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Office Hours

Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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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 Day of Obligation

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

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the month 8:00 a.m.
First Sunday of the month 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

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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 Snapska
Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Organist

Mary Helsper

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association Sam Morris

From the Pastor's Desk
January 17 & 18, 2026

AI and Authentic Christian Dignity. Part 1.

The baby boomer generation is probably struggling to keep up with the wizardry of Artificial Intelligence (AI). We may discover that grammar checkers improve writing, like an examination of conscience, by directing thoughtful writers to their predominant faults. But relying too much on AI may ruin one's ability to write good. AI applications have become elaborate encyclopedias, responding at lightning speed to our requests for information. Yet AI has its inherent limits. The Baptism of the Lord helps us contrast the dignity of our humanity with the capabilities of AI technology. Water gives life, and water destroys. Water also refreshes our drooping spirits, renews the face of the earth, and gives life to all. The waters of the Great Flood destroyed the earth in the time of Noah. The storms of the sea pose a threat to seafarers. Water destroys laptop computers. The Baptism of the Lord is another epiphany—a manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God—using the symbolism of water. The Baptism of Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah. As God and man in the Incarnation, Jesus takes our humanity unto Himself. In Baptism, our sinful humanity, in union with His sacred humanity, dies in the waters of baptism. In Christ, our humanity rises from the baptismal waters with Him. The Baptism of Jesus foreshadows the Cross and the Resurrection, and it foreshadows our own baptism.

In Christ, the descent of the Holy Spirit sanctifies our humanity and foreshadows the Sacrament of Confirmation. In Christ, the heavenly voice declaring, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," also applies to us, His adopted sons in Baptism. Our baptismal promises renounce Satan and profess our belief in Jesus and the Church. Baptism obliterates the stain of Original Sin, although sinful inclinations remain. Baptism confers the dignity of sanctifying grace and incorporates us into the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. In Jesus, every human person is a child of God. By Baptism, God claims us as adopted sons in the Son and as holy instruments in union with Himself and His Church. Jesus built the Church on the rock of St. Peter and the Apostles. After His Ascension into heaven with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples, the Church was born. We become members of the Mystical Body of Christ by Baptism and are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. The Ascension and Pentecost—the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples—are critical to our understanding of the Catholic faith and our Christian duties. Jesus, by grace, is not an absentee landlord. But neither is He a Divine Answer Man.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026

8:00 a.m. + MARY HUMPLIK - By Humplik Estate

TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 2026

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21, 2026

6:00 p.m. + FLOY LEE HOESLCHER & + ROSA LEE HOELSCHER

By Ann Gallagher Middour

THURSDAY JANUARY 22, 2026

8:00 a.m. + TOM BERNSEN - By Family

FRIDAY JANUARY 23, 2026

8:00 a.m. + MARY BETH SYKORA - By Carolyn Hoelscher

SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026

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

SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. + LOUISE MOKRY , Heavenly Birthday

By Beverly Mokry & Sam Morris

11:00 a.m. PRO POPULO

Sanctuary Candle

January 17 — 23, 2026

For the Families of St. Anthony Church, Violet

Parish News!

Church Decorations - The Christmas decorations will be taken down on Monday, January 19, 2026 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please join us if you are able to help.

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.

Please note: The new Bishop for our Diocese will be installed on January 28, we will not have Adoration that day, but we will have evening Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer to St. Agnes

O blessed St. Agnes,
pure lily in the garden of God,
you who kept your heart unyielding
before the threats of the world,
teach us to love Christ
with a courage that does not falter.
Intercede for the young,
that they may walk in innocence
and guard the treasure of their
faith.

Pray for those who suffer for truth,
that they may be steadfast in hope.

Gentle martyr,
whose name is written in heaven,
guide us to the Lamb you loved above all,
that we may one day rejoice with you
in the eternal light of His presence.



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!

Happy Birthday to Yvette Cavazos, our Administrative Assistant, who will celebrate her birthday on Wednesday, January 21. Wishing you many blessings and God's guidance throughout this year!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

1/11/26

Envelope	\$ 1,559.00
Loose	\$ <u>326.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,885.00
Building Fund	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 2,085.00

Online Donations

1/10/26—1/16/26 \$375.00

PRAYER LIST: Blanca Apusan, Norine Bernsen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dennis Gilbert, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Eliza Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Elie Stone, Shannon Taylor, Mark Tijerina, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarbrough.