



**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
OF VIOLET**
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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 5:30 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

Mary Helpert

Carol Kocurek

Sam Morris

Organist

Women's Circle

Violet Historical Society

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association Sam Morris



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27, 2025

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 29, 2025

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 30, 2025

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2025

6:00 p.m. + JEROME & + MARGUERITE HOELSCHER
By Matlock Family

THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 2026

10:00 a.m. PRO POPULO

FIRST FRIDAY JANUARY 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. + GILBERT & +PATRICA HOELSCHER - By Family

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

Sanctuary Candle

December 27, 2025—January 2, 2026

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



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

(Vigil) Wednesday, December 31, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2026 10:00 a.m.

*Wishing you and your Family A Merry Christmas
and a Blessed New Year*

Heavenly Father,

As we step into this New Year, We thank You for the gift of life, the blessings of the past, and the lessons learned through trials.

Fill our hearts with Your peace, our minds with Your wisdom, and our souls with Your love.

Lord Jesus, guide our steps so that we may walk in Your truth.

Help us to forgive as You forgive, to serve as You serve, and to love as You love.

Holy Spirit, be our strength in moments of weakness, our light in times of doubt, and our comfort in seasons of sorrow.

Bless our family, friends, and all those we meet this year, that together we may grow closer to You.

Mary, Mother of God, wrap us in your mantle of protection and lead us ever closer to your Son.

May this year be a journey of faith, hope, and charity— all for the glory of God.

Amen.

Fr. Andrew & Yoelle



Parish News & Updates

Beginning January 3, 2026; there will **no** longer be an 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Mass. We will begin on Sunday, **January 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, only on the 1st Sunday of each month.

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.



2026 Violet Historical Society Annual Raffle

Donations must be pledged no later than this Sunday December 28th in order to allow adequate time for composing and printing the raffle ticket cards.



Payment for your pledge, however, is not required at that time and may be made later by contacting Sam Morris (361-215-9163) or Pam Matlock (361-249-3033).

Your donation and support in preserving the future of the Old St. Anthony's Church is sincerely appreciated!

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 21, 2025

Envelope	\$ 605.00
Loose	<u>\$ 2,335.50</u>
Total	\$ 2,940.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 190.00
Total Deposit	\$3,130.50

Online Donations

12/21/25—12/27/25 \$613.70

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, Eljija 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.



From the Pastor's Desk
December 27 & 28, 2025



Part I. Dear Dr. Ray, I'm a mother of five children and happily pregnant with my sixth. I'm amazed at how free people feel to disparage my family size. I'm reluctant to tell anyone I'm expecting again.

Tolerance is the pervasive, preeminent new moral virtue. Whatever others want to do is their choice — indeed, their right — and is to be accepted, even celebrated. Yet our society is quite narrow in its tolerance. For all its vaunted openness, the tolerance movement is riddled with ironies.

Not everyone deserves to think his or her own way. Tolerance is reserved for those who think the right way, as defined by reigning secular rules. In the largest group of “non-acceptable” are traditional values, especially those of the Christian faith and especially the Catholic Faith. One moral edict that nowadays must be accepted is sexual freedom — except, as you hear it firsthand, the sexual freedom to have babies in marriage.

A quote attributed to G.K. Chesterton is, “When people stop believing in God, the danger is not that they believe in nothing, the danger is that they’ll believe in anything.” In God’s absence, or at least His lower profile, society gets to define what constitutes a “sin.” Mothers and fathers who accept children as God’s gifts, who daily give of themselves for their larger-than-“normal” family, and who live with fewer material comforts are accused of being selfish or of “breeding” in order to meet some underlying psychological needs. Wanting children is greedy. Tell that to these parents’ checkbooks.

No society in human history has enjoyed our level of resources and abundance. Yet a standard objection against having several children is material: “How can you take care of them?” Meaning what? Food? Shelter? Education? Cars?

A generation or two ago, the typical family home was around 1,000 square feet. One bathroom, two or more kids per bedroom, no air conditioning, one phone, and a single-car garage. Parents who successfully raised families in such deprived conditions now wonder how their grown children can maintain a favorable family lifestyle in a house twice or more times as large, with multiple everything. One child per bedroom is now the upper limit. During our adoption screening for our fourth child, the social worker asked my wife and me, “Do you have enough bedrooms?” I was tempted to answer, “Well, they have walls, beds, and carpet, but no TVs.” But Randi shot me a “don’t go there” look. At the time, we had three bedrooms, which seemed quite sufficient to me. As a fallback, Randi and I could move to the couch. Well, maybe I could. When my oldest daughter, Hannah, entered college, the school’s president spoke about the freshman adjustment to having a roommate. At which Hannah exclaimed, “Only one?” She had entered dormitory heaven.

Too-many-kids reactions regularly come from those who had large families themselves — grandparents and others of their generation who routinely had four-plus children. Nevertheless, they question why their offspring would want more offspring.