

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.



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

March 1, 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 Snapska
Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Organist

Mary Helpert

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 28, 2026
6:00 p.m.	PRO POPULO
SUNDAY	MARCH 1, 2026
9:00 a.m.	FOR THE SOULS OF DAVID & DEVARAJ FAMILIES David & Angel Emrich + HELEN MORRIS - Sam Morris & Beverly Mokry
11:00 a.m.	+ ARTHOR & +FLORINE DITTLINGER Nancy B. Higgs
MONDAY	MARCH 2, 2026
8:00 a.m.	LUCILLE SNAPKA MASS OF THANKSGIVING –BIRTHDAY
TUESDAY	MARCH 3, 2026
No Holy Mass	
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 4, 2026
6:00 p.m.	SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF PHILOMENA THIAGARAJ
THURSDAY	MARCH 5, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+ EARL JALUFKA - Schanen Family
FIRST FRIDAY	MARCH 6, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+ BILL BERNSEN - Butch & Carol Kocurek
FIRST SATURDAY	MARCH 7, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+ SHIRLEY VICKERY - Don & Carolyn Hayekla
6:00 p.m.	+ TOMMY E. BERSEN - Family
SUNDAY	MARCH 8, 2026
9:00 a.m.	+ DENNIS GILBERT - Butch & Carol Kocurek
11:00 a.m.	PRO POPULO

Sanctuary Candle

February 28 - March 6, 2026
For our Sick and Homebound
Parishioners

Pope Leo: Repent sins, bear witness, foster Christian unity

In the new Apostolic Letter [In Unitate Fidei](#) it is a pleasure to see Pope Leo doubling down on the importance of Christian unity precisely by *not* watering down the Catholic Faith, but rather by insisting on the absolute truth of the fundamental Catholic creed set forth by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. One of the primary purposes of that Creed was to deny the Arian view that Christ was not eternal like the Father, but somehow “made” by the Father at some point before the creation of the world. Attributed to a Christian presbyter named Arius, this understanding was one of a great many distortions of the person of Christ which arose in the first centuries of Christianity, and which the Church found it necessary to correct.

Clearly, we are plagued by the same problem today, but disagreements over the [nature\(s\)](#) and personhood of Jesus Christ were, perhaps for obvious reasons, among the most heated controversies in the first few centuries of the Christian era. Thus, Pope Leo has taken advantage of the 1700th anniversary of the great Council of Nicaea, which definitively corrected the mistaken assumption that Christ was not “true God from true God” but rather a lesser being who served as the intermediary between us and our inaccessible Father.

Today too Christ means different things to different people. But among other valuable lessons learned from the Council of Nicaea is that the Christian faith cannot be preserved in its fullness without a Divinely-guaranteed teaching authority. Our current pope recognizes how disastrous these errors—and their resulting divisions—have been over the years, and so he has chosen to emphasize the profession of Faith at the Council of Nicaea both as a reminder of the need for Christian unity based on the Church’s creedal affirmations and as a corresponding warning against the sort of private judgment which has distorted Revelation and led to a tremendous weakening of Christian witness down through the centuries.

The Pope goes on to discuss the work of St. Athanasius and the Christian growth in understanding of what it means for the human person to be “divinized” (also a theme in the writings of St. Paul). Leo points out that “divinization in no way implies the self-deification of man. On the contrary, divinization protects us from the primordial temptation to want to be like God. What Christ is by nature, we become by grace” [#7]. Divinization, the Pope writes, “is true humanization (becoming fully human). This is why human existence points beyond itself, seeks beyond itself, desires beyond itself, and is restless until it rests in God.” Only God, in his infinity, can satisfy the infinite desire of the human heart, and for this reason the Son of God chose to become our brother and redeemer.” If we are honest, we know this is true, and we know that most of us bear some part of the blame. Thus, Leo challenges all of us to examine our consciences and to get rid of our idols. “The restoration of unity among Christians does not make us poorer,” concludes Pope Leo. “On the contrary, it enriches us.” And so, the Apostolic Letter closes by inviting all of us to begin our recommitment to both Christian witness and Christian unity by invoking the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bensen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Elijia Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Elie Stone, Shannon Taylor, Mark Tjerirra, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

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:

- 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

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2/22/26

Envelope \$ 565.00

Loose \$ 499.00

Total \$1,064.00

Hall Fund \$ 200.00

Total \$1,264.00

Online Donations

2/14/26-2/28/26 \$940.00

Contributions Envelopes used: 13



March 8, 2026

Old St. Anthony Church Petition

Fr. Andrew will be meeting with Bishop Aviles in the near future and will present the signed petition.

A petition is available for parishioners signatures in the foyer of the church requesting that Bishop Aviles approve the celebration of the Sacraments in the Old St. Anthony's Church.

Sam Morris



Lenten Season

First Sunday: March 8, 2026 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. in the Church..

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- Wednesday 5:00 p.m.
- Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Friday during Lent - Mass 8:00 a.m.

Stations of Cross - Friday 6:00 p.m.

FAST & ABSTINENCE

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. **However, for those 59 and older and in reasonable health, this discipline does not apply, but can reap from the Spiritual benefits from abstaining from meat.** When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.