

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH
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"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 2, 2026
18th 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

Organist

Women's Circle

Violet Historical Society

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

Carolyn Snapka

Mary Helpert

Carol Kocurek

Sam Morris

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	AUGUST 1, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+GREGG TRUESDALE - By Alan & Nicole <u>Kuntschik</u>
SUNDAY	AUGUST 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.	+WANDA HOELSCHER - John & Deanna Hoelscher
11:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving, Tyler Fox, Birthday By Mary Crabtree PRO POPULO
MONDAY	AUGUST 3, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+ KARL HOELSCHER - <u>By</u> Thomas & Patsy Busenlehner
TUESDAY	AUGUST 4, 2026
No Holy Mass	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+ TOM BERNSEN - By Family
THURSDAY	AUGUST 6, 2026
8:00 a.m.	FOR THE SOULS OF DAVID & DEVARAJ FAMILIES By David & Angel Emrich
FRIDAY	AUGUST 7, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+ MARY BETH SYKORA - By Judi Hoelscher
SATURDAY	AUG 8, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+LORETTA BOERNER - Larry & Carolyn Snapka
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



Sanctuary Candle

August 1—7, 2026
For the soul of +Gloria G. Gonzales
Requested by Annette Gonzales

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

August 1 & 2, 2026

"Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16), Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded the Twelve Apostles.

Perhaps no saint in the history of Christianity has understood this command as deeply as St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose feast we celebrate July 31. Recovering from a cannonball wound in a Basque castle, St. Ignatius decided to become a saint, radically devoting himself to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Though his heart was immovably dedicated to God, St. Ignatius found that the devil could manipulate even his most pure intentions, subtly bringing him to sadness, anxiety, and despair. He found that being wise as a serpent as Christ commanded was a dire necessity to advance in the spiritual life, for only then could a soul understand and resist the temptations of the devil. Thus, while living in a cave in Manresa in Spain, St. Ignatius wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*, the greatest guide to spiritual discernment in the history of the Catholic Church. Meant to be "given" over the course of a four-week-long silent retreat, the *Exercises* are a comprehensive course in determining which practices, thoughts, or beliefs are from God and which are from the devil. They also served as the cornerstone of St. Ignatius' order, the Society of Jesus, which, by the time he died, was one of the most influential organizations both in the Church and the world. To many orthodox and faithful Catholics, it is apparent that something has gone horribly wrong with the Society of Jesus in the present day. Perhaps we should look no further than their vocations. The number of men who make their first vows, taken at the conclusion of a two-year novitiate and which typically precede about a decade of further formation before priestly ordination, has plummeted to catastrophically low levels. The USA East province of the Jesuits, which contains eleven universities including powerhouses BC, Fordham, and Georgetown, saw only three men take their first vows last year (and one is already a priest). The question of vocations is easy to quantify. Less simple to pin down is the sense that many faithful Catholics have that many modern-day Jesuits seem to undermine the teachings of the Church, yet in a way that evades an easy condemnation. For example, a Jesuit may seemingly encourage erroneous beliefs or sinful behavior, but fall back on a defensible justification when challenged. The power and popularity of the apparent offender Jesuits compound to lead many faithful people to either despair about the efficacy of the Church's teaching or to succumb to the same subtle (or overt) lapses in orthodoxy. Yet is this phenomenon real at all—namely, that many Jesuits, even with defensible justifications, are in fact seeking to undermine the Church's teaching? St. Ignatius' own principle is that "we ought to first put charitable interpretations on all men's words" (1), so we ought not be quick to judge before a rigorous examination. In the end, this rigorous examination will ultimately show, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that indeed the tactics of at least one Jesuit have the aim of undermining the Church in mind. This Jesuit is Fr. James Martin. Fr. Martin represents the epitome of the inversion of the modern Society of Jesus, which has used the tremendous power of spiritual discernment taught by the *Exercises* against the Church. As we will see, Fr. Martin comprehends the *Exercises* in everything but the ultimate aim of their creation by St. Ignatius, and that he rejects this aim will be manifestly clear once we first understand what the *Exercises* are.

The South Texas Catholic has recently announced several changes or transfers of Priest within the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Please pray for our priests that whatever changes they may encounter, they will be received in their assignments with open arms in their new assignments or enjoy retirement.

Prayer for Priests in Transition

Heavenly Father,
We lift up to you all the priests across our nation who are beginning a new chapter of ministry.

As they say goodbye to beloved communities and step into new ones, grant them peace in the unknown, courage in the change, and joy in the journey ahead.

May the seeds they have sown bear lasting fruit, and may they be received with open hearts by those they now serve.

Strengthen them in their priestly vocation, renew their zeal for souls, and surround them with support, kindness and grace.

Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, may they be shepherds after Your own heart.
Amen

(Serra Club Prayer)

Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15-21 & John 6:1-14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
So away from the crowd he started his _____.
It came to an end before it _____.
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at their _____—five thousand men, plus families filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____, and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
But then a young boy came and offered his _____—five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 26, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 665.00
Loose	\$ 602.26
Building Fund	\$ 400.00
Total	\$1,667.26

Online Donations \$ 385.00 (2)

Total Envelopes Used: 8

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.

Please
Pray
for...



PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusan, Norine Bernsen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Noah Gonzalez, Wilma Grupe, M Briana 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 Tjerina, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.