

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

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**February 1, 2026**

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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.

**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 Catho-  
lic faith.

**Visiting Homebound:** Once a month on  
First Friday. Please call the parish office to  
request a visit.

**Sacraments will be offered in Eng-  
lish or Spanish.**

**Parish Ministries**

**Altar Servers**

**Music Ministry**

Carolyn Snoddy  
Jose & Cecelia Lopez

**Organist**

Mary Helbert

**Women's Circle**

Carol Kocurek

**Violet Historical Society**

Sam Morris

**St. Anthony's Cemetery Association**

Sam Morris

## MASS INTENTIONS

- SATURDAY                    JANUARY 31, 2026**  
6:00 p.m.    **PRAY TO END ABORTION** - By Bernard & Margie Najvar
- SUNDAY                      FEBRUARY 1, 2026**  
9:00 a.m.    **Mass of Thanksgiving, Birthday**  
— **Philomena Thiagaraj** - By Family
- 11:00 a.m.    **PRO POPULO**  
+ **LENA SCHROEDER** - By Family
- MONDAY                     FEBRUARY 2, 2026**  
8:00 a.m.    **Mass of Thanksgiving-Birthday Bea Cantu Tumlison**  
By Ben & Norma Cantu
- TUESDAY                    FEBRUARY 3, 2026**  
No Holy Mass
- WEDNESDAY                FEBRUARY 4, 2026**  
6:00 p.m.    **SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF PHILOMENA THIAGARAJ**
- THURSDAY                 FEBRUARY 5, 2026**  
8:00 a.m.    + **TOM BERNSEN** - By Family
- FIRST FRIDAY              FEBRUARY 6, 2026**  
8:00 a.m.    **FOR THE SOULS OF DAVID & DEVARAJ FAMILIES**  
By David & Angel Emrich
- FIRST SATURDAY          FEBRUARY 7, 2026**  
8:00 a.m.    + **EUGENE HOELSCHER** - By Carolyn Hoelscher  
6:00 p.m.    **PRO POPULO**
- SUNDAY                      FEBRUARY 8, 2026**  
9:00 a.m.    + **OTTO & LORETTA BOERNER**  
By Don & Carolyn Havelka
- 11:00 a.m.    **MASS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAY**  
**SULLIVAN STEWART** - By Matlock Family

### Sanctuary Candle

January 31 - February 7, 2026  
For Vocations

### Parish News!

**First Saturday Holy Mass:** Beginning in February, we will have 8:00 am Holy Mass. Please note: this addition will only be on the 1st Saturday of each month.

**First Sunday of the Month: Sunday, February 8, 2026,** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 3pm, in the church.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

1/25/26

Envelope	\$ 626.00
Loose	\$ 394.00
Total	\$ 1,020.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 65.00
Flowers	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Total Deposit	\$ 1,345.00
Online Donations	
1/24/26—1/30/26	\$355.00

**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, 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, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

### 2026 Violet Historical Society Annual Raffle Tickets Now On Sale!

2026 VHS Raffle Tickets are now on sale at the church entrance for all Masses. As is traditional, tickets are \$1.00 ea. or six (6) tickets for \$5.00. The raffle drawing & reception will be held on Sunday February 15, 2026. For additional raffle tickets or information please contact Sam Morris (361-215-9163) or Pam Matlock (361-249-3033). Thanks again for supporting the Violet Historical Society!



God, the blessed  
and only **Ruler**,  
the **King** of kings  
and **Lord** of lords.

1 Timothy 6:15, 16

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**From the Pastor's Desk**  
**January 31 & February 1, 2026**

### **AI and Authentic Christian Dignity. Part 2.**

Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15) Love God. Love neighbor. Do not look lustfully at a woman lest you commit adultery in your heart. Judge not the heart of man, and you will not be judged. His commandments are precious few. We might finish all four Gospels in an afternoon. Jesus did not leave a detailed code of behavior, like the American tax code, to guide our every action. Instead, Jesus gives His Church the dignity of developing a body of teaching, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that provides the first principles of life in Christ. We apply those principles to the circumstances of our lives according to our wits as we invoke the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. A Catholic who understands his baptismal dignity asks, "What does the Church teach, and how can I apply that teaching under these particular circumstances? How can I be a holy and virtuous instrument of Jesus?" These Christian principles were developed under the guidance of the Church over the centuries. With the assistance of the Holy Spirit, we apply them according to our individual circumstances while retaining our freedom. We grow in virtue and continue to overcome the remnants of Original Sin that afflict us until we enter heavenly glory. An encyclopedia is a thing. It cannot receive God's grace. It cannot be virtuous. It can only provide information. With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, our intellect enlightened and our will fortified by grace, we carry out God's will in freedom. With God's grace, in union with His Mystical Body, we become His instruments. We may ask an encyclopedia—or AI— "What does the Church teach?" But we would not ask an encyclopedia—or AI— "What would Jesus do?" Artificial intelligence cannot substitute for the grace God applies to our souls. Jesus is not an Answer Man, an Oracle of Delphi, an *Encyclopedia Britannica*, or a tax code. When we reduce moral discernment to the question "What would Jesus do?" we risk surrendering our freedom to technology and to so-called experts. Catholics are not immune to this temptation. We sometimes view priests as spiritual oracles. Instead of asking, "What does the Church teach?" we may ask a priest in spiritual direction, "What should I do?" There is usually no harm in obtaining advice. Indeed, it is far easier for a priest to tell a penitent what *not* to do. (The sins clustered under the Ten Commandments, in the grand scheme, are limited.) But the number of virtuous options subject to our prudence is unlimited, and prudence is a virtue that cannot be delegated. A person striving to be virtuous does not ask, "What would Jesus do?" nor does he ask his priest to be his private answer man.

That question also suggests that for every set of circumstances, there is only one correct answer. It reduces Jesus to the Answer Man, the go-to authority for pre-packaged solutions. In doing so, we risk denying our status as members of His Mystical Body, refusing to cooperate with the movements of His grace, and wounding our Christian freedom and dignity—or so it seems to me.

A mature Christian asks, "What does the Church teach?" and, with God's grace, "How can I carry out my baptismal promises as an upright and honorable instrument of God?"