

## ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF VIOLET

*"A Place You Can Call Home"*

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**April 19, 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 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 Snappa

Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Mary Helbert

Carol Kocurek

Sam Morris

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## MASS INTENTIONS



- SATURDAY**                      **APRIL 18, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**    **Mass of Thanksgiving, Boni Cantu Kite**  
By Ben & Norma Cantu
- SUNDAY**                      **APRIL 19, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**    **+ WALTER ETTIENE LANDRY**  
By Greg & Dawn Pesek  
**11:00 a.m.**    **+ TOM BERSEN - By Family**  
**PRO POPULO**
- MONDAY**                      **APRIL 20, 2026**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **+ WILLIAM BEIMER**  
By Alfred & Lucille Snapka
- TUESDAY**                      **APRIL 21, 2026**  
**No Holy Mass**
- WEDNESDAY**                      **APRIL 22, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**    **Mass of Thanksgiving, Travis Snapka, Birthday**  
**Mass of Thanksgiving, Brian & Cristina Snapka,**  
**Wedding Anniversary - By Alfred & Lucille Snapka**
- THURSDAY**                      **APRIL 23, 2026**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **+ TOM BERSEN - By Family**
- FRIDAY**                      **APRIL 24, 2026**  
**8:00 a.m.**    **+ GEORGE SNAPKA - By Alfred & Lucille Snapka**
- SATURDAY**                      **APRIL 25, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**    **PRAY TO END ABORTION - By Bernard & Margie Najvar**
- SUNDAY**                      **APRIL 26, 2026**  
**9:00 a.m.**    **+ LINDA BONNER - By the Matlock Family**  
**Mass of Thanksgiving, Sam Morris, Birthday -**  
By Beverly Mokry  
**11:00 a.m.**    **PRO POPULO**

### Sanctuary Candle

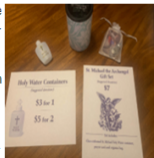
April 18 - April 24, 2026

For the souls of  
+ Pete G. Gonzales

Requested by Annette Gonzales

HolyWater containers will be available in the back of the church for a suggested donation of \$3.00 for 1 and \$5.00 for 2; also available will be a St.

Michael's the Archangel gift set with an embossed glass Holy Water container and a prayer card with an organza bag for a suggested donation \$7.00. We have taken the liberty of filling the containers for your convenience. The funds raised for this fundraiser will be used for the ongoing cleaning of the church.



LUKE 24:35

### Mother's Day Novena

May 10, 2026—May 20, 2026

Mother's Day Novena envelopes will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please start preparing your list.

### Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 2026—6:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

Easter 4/12/26

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Envelopes         | \$ 694.00  |
| Loose             | \$ 927.00  |
| Spring Fundraiser | \$ 600.00  |
| Sanctuary Candle  | \$ 60.00   |
| Easter Flowers    | \$ 160.00  |
| Easter Offering   | \$ 150.00  |
| Total             | \$2,591.00 |

Online Donations \$365.00

Total Envelopes Used: 10

**PRAYER LIST:** Blanca Aousen, Norine Bernsen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Kara Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalutka, 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 Villareal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarbrough.

### 2026 Spring Fundraiser

In the coming weeks the 2026 Spring Fundraiser envelopes will be placed in the foyer of the church. This year we are asking for a donation of \$200.00 per family. The fundraiser will be used to pay off the Diocesan Annual bills.

Property Insurance \$20,109.79  
Assessment \$15,499.00

Total as of 4/12/26 \$6,176.00

Total as of 4/11/25 \$8,370.00

Total as of 4/7/24 \$5,240.00



Thank you for your continuous support to your parish!

April 18 & 19, 2026

**Pope Leo: God's commandments are not oppression, but liberation**

Pope Leo XIV celebrated Sunday evening Mass at a Roman parish and emphasized that God's commandments are not a source of oppression, but rather a condition of liberation and flourishing.



**Reflecting on the Gospel reading of the day (Matthew 5:17-37), Pope Leo preached:**

Through the Decalogue, after the exodus from Egypt, God had established a covenant with his people, offering them a plan for life and a path to salvation. The "Ten Words" are thus to be understood within the context of the journey of liberation, thanks to which a group of divided and oppressed tribes was transformed into a united and free people. Those commandments thus appear, in the long journey through the desert, as the light that shows the way; and their observance is understood and fulfilled not so much as a formal fulfilment of precepts, but as an act of love, of grateful and trusting correspondence to the Lord of the covenant. Therefore, the law given by God to his people is not in contrast with their freedom, but on the contrary is the condition for its flourishing. Thus, the first Reading, taken from the book of Sirach (15, 16-21), and Psalm 118, with which we sang our response, invite us to see in the Lord's commandments not an oppressive law, but his pedagogy for humanity seeking fullness of life and freedom. Focusing on Christ's words on anger and insulting speech (Matthew 5:21-22), Pope Leo said Christ "indicates fidelity to God, based on respect and on care for others in their inviolable sacredness, as the way to human fulfilment, to be cultivated first and foremost in the heart, even before in deeds and words."

"Indeed, it is there that the most noble sentiments are born, but also the most painful profanations: closed-mindedness, envy, jealousy, so that those who think badly of their brother, harboring evil feelings towards him, are as if they were already killing him in their hearts," the Pope added.

Let us oppose this trend with the disarming power of meekness, continuing to ask for peace and, welcoming and cultivating the gift, with tenacity and humility. Saint Augustine taught that "It is harder to praise peace than to possess her... If we wish to possess her, we can do so without the slightest effort". And this is because our peace is Christ, which is won by letting ourselves be won over and transformed by Him, opening our hearts, and, with His grace, opening them to those whom He places on our path.

Do this too, dear sisters and dear brothers, day by day. Do it together, as a community, with the help of Mary, Queen of Peace. May she, Mother of God and our Mother, keep us and protect us always. Amen.