

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.



May 17, 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 Snaps
Jose & Cecelia Lopez
Mary Helpert
Carol Kocurek
Sam Morris
Sam Morris

Organist

Women's Circle

Violet Historical Society

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY	MAY 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA (6)
SUNDAY	MAY 17, 2026
9:00 a.m.	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA (7)
11:00 a.m.	PRO POPULO
MONDAY	MAY 18, 2026
8:00 a.m.	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA (8)
TUESDAY	MAY 19, 2026
No Holy Mass	
WEDNESDAY	MAY 20, 2026
6:00 p.m.	MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA (9)
THURSDAY	MAY 21, 2026
8:00 a.m.	Pray to end Abortion - By Matlock Family
FRIDAY	MAY 22, 2026
8:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving, Birthday –Brian Snapka By Alfred & Lucille Snapka
SATURDAY	MAY 23, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+MARGARET HOELSCHER By Bruce & Penny Hoelscher +GREG TRUESDALE - By St. Anthony Church
SUNDAY	MAY 24, 2026
9:00 a.m.	+RAYMOND HOELSCHER - By Judi Hoelscher PRO POPULO
11:00 a.m.	+TOM BERNSEN - By Family

Sanctuary Candle

May 16 - May 22, 2026

For the soul of +Greg Truesdale

Requested by St. Anthony Church, Violet

Memorial Day

The office will be closed on Saturday, May 23, 2026. But will be open on Friday, May 22, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. —3:00 p.m.

US SAW MORE THAN 1.12 MILLION ABORTIONS IN 2025, BUT ACTUAL FIGURES LIKELY HIGHER

(OSV News) — New data estimates show the number of abortions in the U.S. remained stable in 2025, totaling some 1.126 million, with apparent declines in out-of-state travel for abortions offset by increasing access to telehealth abortions.



The actual number of abortions is likely higher, given certain exclusions in the estimates.

At the same time, abortion data remains incomplete amid the lack of a mandatory, federal-level reporting system, researcher Mia Steupert of the Charlotte Lozier Institute — the education and research arm of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America — told OSV News April 15.

Data from 'Monthly Abortion provision Study'

On March 24, the Guttmacher Institute, a national policy and research firm that supports legalized abortion, released data from its "Monthly Abortion Provision Study" for calendar year 2025.

The study collects data on both surgical and chemical abortions performed in facilities, along with chemical abortions obtained through telehealth providers — including recipients who were protected by shield laws in states with abortion bans.

Guttmacher found that the 2025 figures were "largely unchanged from 2024," when the institute counted 1.124 million clinician-provided abortions.

Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling in 2022

The 2025 estimate marks a 21% increase from 2020, which Guttmacher said was "the last year of comprehensive national estimates" before the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case overturned the 1973 rulings that legalized abortion in the U.S.

Guttmacher clarified that its data "does not include self-managed abortions" — for example, those involving drugs sourced from community networks or acquired from outside of the U.S.

"Evidence suggests self-managed abortions have increased since Dobbs," the institute said.

States without total bans saw a slight decrease in the number of abortions during 2025, down to 1.036 million from 1.049 million.

Spike in telehealth-provided abortions in some states

In contrast, states with total bans saw a spike in telehealth-provided abortions, with the figure totaling 91,000, up from the previous 74,000.

Guttmacher said its estimates exclude "advance provision" of chemical abortion pills, the "limited number" of abortions performed as exceptions to full bans and abortions "that are not provided by U.S. clinicians," such as "those provided through community health networks, online pharmacies or other means."

"These exclusions mean that these findings represent an underestimate of the total number of abortions nationally," said Guttmacher.

The data showed a noticeable decline in the number of those crossing state lines for abortions — 142,000 in 2025, down from 154,000 in 2024.

Only Jesus and His Blessed Mother have entered into the glories of Heaven, body and soul. Jesus' Ascension implies that He did so by His own authority and power. The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption implies that she entered Heaven, body and soul, by God's power, and not her own.

The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission. He first united His divine nature with human nature through the Incarnation at the moment of the Annunciation. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches that from that moment on, Jesus, the Son of God, experienced three types of knowledge. First, being God, He had beatific knowledge, that is, a direct knowledge of His essence, the Father's essence, and the Holy Spirit's essence. Second, He had the perfection of infused knowledge, that is, a bestowal of all truths given to the angels in Heaven, especially those truths necessary for the completion of His divine mission. Third, He began to acquire learned knowledge, or experiential knowledge. This was the form of knowledge attained through His human nature from the senses and His human reason.

As Jesus fulfilled His mission through life, His learned knowledge continued to grow until it was perfected in human form. It was never imperfect in the sense of sin, but only in the sense of growth through human experience and human love. He experienced all things, allowed the perfection of His beatific and infused knowledge to guide His human experiences and brought those human experiences and knowledge to perfection. His free embrace of the Cross manifested the perfection of divine love in human form, and His Resurrection brought that perfect unity of human and divine love to a new and transformed resurrected state of human existence. But that was not all. Today we commemorate the fact that Jesus took His perfected human nature into the Beatific Vision, enabling humanity itself to follow. The Blessed Virgin Mary was the first to do so given her sinless state.

The final stage of the salvation of humanity will take place when Jesus returns to judge the living and the dead. At that time, every human body will rise, will endure the final purification and transformation, and will share in the new and resurrected state in which the faithful will be able to stand, body and soul, before the Most Holy Trinity and experience the fullness of the Beatific Vision forever. What Jesus has already accomplished in His human form is what we look forward to in hope at the end of time.

Reflection: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally, the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem, and that spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension, which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended. The event of the Ascension is found in the Gospels and Acts (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12). It is also alluded to in various other passages (John 6:62; Ephesians 4:7-10; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 3:21-22).



PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bensen, 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 Jalufka, Eliza 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, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarbrough.

SUNDAY COLLECTION May 10, 2026

Envelopes	\$ 740.00
Loose	\$ 1,020.00
Hall Fund	\$ 200.00
Total	\$ 1,960.00

Online Donations \$425.00
Total Envelopes Used: 10

Mother's Day Novena

May 16, 2026 - May 20, 2026

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Casey Havelka
Barbara Gillen
+Helen Najvar
Walietta Kimmel
Frances Grant

Novena 6

Julie Havelka
Melodie Vise
Esther Pantoja
+Janie Pieper
Lu Ellen Clough

Loretta Sherar
Evelyn Martini
Pat Pantoja
Lidia Terrones

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Nasa Mokry
Courtney Schroeder
+Isabella Ranly
Kimberly Prichard
+Aurora Coronado

Novena 7

Kathy Martini
Loraine Schroeder
Angelita Cavazos
Lauren Grant
+Maria Alaniz

Jessica Robertson
Rosie S. Blancher
Victoria Cavazos
+Fidela G. Lerma

Monday, May 18, 2026

Pamela Matlock
Melissa Paramo
+JoAnn Smitherman
Laura Geiser

Novena 8

Kara Jacobi
Denise Turner
+Lena Schroeder
+Lillie Meischen

Margie Najvar
Sheila Flores
Virginia Ordner

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

+Anna Beimer
+Katie Gunkel
Neisha Havelka
+Tommie Lynn Crabtree
+Hertha Morgenroth

Novena 9

+Bessie Snapka
Earlene Moody
+Delores Landry
Cindy Grant

+Helen Liedecke
Bernadette Tilton
+Lillie Pesek
Susan Holescher

Living and Deceased mothers of Tony & Yolanda Zuniga Family

Mother's Day Novena

May 10, 2026 - May 15, 2026

Sunday, May 10, 2026

+Katherine Bernsen
+June Snapka
Alana Snapka
Theresa Pesek

Novena 1

+Odelia Blossman
+Lil Snapka
Philomena Thiagaraj
Eva Davila

+Delores Bernsen
+Barbara McDonough
Maureen Emrich
+Gloria G. Gonzales

Monday, May 11, 2026

+Sophie Snapka
+Mary Beth Schonhoeft
Carolyn Snapka

Novena 2

+Regina Hoelscher
+Johanna Hoelscher
+Lilly Landry

+Nathelene Hoelscher
Adrienne Havelka

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 Novena 3

+Laura Goericke
+Loretta Boerner
Cristina Snapka
Mary Crabtree
+Mildred Kosarek

+Regina Hoelscher
+Frances Faktor
Dawn Pesek
+Frances Schroeder
Lisa Schroeder

+Mae Rotherlisberger
+Vera McDonough
Rachel Bosquez
+Bertha Heese

Thursday, May 14, 2026

+Karen Couchman
+Marguerite Hoelscher
Sheila Flores
+Lucille Schroeder
Mary Helper

Novena 4

+Evangline Jacobi
+Norine Bernsen
+Aloise Valenta
Gwynetta Hoelscher
Diane Miller

+Teresa Witzsche
Lucille Snapka
Norma Cantu
Aynsly Hoelscher

Friday, May 15, 2026

+Louise Mokry
+Theresa Simons
Carolyn Havelka
Jeanine Abdo
+Socorro Lazo

Novena 5

+Gloria Barondeau
+Rosie Moczygemba
+Geneva Stevens
+Regina Helpert
+Valerie Meischen

+Flo Herb
+Mary Simons
+Belia Camacho
+Mildred Truesdale