



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

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December 21, 2025

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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 Snapka

Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Mary Helpert

**Organist**

Carol Kocurek

**Women's Circle**

Sam Morris

**Violet Historical Society**

Sam Morris

**St. Anthony's Cemetery Association**



### MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY            DECEMBER 20, 2025**  
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

**MONDAY            DECEMBER 22, 2025**  
8:00 a.m.    + JIM BERNSEN - By Family  
+ ALLEN ROTHISBERGER - By Don & Carolyn Havelka

**TUESDAY            DECEMBER 23, 2025**  
No Holy Mass

**WEDNESDAY        DECEMBER 24, 2025**  
6:00 p.m.    + DELORES ROTHMAN - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade  
11:00 p.m.    Midnight Mass - PEACE IN THE WORLD

**THURSDAY        DECEMBER 25, 2025**  
10:00 a.m.    PRO POPULO

**FRIDAY            DECEMBER 26, 2025**  
8:00 a.m.    + DEANE LAI - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade  
+ HENRY THIAGARAJ—By David & Angie Emrich

**SATURDAY        DECEMBER 27, 2025**  
8:00 a.m.    Special Intentions of Philomena Thiagaraj  
6:00 p.m.    + GONZALO GONZALEZ  
By Donovan & Margot Villarreal

**SUNDAY            DECEMBER 28, 2025**  
9:00 a.m.    + OTTO & LORETTA BOERNER  
By Don & Carolyn Havelka

11:00 a.m.    PRO POPULO



Sanctuary Candle  
December 20-26, 2025  
For the Intentions of St. Anthony's Church, Violet  
Family & Friends



### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24, 2025  
6:00 p.m. Vigil 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass  
Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

*Decemny of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
(Vigil) Wednesday, December 31, 2025 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, January 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 14, 2025

Envelope	\$ 972.00
Loose	<u>\$ 1,002.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,974.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 297.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 235.00
Retirement Fund	<u>\$ 155.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 2,661.00

### Online Donations

12/13/25-12/20/25 \$375.00

## 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 Snapka 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 are. 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.



**Cleaning Supplies:** Pine Sol, Bleach, Toilet Bowl cleaners,

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> in order to allow adequate time for composing and printing the raffle ticket cards. Your donation and support is sincerely appreciated.



First painting in Rome of Our Lady of Guadalupe preserved in fourth-century church.

The Church of St. Vitale, built in 386, is the oldest Christian church still standing in the center of Rome. It is the "only place of worship from the fourth century that has remained intact throughout the centuries," emphasized its parish priest, Father Elio Lops. This early Christian church, discreet and given little attention on typical tourist routes, safeguards an artistic and devotional treasure that is practically unknown: the first image of Our Lady of Guadalupe painted in the Italian capital. "It has never been given the importance it deserves," Lops told ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner, referring to a representation of the Virgin Mary that immediately brings to mind the image imprinted on St. Juan Diego's tilma in 1531. The similarities are striking. "There is no doubt about its identity," the parish priest pointed out. Although the position of the hands shows a slight variation and the rays that usually surround the figure are missing, "the gaze is the same," he explained. The painting also retains "the same belt that symbolizes Our Lady's maternity and the large crescent moon beneath her feet," Lops noted, citing the essential iconographic elements of the Guadalupe narrative. The image was painted "around the year 1550" by the Jesuit Giovanni Battista Fiammeri.

### **A compelling hypothesis about the painting's origin**

Although there are no documents that conclusively certify it, the parish priest supports a compelling hypothesis: The Jesuit Fiammeri painted the picture based on a sketch of the miracle made by Spanish missionaries upon their return to Rome, after learning about the events that occurred on Tepeyac Hill two decades earlier. One detail reinforces this interpretation. At the bottom of the painting, "below the Virgin, there is a small caravel depicting the ship on which they traveled to Mexico," the priest explained. This is an unusual element in later iconography of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but it was commonly used in the context of the first contacts between the New World and the Holy See. Whatever the precise origin of the model used by Fiammeri, it is certain that this image predates by several decades the other representations of the Virgin of Guadalupe preserved in Rome, which date from the mid-17th century, almost a hundred years after the apparitions, the 500th anniversary of which will be celebrated in 2031. This fact confers on the painting in St. Vitale a singular value as a testament to the early European reception of a devotion that, over time, would become one of the pillars of the Americas' religious identity. By Victoria Cardiel, she has specialized in social and religious news. Since 2013, she has covered the Vatican for various media outlets

**PRAYER LIST:** Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, 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, Elisia Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Ellie 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.