



**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
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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.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

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 Snaps

Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Organist

Mary Helper

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association Sam Morris



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2025

6:00 p.m. PRAY TO END ABORTION - By Bernard Margie Najvar

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. + BOBBY KUHN - By Family
PRO POPULO

11:00 a.m. + FRANKIE WADE - Jerry & Charmaine Wade

MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. Pray to Save the Unborn - By Matlock Family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2025

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2025

6:00 p.m. + TOM BERNSEN - By Family
Special Intentions of Philomena Thiagaraj

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18, 2025

8:00 a.m. + LARRY WARDLE - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19, 2025

8:00 a.m. + REV. WILLIAM GOUGH - By Alfred & Lucille Snapka

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20, 2025

8:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m. PRO POPULO

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21, 2025

9:00 a.m. + OTTO & LORETTA BOERNER
By Don & Carolyn Havelka

11:00 a.m. + HARLEY BROOKE VILLARREAL

By Donovan & Margot Villarreal

Sanctuary Candle

December 13 - 19, 2025

For the Intentions of St. Anthony's Family & Friends



The liturgical color for the 3rd Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday is rose or pink, symbolizing joy and a departure from the traditional purple associated with penance and preparation. This distinctive color choice is a visual cue to the faithful that a shift toward celebration and gladness is underway.

Gaudete Sunday is also marked by the lighting of the third candle on the Advent wreath, often known as the "Gaudete Candle" or the "Candle of Joy." This candle represents the joy that Christians experience as they draw closer to the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

In essence, Gaudete Sunday encapsulates the dual nature of Advent – a time for reflection and repentance, balanced with anticipation and rejoicing in the promise of redemption. It serves as a reminder that, even in the midst of our preparations, there is joy to be found in the expectation of the Savior's arrival.

PARISH NEWS!

Church Decorating will be done on **Monday, December 15, 2025** after Mass.

Christmas Confessions will be held: **December 17, 2025** after 6pm Mass.

Parish Wide Yard Sale!

March 6 & 7, 2026

We will begin accepting your gently used items beginning in February 2026 for our 1st Parish Wide Garage Sale.

More information will follow in the next few weeks or contact Deanne Hoelscher, 337-396-5337



The Ark Assessment Center & Emergency Shelter for Youth Christmas 2025

Our parish will be gathering items for the youth located at the shelter for Christmas this year. Listed below is a list of items as ideas for the youth. The Ark is also in need of pots and pans and kitchen utensils, as the ones they currently have need replacement. Deadline for donations is: Sunday, December 21, 2025. For more information please contact: Carolyn Snappa 361-537-5384

Gift Cards: Walmart, HEB, Sam's, Visa

Diapers: Size 4, 5, 6

Toys: For ages 18 months and under

Toddler walking shoes: High tops with a wide toe area.

Sizes 2-5, or 6. these are for children learning to walk.

Small bowls: 16 ounce or smaller. For children to have cereal and feeding the smaller children.

Laundry Detergent: Baby Dreft, Tide (powder or liquid—no pods) Spray on stain remover.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 7, 2025

Envelope	\$ 709.00
Loose	\$ 634.96
Total	\$ 1,343.96
Christmas Flowers	\$ 80.00
Oktoberfest 2025	\$ 200.00
Total Deposit	\$ 1,623.96

Online Donations

12/02/25—12/11/25 \$915.00

2026 Violet Historical Society Annual Raffle

The 2026 annual Violet Historical Society Raffle has been scheduled for Sunday February 15, 2026. Prize donation pledges for the raffle are now being accepted. For those wishing to donate a prize, a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the Church for Saturday and Sunday masses through Sunday December 28th or you may contact Sam Morris (361-215-9163) or Pam Matlock (361-249-3033) to pledge your donation. **Donations must be pledged no later than Sunday December 28th in order to allow adequate time for composing and printing the raffle ticket cards.**

Your donation and support is sincerely appreciated.





From the Pastor's Desk
December 13 & 14, 2025



By [Tyler Arnold](#) Washington, D.C. Newsroom, Dec 11, Tyler Arnold is a staff reporter for Catholic News Agency, based in EWTN News' Washington Bureau.

A majority of Catholic voters in the United States have a favorable opinion of President Donald Trump and support the broad-scale deportation of immigrants who are in the country illegally, according to a poll published by EWTN News and RealClear Opinion Research on Dec. 11.

The poll surveyed 1,000 self-identified Catholics from Nov. 9 through Nov. 11, nearly 10 months after Trump assumed office. Trump **won the Catholic vote** in the 2024 election last year, and one of his campaign promises was mass deportations — a policy **strongly opposed** by the country's Catholic bishops. With Trump administration deportation efforts underway, the poll revealed some tension between the public stance of the country's Catholic bishops and the views held by the faithful. Among Catholics, support for large-scale deportations is even higher than their overall support for Trump.

About 54% of Catholic voters said they support "the detention and deportation of unauthorized immigrants on a broad scale." Only 30% said they oppose this policy, and 17% neither support nor oppose it. Among white Catholics, 60% support broad-scale deportations and only 26% oppose it. Among Latino Catholics, 41% support it and 39% oppose it. For Catholics who attend Mass at least weekly, 58% support broad-scale deportations and only 23% are against it. For those who attend Mass less frequently, 50% support the deportations and 36% oppose it. Catholics who attend Mass regularly were more likely to have a favorable opinion of Trump and more likely to support deportations. White Catholics were also more likely than Latino Catholics to support Trump and the deportations.

More than 60% of Catholics who attend Mass at least once per week said they have a favorable opinion of the president, compared with 30% who had an unfavorable opinion. "President Trump launched a task force to eliminate anti-Christian bias, pardoned Christian and pro-life activists, enforced the Hyde Amendment, defunded Planned Parenthood, stopped the chemical mutilation of our nation's children, and stopped men from competing in women's sports and invading their private spaces," she said.

Other administration officials had positive favorability numbers. About 50% of Catholic voters have a favorable view of Vice President JD Vance, compared with 31% who have an unfavorable view.

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, Eljia Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Roy Rodriguez, 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.