

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH  
OF VIOLET**  
**"A Place You Can Call Home"**

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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:**

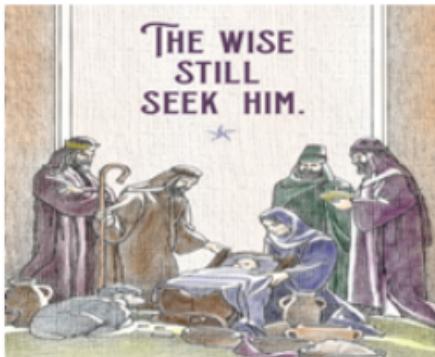
Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration/Divine Mercy**

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

**Rosary**

Wednesday 5:15 p.m.



January 4, 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 Spanka  
Jose & Cecilia Lopez

Organist Mary Holpert  
Women's Circle Carol Kocurek  
Violet Historical Society Sam Morris  
St. Anthony's Cemetery Association Sam Morris

**Dr. Ray part 2. About family.**

It is understandable that the nonreligious would look askance at parents who challenge the childbearing allowance numerically; their perspective is slanted by society's. One would expect those of faith to better understand the God-ordained gift of children. Sadly, many now observe family life through a lens more secular than faith-lit.

Those who religiously shun talking politics or religion feel unrestrained license to opine about the more personal of someone's life decisions. The cliches are predictably similar — thought clever but, in fact, tiresome. "Are they all yours?" "Don't you have a TV?" "So, this is it, right?" (This last question sometimes follows child number two, almost always coming after child number three.) "You've got your boy and girl [the "complete" family], so are you finished?" Sometimes the intrusions come with an edge: "I hope you're not thinking of more?" "How can you give each the attention it needs?" "What about college?" (The financial often lurks.)

Verbally cornering veteran mothers is not without risk. After all, these are women uncowed by years of living in close proximity to multiple little human beings. A rude remark or two can be swatted away as effortlessly as a 7-year-old's tattle. "Is this all your family?" "Of course not; our oldest is at home with the triplets." "Haven't you ever heard of birth control?" "Yes, I've heard of it. Why?" "Do you know what causes this?" "No, please tell me." "Is your husband going to get fixed?" "I don't think he's broken." "Are you going to have more?" "Well, not right this minute." "Don't you think you have too many children?" "Which one should I give back?" "I'm glad it's you and not me." "I think my kids are glad too."

Ouch! Sometimes the concerns are for Mom: "I just worry about you." "Be careful you don't overload yourself." "How's your stress level?" "Can you manage it all?" "Are you doing, okay?" Even when well-meaning, these questions imply that Mother doesn't quite understand what she's doing to herself. Isn't she sacrificing herself for all these children? Well, yes, she is.

That is exactly her intent. It's good to answer sour with sweet: "A soft answer turns away wrath" (Proverbs 15:1). "We've always been grateful for our kids." "We want whomever God gives us." Sometimes a good response is no response — a smile, a shrug, a lost look. Lost looks silently say, "I don't understand your point." What else can anyone expect from someone who has deliberately fried her brain circuitry with so many offspring?

In the end, what wins over naysayers most is the children themselves. Parents of plenty typically invest themselves plenty in their families. In time, others see that your children are not emotionally and materially shortchanged. Rather, they are maturing into individuals admired by those who once didn't understand you.

**Dr. Ray Guarendi** is the father of 10, a clinical psychologist, an author, a public speaker and a nationally syndicated radio and television host. His radio show, *The Doctor Is In*, can be heard weekdays on EWTN

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 3, 2026**

6:00 p.m. **FOR THE SOULS OF DAVID & DEVARAJ FAMILIES**  
By Philomena Thiagaraj

**SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 4, 2026**

9:00 a.m. **PRO POPULO**

11:00 a.m. **+ SARAPHINE SKORUPPA - By Family**

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 5, 2026**

8:00 a.m. **+ MARYBETH SYKORA - By Edmund & Carolyn Hoelscher**

**TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 6, 2026**

**No Holy Mass**

**WEDNESDAY**

**JANUARY 7, 2026**

6:00 p.m. **+ TOM BERNSEN - By Family**

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 8, 2026**

8:00 a.m. **Special Intentions of Philomena Thiagaraj**

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 9, 2026**

8:00 a.m. **+ TERESA "TRE" MORRIS - By Frances De Leon**

**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**

**+ MARGUERITE HOELSCHER - Emily**

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

**PRAYER LIST:** Bianca Apusen, 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, Elijah Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putwin, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Elie Stone, Shannon Taylor, Mark Tjerina, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaugh, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

**Sanctuary Candle**  
January 3 – 9, 2026

For our Deceased Family Members and Friends of  
St. Anthony's Church in Violet



**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 Hoe Ischer, 337-396-5337.



<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>	
Christmas Day	
Envelope	\$ 1,393.00
Loose	\$ 876.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 60.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 2,329.00</b>
12/28/25	
Envelope	\$ 863.00
Loose	\$ 2,107.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 110.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 3,280.00</b>
Online Donations	
12/28/25 – 1/2/26	\$355.00

**What Does 20+C+M+B+26 Mean?  
| Christmas Tradition Explained**

Most Catholics are familiar with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, commemorating the three Magi's visit to the infant Jesus. For centuries, the faithful have marked the entrance to their homes with a symbol of faith, asking that Jesus Christ bless all who live within the home. The message is as follows, [the first two digits of the year] + C + M + B + [the last two digits of the year]. The "C", "M", and "B" stand for the names of the three Magi – Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar, and the "+" represents the cross. For example, in 2026 people will mark "20 + C + M + B + 26" in chalk above their front door. The message also abbreviates the Latin phrase, Christus Mansuitem Benedicat, meaning "May Christ bless the house."



For centuries this tradition has been carried out by our brothers and sisters in faith around the world. Any color chalk used can be used. This is a wonderful tradition to adopt to show all who visit your home that your faith is strong as you enter the New Year!

**PARISH NEWS!**

**2026 Parish Calendar** - will be available in the foyer of the church. We have a limited number of calendars and ask that 1 calendar per family be taken.

**2026 Contribution Envelopes** - will be available in the foyer of the church this weekend.

Happy Anniversary to our Administrative Assistant, Yvette Cavazos, who completes 22 years of service at St. Anthony's Church, Violet, on January 9, 2026. Thank you for all that you do for us.

