

**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 Day of Obligation

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

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
First Saturday of the month 8:00 a.m.
First Sunday of the month 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



August 9, 2026
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	AUG 8, 2026
6:00 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving, Bruce Hoelscher, Birthday By Penny Hoelscher
SUNDAY	AUG 9, 2026
9:00 a.m.	+ROMAN SNAPKA - Alfred & Lucille Snapka
11:00 a.m.	PRO POPULO
MONDAY	AUGUST 10, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+CHESTER GALE LEE - Don & Carolyn Havelka
TUESDAY	AUGUST 11, 2026
No Holy Mass	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+LEONARD SCHROEDER - Family
THURSDAY	AUGUST 13, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+NORBERT SCHROEDER - George & Paula Kapesta
FRIDAY	AUGUST 14, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+ EARL JALUFKA - Schanen Family
SATURDAY	AUG 15, 2026
6:00 p.m.	PRAY TO END ABORTION - Bernard & Margie Najvar
SUNDAY	AUG 16, 2026
9:00 a.m.	PRO POPULO
11:00 a.m.	+LEONARD SCHROEDER - Family



Sanctuary Candle

August 8—14, 2026
For the soul of + Karl Hoelscher
St. Athony's Church, Violet

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apuzo, Norine Bernsen, Yvonne Burkhardt, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Noah Gonzalez, Wilma Grupe, Mariana Gutierrez, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Kara Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Eljia Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, 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, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August 8 & 9, 2026

Part II: The Exercises and "Jesuitical" Reasoning

The *Spiritual Exercises* feature a long list of 'rules' to guide spiritual discernment, detailing the workings of the devil and of God in the soul. The foundation of spiritual discernment, for St. Ignatius, is the teaching of the Church. This sounds obvious, but St. Ignatius' easiest test of whether a thought, practice, or belief is good or bad is whether or not it leads one to agree with the teachings of the Church or to disagree with them. Therefore, one rule is: "we ought to have our mind ready and prompt to obey, in all, the true Spouse of Christ our Lord, which is our holy Mother the Church Hierarchical." St. Ignatius reiterates this in another rule: "to be right in everything, we ought always to hold that the white which I see, is black, if the Hierarchical Church so decides it". What makes the *Exercises* spiritual rather than merely intellectual is that they teach not merely to abide by the teachings of the Church, but also "praise" them, "keeping the mind prompt to find reasons in their defense and in no manner against them". In other words, we ought not only agree with the Church's teachings, but try as hard as we can to bring our intellect into accord with them and only ever speak positively about them. At this point, any further look at the *Exercises* may seem unnecessary, for it seems that this bedrock is enough to demonstrate that men like Fr. Martin are not in accord with the good spirit which St. Ignatius aimed to bring to the world. However, in order to make Fr. Martin's motives entirely manifest, we must continue by first touching upon a brief but important historical fact. The Jesuits have almost always been known to use subtle and casuistic "Jesuitical" reasoning. Its apparent excesses were the basis of Pascal's polemics against the order, but this same reasoning allowed them to be particularly effective missionaries and to gain extensive power in the Church and even in the secular world. A highly illustrative example of this is the Jesuit Ven. Matteo Ricci's mission in China in the late 16th century. Ricci took on the dress and customs of a traditional Confucian scholar and argued that there was no contradiction between certain Chinese rituals, which included ancestor veneration, and orthodox Catholic faith. This event, known as the Chinese Rites controversy, is a prime example of the controversies in which the Jesuits have always found themselves embroiled. The question arises: if the *Exercises* are built upon consent to the Church's teaching, where does Jesuitical reasoning come from, and why have the Jesuits always been embroiled in doctrinal controversy?

For starters, the *Exercises* are not simply a dogmatic manual, but, as stated earlier, a guide for spiritual discernment. For St. Ignatius, the most key aspect for spiritual discernment is understanding the *shape of the soul*. This is because the good spirit and bad spirit act in different ways depending on the soul to be acted upon. St. Ignatius writes: "in the persons who go from mortal sin to mortal sin, the enemy is commonly used to propose to them apparent pleasures," while "in the persons who are going on intensely cleansing their sins... it is the way of the evil spirit to bite, sadden and put obstacles." Moreover, to understand our own soul is direly necessary to understand the devil's attacks, for the devil "behaves... as a chief of the army... looking at the forces or defenses of a stronghold, attacks it on the weakest side, in like manner the enemy of human nature... where he finds us weakest... there he attacks us."

The Feast of the Assumption, celebrated on August 15, commemorates the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven.

Significance and Meaning

The Feast of the Assumption honors the Catholic dogma that **Mary, having completed her earthly life, was assumed into heavenly glory** by God, body and soul, a truth formally defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* (Pius XII, 1950). This belief emphasizes Mary's unique role as the Mother of Jesus and her freedom from the corruption of death, reflecting her sinless nature and special participation in salvation history. The feast is also known in Eastern Christianity as the **Dormition of the Mother of God**, or the "Falling Asleep of Mary," highlighting her peaceful passing before being assumed into heaven.



Liturgical Observance

The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated annually on **August 15**. In the Catholic Church, it is a **holy day of obligation** in many countries, meaning the faithful are required to attend Mass unless excused for serious reasons such as illness. The liturgy emphasizes Mary's glorification and her role as a model of hope and consolation, encouraging the faithful to reflect on the promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the body. In Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, the feast is celebrated as the Dormition, often with a focus on Mary's peaceful death and her assumption into heaven.

Spiritual and Theological Importance

The Assumption highlights the ultimate destiny of humanity in Christ, serving as a **sign of hope** that believers, united with Jesus in faith, may also share in eternal life. It underscores Mary's unique participation in God's plan of salvation and her role as an intercessor for the faithful. The feast invites reflection on the resurrection, the glorification of the body, and the promise of heaven for all who follow Christ.

In summary, the Feast of the Assumption is a central celebration in the Catholic liturgical calendar, combining historical tradition, theological significance, and spiritual inspiration, commemorating Mary's assumption into heaven and her exemplary role in the Christian faith.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 2, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 1,140.00
Loose	\$ 914.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ 2,104.00

Online Donations \$ 790.00 (6)

Total Envelopes Used: 10

Tithing while on Vacation

Don't forget to attend Mass while on vacation and to tithe to your parish, St. Anthony. Your generous tithing helps support the parish during the summer.