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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Anthony

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Sunday: 1:30 pm (Español)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday: 11:30 am

Confession - St. Anthony

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 am

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

St. Anthony

Monday: 8:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - Mass
First Friday Devotion - After Mass

NOVENAS

- St. Anthony Novena
- Tuesdays after Mass
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Novena Wednesdays after Mass

ADORATION

Thursdays - after 8 am Mass
Monthly - 6:30 pm:
1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesday

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ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH AND MISSION OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Thank you for celebrating with us today.
Let us always gather as a community to
celebrate the blessings that surround us.



Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord.

'Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.'

Psalm 72

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Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**From the desk of
Father Fidele O. Dikete....**



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am very humbled and moved by the manner we celebrated Christmas as a community. This is my first Christmas with you and it has been amazing in all aspects. Many thanks to each one of you who remembered me with a Christmas present, a card, gift, token of appreciation, food, and most importantly, a prayer. After 6 months with you, I feel at home. Thank you for your support, prayers, love and trust you have afforded me these past 6 months.

We just received two additional chairs for the Altar, one for the presider (priest) and the second for the deacon (side chair). They beautifully enhance our Sanctuary. I thank you for your generosity in your effort to continue improving our Altar and house of worship.

I would like to share with you some exciting news regarding my two adopted children. In 2002, after my ordination to the priesthood, I adopted 5 year old Angelique Dikete, named after my sister Angelique Okako Dikete (a Nun), from an orphanage run by the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary, which is affiliated with my sister. My daughter Angelique became a mother two years ago. My grandson is now 2 years old and doing very well.

Last June, 2025 I traveled to the Democratic Republic of the Congo to spend time with my family. During this visit, I decided to make a surprise visit to the nuns who run the same orphanage. My second visit after 23 years, led me to a powerful encounter with a beautiful young lady by the name of Naomi. Naomi is 8 years old and her little brother, actually called Fidelito, is 3 years old. I am blessed and honored to have adopted Naomi and Fidelito. Please keep me in your prayers as I travel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I will be there to visit with my family and bond with Naomi and Fidelito Dikete from Monday, January 12 thru Thursday, January 22, 2026.

As we commence New Year 2026, I would like to thank God for the gift of life and for protecting us during the past year, 2025. We continue asking for His Grace for this year, 2026. I also challenge you to make some important concessions in improving our spiritual life with our Creator and our interrelationship. It is an opportunity for us to set up goals and live by them with the help and assistance of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God is with us. The Year 2025 may not have been what we anticipated, but we can still make it right in Year 2026 as we walk humbly with God on this earthly journey.

May Almighty God bless you with a very prosperous, healthy, prayerful and loving new year, 2026!

I wish you, again, a Happy New Year!

Fr. Fidele Dikete
Pastor

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



**"Lord, Hear
our Prayer".**

Baby Mark Santos	Fr. Andrew Kafara	Richard Palomo
Robert Acree	Kayla Kindred	Darlene Parker
Richard Bauer	Larry Kendall	Gianna Pesina
Janie Casanova	Jesús López	Margaret Ramos
Norma Casanova	Jaime Macias III	Mari Luz Reséndiz
Richard Castillo	Marilyn Magaro	John Robichaux
Gladys De La O	Sylvia Martinez	Antonia Santos
Elizabeth Dziuk	Fr. William	Vanessa M. Santos
Wilbert Felux	McNamara	Olivia Seguin
Fred Flores	Arnold Medellin	Estella Segura
Joseph Z. García	Cheryl Medellin	Irene Sibley
Stephanie García	Frances Miller	Miguel Silva
María Garza	Christina Moreno	Noah Spaulding
Rubén Guerra	Samantha Moreno	Pedro Solís
Jose Herrera	Santos Moreno	Juan Trevino
Barbara Hoelscher	David Owen	Jacob Warschak

Daily Mass Readings : Jan. 4th - Jan. 10th

Sun., 4th: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Solemnity
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mon., 5th: Memorial Saint John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue., 6th: Christmas Weekday [Saint André Bessette, Religious] 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wed., 7th: Christmas Weekday
[Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest]
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thur., 8th: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Fri., 9th: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Sat., 10th: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY:

†JESUS LOPEZ; †PAUL DELGADO III; †DIANA MUQUIZ;
†YNOSTROA & †LOPEZ FAMILIES BY JESUS & MARIA LOPEZ
†THOMAS & †ELIZABETH WIATREK BY ARCHIE & ELAINE WIATREK

IN HONOR:

OF MR. & MRS. MEDRANO SR.; MR. & MRS. VINCENT MUÑOZ; MR. JOSEPH MEDRANO; MRS. KAREN MONERO; MISS ALEXANDRIA MEDRANO; & AUSTIN; MR. & MRS. FRANK MEDRANO BY MR. FRANK MEDRANO



SACRAMENTS

Baptism serves as the first Sacrament one receives when entering the Catholic Faith.

You only receive it one time as your Sacrament of Initiation.

To schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office to begin the process.

- **First Communion and Confirmation:** Students must be enrolled in Religious Education classes for two consecutive years. First Communion normally takes place during the 2nd grade year and Confirmation during the 10th grade year, exceptions may be arranged. Baptism is a prerequisite! Call the office to get your child baptized before classes begin.
- **Marriage:** By Appointment - Six Months in Advance! Call the parish office to register, turn in necessary documents and arrange appointments with the Pastor.
- **Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Communion for the Homebound:** Call to arrange the time and location. Office: (210) 635-8539

• **Funerals:**

1. First contact should be the funeral home, they will contact the parish office to schedule the services.
2. After meeting with the funeral home, call the office to schedule a family meeting with the Pastor.

CEMETERY BUSINESS - By Appointment

St. Anthony Cemetery

For Records and Plot Sales call: (210) 635-8539

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery

For Records and Plot Sales call:

Albert Gamez, Jr.: (830) 391-0451

'Our Catholic Faith in Action'

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www.stanthonyelmendorf.com

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**Altar Flowers**

To commemorate an important event in your life, or someone else's, please consider placing fresh flower arrangements on the church Altar. Recognition of your gift to beautify our Altar will be placed in the bulletin that weekend. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details. 210-635-8539.

Pick Up Your Invitation Today for Our Parish Women's 2026 A.C.T.S. Retreat

Dates: February 12-15

Location: Moye Retreat Center, Castroville, Texas



Happy are those who seek Him with their Whole Heart."

Psalm 119:2

+ Registration Forms are posted on the parish website and also available on the Church entrance table. +

Gentlemen: This is a wonderful Valentine or Birthday Gift for your wife, mom, sister or special lady!

Contact any of the Directors if you have any question:

Director; Gloria C De Baca: (505) 860-8167

Co-Directors: Patricia Orozco: (210) 831-9412

Sylvia Martinez: (210) 912-6506

