

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF VIOLET
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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.



February 8, 2026

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 ~~Swapka~~

Jose & Ceceilia Lopez

Organist

Mary ~~Hejduk~~

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

Sam Morris

From the Pastor's Desk

February 7 & 8, 2026

Part I. Is the priesthood really “not about power”?

There is an ongoing attempt to decouple the priesthood from authority, and authority from the priesthood. See, for instance, the movement to elevate laypeople to positions of authority, even authority over priests, in various Vatican dicasteries.

It is not that the clergy cannot call upon the laity to assist in Church governance. The real problem comes when the inherent connection between Holy Orders and governance is downplayed, as in discussions of ecclesiology today. If the clergy delegate some authority to laypeople, that is a matter of human convention, whereas the authority of the clergy is by divine institution. Canon law refers to this connection:

Canon 129. §1 Those who are in sacred orders are, in accordance with the provisions of law, capable of the power of governance, which belongs to the Church by divine institution. This power is also called the power of jurisdiction.

We might question arrangements which tend to obscure this reality.

The modern age distrusts as oppressive the very notion of authority, with its necessary corollary that some have more power than others by right. As a result, those who have it often try to pretend they don't—treating authority at best as an indelicate thing, necessary, but not to be much spoken of.

It is not uncommon for priests to be somewhat embarrassed by the inequalities of authority that are built into the Church. Take the doctrine that only men can receive Holy Orders. I have seen more than one well-meaning priest defend this doctrine against feminist challenges by saying something like, “The priesthood is not about power, it's about sacrificial service for others.”

In fairness, this line is a good way to allay fears about the abuse of power, or to dissuade people from seeking authority for the wrong reasons. But it does not answer the question of why women can't be priests. Can't women be suffering servants for the Church? Then why shouldn't they aspire to this form of service?

While the priesthood may not be about power in some crude and egoistic sense, it is certainly about authority. And that authority is precisely why the priest possesses the power of governance, among other powers. The hierarchy and sacramental economy of the Church are dependent on Holy Orders.

We shouldn't try to avoid dealing with the issue of authority by downplaying it as mere “power” unseemly to desire. We must acknowledge that authority is real, that it is good, and that by necessity, it is not equally distributed. In being ordered to sacrificial service, Christian authority does not stop being authority. The head is meant to be a servant, but not merely a servant. When the Lord wanted to wash Peter's feet, He had to command and even threaten Peter to make him allow it.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2026

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

8:00 a.m. MASS OF THANKSGIVING, BIRTHDAY

Donovan Villarreal - By Margot Villarreal

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2026

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2026

No Holy Mass

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2026

No Holy Mass

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2026

No Holy Mass

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2026

6:00 p.m. Pray to End Abortion - By Bernard & Margie Najvar

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. + THERESA "Tre" MORRIS

By Dan & Mariam Tajchman

11:00 a.m. PRO POPULO

Sanctuary Candle

February 8 - February 13, 2026
For the Priests on Retreat

Lenten Season

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2026.

5:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00 p.m. Mass and Distribution of Ashes

NEXT SUNDAY AFTER 11:00am MASS!

February 15, 2026

2026 Violet Historical Society Raffle

St. Anthony's Church Garage Sale!

Our parish will be having a garage sale in our church hall on March 6 & 7 (rain or shine). For those that would like to volunteer to help organize the donations, please reach out to Deanna Hoelscher at 337-396-5337.

The following days have been scheduled to organize and accept donations:

- Friday, Feb 20 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Thursday, Feb 26 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Saturday, Feb 28 - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Tuesday, Mar 3 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, Mar 4 - 2:00 - 4:00pm
- Thursday, Mar 5 - 2:00 - 4:00pm

If these times do not work for someone to bring their donations, please reach out to Deanna Hoelscher to schedule a time to meet.

No donations will be accepted after Tuesday, March 3.

Items that will not be accepted:

- Mattresses
- Old TVs
- Electronics that are not in working order
- Stained clothing

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Berrsen, 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 Jaluika, 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, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

Join us in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass for the 2026 VHS Raffle drawing. Lunch & refreshments will be provided.

Raffle Prize Donations: If you have not yet made your prize donation, please arrange to do so this week by contacting Pam Matlock (361-249-3033) or Sam Morris (361-215-9163).



Raffle Entry Tickets: If you have completed raffle drawing tickets, please contact Pam Matlock (361-249-3033) or Sam Morris (361-215-9163) to arrange to turn them in.

The annual raffle is the only fundraising event dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the Violet Museum and the history of Violet, Texas.

The VHS board expresses a very special "Thank You" to all of those that donated a raffle prize this year in addition to all those that purchased raffle tickets! Good Luck to all ticket purchasers!!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2/1/26

Envelope	\$ 1,010.00
Loose	\$ <u>891.11</u>
Total	\$ 1,901.11

Debt Reduction	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ <u>2,126.11</u>

Online Donations

1/31/26—2/6/26 \$670.00