**

January 10 — 16, 2026

For an increase of Priestly Vocations in the Church

## 2026 Violet Historical Society Annual Raffle Tickets Now On Sale!

2026 VHS Raffle Tickets are now on sale at the church entrance for all Masses. As is traditional, tickets are \$1.00 ea. or six (6) tickets for \$5.00.



The raffle drawing & reception will be held on Sunday February 15, 2026.

For additional raffle tickets or information please contact Sam Morris (361-215-9163) or Pam Matlock (361-249-3033).

Thanks again for supporting the Violet Historical Society!

### Parish Wide Yard Sale! March 6 & 7, 2026

With the beginning of the New Year, we all start to think about spring cleaning. What do we do with all the extra stuff we accumulate? Well, consider donating your items to the parish! This year we will host our 1st Parish Wide Garage/Yard sale! We will begin accepting your gently used items beginning in February 2026. More information will follow in the next few weeks or contact Deanne Hoelscher, 337-396-5337.

### Parish News!

**First Saturday Holy Mass:** Beginning in February, we will have 8:00 am Holy Mass. Please note: this addition will only be on the 1st Saturday of each month.

**First Sunday of the Month:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 3pm.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves ~~their~~ lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more... and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

SUNDAY COLLECTION	
1/4/26	
Envelope	\$ 1,566.00
Loose	\$ 766.00
Total	\$ 2,332.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$ 200.00
Total Deposit	\$ 2,732.00
1/1/26	
Mary Mother of God	\$ 600.00
Online Donations	
1/4/26—1/9/26 \$560.00	

**PRAYER LIST:** Bianca Aussen, Norine Benssen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dennis Gilbert, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Brian Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Elijia Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheine, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Eie Stone, Shannon Taylor, Mark Tijerina, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaugh, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, David Williams, Miles Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.