

**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.

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 Snappa
Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Organist

Mary Helbert

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association Sam Morris



From the Pastor's Desk
December 6 & 7, 2025



The kitchen friar's book that inspires Pope Leo's spirituality. On the papal plane on the way home from his first international trip, Pope Leo XIV referenced a book that has greatly influenced his spirituality after being asked by a journalist about the conclave and what it's been like becoming the pope. "Besides St. Augustine," Pope Leo said that "The Practice of the Presence of God" by a 17th-century Carmelite friar named Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection is a book that can help anyone to understand his spirituality. "It's a very simple book by someone who doesn't even give his last name". "I read it many years ago, but it describes a type of prayer and spirituality where one simply gives his life to the Lord and allows the Lord to lead." And if you want to know something about me, that's been my spirituality for many years, in midst of great challenges — living in Peru, during years of terrorism, being called to service in places where I never thought I would be called to serve to — I trust in God, and that message is something that I share with all people," he continued.

After being asked what it was like for him during the conclave, Pope Leo mentioned the book and said: "I resigned myself to the fact, when I saw how things were going, [that] this could be a reality." "I took a deep breath. I said, here we go. Lord, you're in charge, and you lead the way," he said.

Who was Brother Lawrence? "The Practice of the Presence of God" is a collection of Brother Lawrence's teachings — memorialized in about 30 pages of letters and records of his conversations, with God, being accompanied by him in all things — from cooking to shoe repair.

Before he was Brother Lawrence, Nicholas Herman was a soldier during the Thirty Years' War. Because of a wartime injury, his leg impaired his movement and caused him constant pain for life. But as a young adult, he had a vision of Christ that would inspire him for the rest of his life; "which has never since been effaced from his soul." He went on to join the Discalced Carmelite Prior in Paris, doing humble work as a cook, and eventually working in the sandal repair shop as well. Brother Lawrence believed that little things could please God just as much as great things.

"We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work but the love with which it is performed."

Amid the busy environment of a kitchen serving about 100 people, he still connected with God. In one recorded conversation, de Beaufort recalled Brother Lawrence saying that "the time of business ... does not with me differ from the time of prayer."

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 Tjerina, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2025

6:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Philomena Thiagaraj

+ CAROLINE SCHROEDER

By Norbert & Loraine Schroeder

PRO POPULO

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. + JAMES DEURMYER - By Lesley & Rodney Hart

11:00 a.m. + TOMMY E. BERNSEN

+ JIM BERNSEN - By Family

MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. + VERA POWELL - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

6:00 p.m. PRO PROPULO

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2025

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2025

6:00 p.m. + CAROL NICOL - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11, 2025

8:00 a.m. + DENNIS FARRAR - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. + OFELIA REYES - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2025

8:00 a.m. + GILBERT + PATRICIA HOELSCHER

By Helbert Family

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



Sanctuary Candle

December 6 - 12, 2025

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



Second Sunday of Advent

The second Sunday of Advent in 2025 will be on December 7th. The theme of Advent's second Sunday is the peace that Christ brought to mankind with His birth and incarnation.

The Advent wreath has four candles - one is lit each Sunday of the four weeks of Advent. Each candle represents a new focus and time of reflection. The second week of Advent is the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that the angels declared "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. Jesus offers us inner peace and peace with others. We can know and experience peace today only through the life of Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 23, 2025

Envelope	\$ 685.00
Loose	\$ <u>892.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,577.00
Oktoberfest 2025	\$ <u>300.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ <u>1,877.00</u>

Thanksgiving Day \$ 225.00

Online Donations

11/22/25—11/28/25 \$530.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.



PARISH NEWS!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule will be **Monday, 12/8/25 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Parish Christmas Party: December 7, 2025 after 11 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. A sign up sheet is available in the foyer of the church to sign up for your favorite dish.

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

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

Mass Intentions for 2026: book is now open. Please utilize the form found in the foyer of the church and place in the collection basket with the donation. Please note that intention requests will be scheduled as received and might be schedule with another intention.

2026 Violet Historical Society Annual Raffle

The 2026 annual Violet Historical Society Raffle has been scheduled for Sunday February 15, 2026. The annual raffle is the only funding raising event for maintenance of the Museum, VHS sponsored programs and donations. 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 you 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.



Thanks again to the Violet community for their support in preserving the future of the Violet Museum and the history of Violet, Texas!