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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.



August 23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Snapka

Organist

Mary Helpert

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

Sam Morris

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	AUG 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+GREGG TRUESDALE - By Thomas & Patsy Busenlehner
SUNDAY	AUG 23, 2026
9:00 a.m.	+LINDA BONNER - By Matlock Family
11:00 a.m.	PRO POPULO
MONDAY	AUGUST 24, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+REGINA HOELSCHER - By Alfred & Lucille Snapka
TUESDAY	AUGUST 25, 2026
No Holy Mass	
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+EARL JALUFKA - By Schanen Family
THURSDAY	AUGUST 27, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+NAOMI TISCHLER - By Tischler & Hayek Families
FRIDAY	AUGUST 28, 2026
8:00 a.m.	+HERBERT HOELSCHER - By Alfred & Lucille Snapka
SATURDAY	AUGUST 29, 2026
6:00 p.m.	+SARAPHINE SKORUPPA - By Hoelscher family
SUNDAY	AUGUST 30, 2026
9:00 a.m.	+TRE MORRIS - Heavenly Birthday By Sam Morris & Beverly Mokry Mass of Thanksgiving, Larry Snapka Birthday By Carolyn Snapka
11:00 a.m.	PRO POPULO



Weekly Mass Intentions for September 2026

Please note that according to Canon Law and the Diocese of Corpus Christi, all priests are entitled to take a vacation for a 1 month period. Fr. Andrew will be on vacation for the month of **September 2026**. **No Weekday and 11 am Sunday Mass** will be offered in September. The weekly Mass Intentions that were scheduled for September will be scheduled in October 2026.

Sanctuary Candle

August 22-28, 2026

For the souls of
+Pete & +Gloria Gonzales
Requested by
Annette Gonzales

Part IV-The Anti-Jesuit. Ambiguity and the Good Spirit

There is only one question that we need to answer to understand Fr. Martin and his ministry: what does the word "gay" mean? There is an extremely simple but extremely important argument that must first be established. First, as Christians, we can always avoid sin with God's grace (5). Second, all expression of same-sex sexual desire is sinful, even at the level of consenting to a thought or desire. It therefore follows that, as Christians, we should not identify with our same-sex attractions, for to do so would be to say that we cannot resist them. This denies the first premise, which is the precise definition of despair. This argument is the basis of the term "same-sex attraction" (SSA), which is meant to frame such attractions as something that people *have*, never something that they *are*.

Nevertheless, is it always a sin to use the term "gay" to describe someone? No, for in the present day the colloquial use of the term "gay" implies only the attraction and not necessarily the acts. To say "he is gay" and "he has SSA" do not necessarily contradict each other. In fact, usage of such terminology could even be necessary for evangelization, as we have seen. Fr. Martin, the expert Jesuit, explains: "if one persists in using a term that a group finds outdated or offensive it is going to be hard to dialogue at all." This is the same argument that both Ven. Ricci made in China, as we saw, and thus a classic example of the casuistic reasoning derived from the **Exercises**.

However, we must ask: who is evangelized by Fr. Martin's use of the term "gay"? Is the term "gay" employed to change souls to the Church, or the Church toward souls? We may test this by the following: were Fr. Martin to use the term "gay" in order to evangelize, he would need to believe that the term describes something that both can and must be ultimately overcome by the power of God's grace. (Remember the argument beginning this section). This would qualify as a mental reservation, in which the usage of the term would only be valid if Fr. Martin held the preceding as a belief. He does not. In Fr. Martin's recent essay regarding whether priests with SSA ought to be admitted to the priesthood, he writes: It is one thing to overcome temptation or lust; it is another to overcome one's overall sexuality. My sense is that the authors are speaking about what my health-class teacher in junior high school called a "phase." But this could easily be misinterpreted as overcoming one's sexuality overall, a dangerous proposal.

Fr. Martin here denies God's healing grace because of the invalid distinction made between "temptation" and "sexuality." As we have established, same-sex attractions are necessarily and universally temptations in the Christian worldview. Therefore, if a sexuality is to be understood as a pattern of sexual attractions, all Christians are called to overcome their same-sex sexuality.

Please
Pray
for...



PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Yvonne Burkhardt, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dylan Gill, Noah Gonzalez, Wilma Grupe, M. Briana Gutierrez, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Kara Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Elija 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.

Feast of St. Monica
August 27, 2026



Monica's marriage and home life were difficult, but she was a woman of deep faith and prayer. Earlier in her life she had struggled with alcohol but overcame those difficulties. Once married, her husband opposed her Christian faith and prayer life, but he also saw in her something that led to his respect for her. She wanted to baptize her children when they were born, but Patricius refused permission. His refusal broke her heart and led to her unwavering prayers for her family. When Augustine became ill as a child, Patricius initially agreed to permit his baptism, but when the boy recovered, Patricius once again forbade it.

Monica's only recourse was prayer. She prayed fervently for her family's conversion, and her prayers began to take hold. Patricius admired Monica's virtues and was deeply affected by her love for him. That, coupled with her prayers, led to Patricius' conversion and baptism around the year 370. He died one year later. Patricius' mother also converted.

Augustine, her oldest child, was around sixteen when his father died. He had received a good education as a youth at a school about twenty miles south of their hometown. When Augustine was seventeen, he was sent to Carthage, in modern-day Tunisia, to study rhetoric. Though part of the Roman Empire at that time, Carthage had its roots in Greek culture and had some of the best schools where many prominent figures in society were educated. In Carthage, Augustine was searching for truth. After reading Cicero's dialogue *Hortensius*, his thirst for truth grew stronger. Around this time, Augustine met a woman with whom he lived and had Monica is seen by many as a model of hope for those whose family members have gone astray. As we honor her today, ponder the power of her prayers. As you do, be reminded that your prayers for your family are also powerful. If you have someone in your family who has gone astray, allow Saint Monica to inspire you and devote yourself to praying for them, so that each member of your family will share, one day, the glories of Heaven with you.

Prayer: Saint Monica, though you had a difficult life, you continually turned your difficulties over to God. You prayed, grew in virtue, and had a profound impact on your whole family. Please pray for me, that I will never lose hope for those who have gone astray but will remain faithful in prayer for them, trusting in God's divine mercy. Saint Monica, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



SUNDAY COLLECTION	
August 16, 2026	
Envelopes	\$ 1,045.00
Loose	\$ 432.01
Building Fund	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,677.01
Online Donations \$ 365.00 (2)	
Total Envelopes Used: 10	

September 2026 Mass Intentions rescheduled

Sept 1—moved to Aug 30; 9am	Mass of Thanksgiving Larry Snapka, Birthday
Sept 3—moved to Sept 6; 9am	Rachel Bosquez
Sept 4—moved to Sept 27; 9am	+Tom Bernsen
Sept 7—moved to Sept 12; 6pm	Mass of Thanksgiving, Brandon Bosquez, Birthday
Sept 10—moved to Sept 5; 6pm	For the Souls of David & Devaraji Families
Sept 11—moved to Oct 23; 6pm	+Nathelene Hoelscher
Sept 14—moved to Oct 4; 9am	Pray to end abortion
Sept 16—moved to Sept 26; 6pm	+Jean Landry
Sept 17—moved to Oct 5; 8am	+Nathelene Hoelscher & Sr. Martha Ann Snapka
Sept 18—moved to Oct 7; 6pm	+Frank Schonhoeft
Sept 23—moved to Oct 8; 8am	+Jim Bernsen
Sept 24—moved to Oct 19; 8am	+Mary Kuhn
Sept 28—moved to Oct 2; 8am	+Otto & +Loretta Boerner