

July 6, 2025

St. Anthony Catholic Church And Mission of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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Weekend Mass Times

St. Anthony

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

2nd Sunday: 1:30 pm (Español)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday: 11:30 AM

Confessions - St. Anthony

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Weekday Masses & Services

St. Anthony

Monday: 8:00 AM Communion
Service

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - Mass

NOVENAS

St. Anthony - Tuesdays after Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays after Mass

First Friday Devotion - After Mass

Adoration - Monthly - 6:00 PM

1st Tuesday

2nd & 4th Tuesday

Parish Office

P.O. Box 248 - 16505 Kilowatt Rd

Elmendorf TX, 78112

Phone: (210)635-8539

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Office Staff

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stanthonys635@gmail.com

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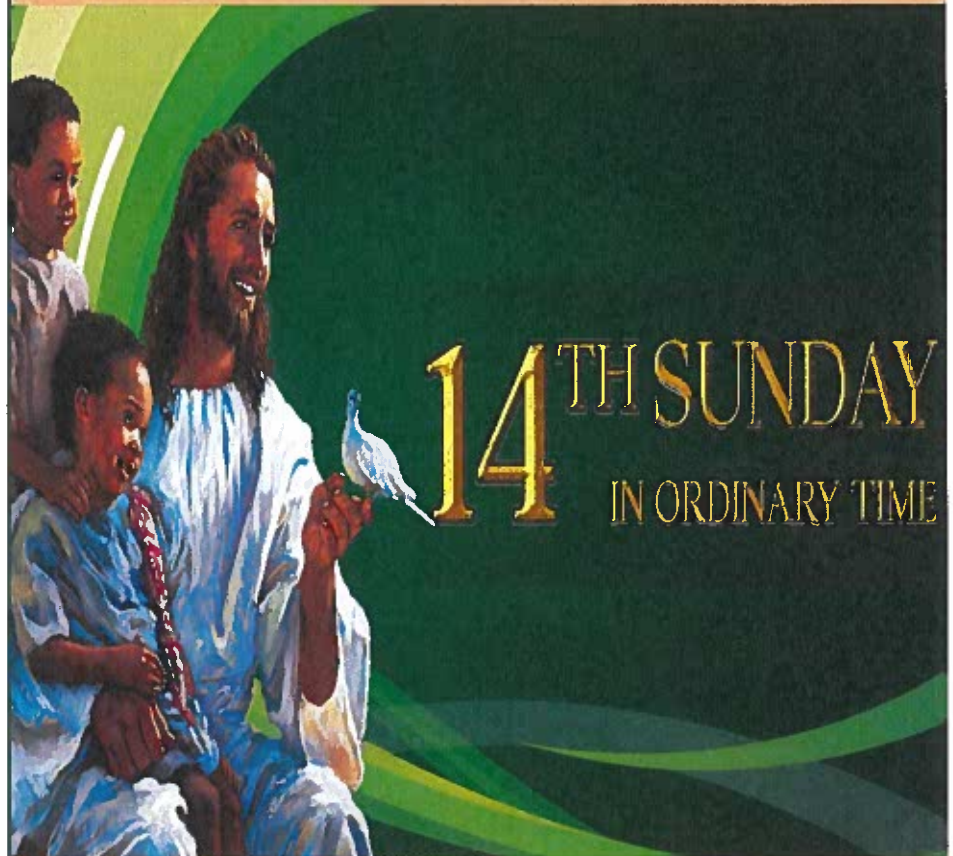
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"Thank you for celebrating with us today.
We warmly welcome you to our humble place
of worship."



"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Psalm 66

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Stewardship Offering to God and His Church
JUNE 28 & 29, 2025

St. Anthony	Envelopes	Loose
Offertory	\$2,376.00	\$1,529.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 00.00	\$1,463.40
Building Maintenance	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Ministry of the Poor	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Envelopes	Loose
Offertory	\$ 70.00	\$ 487.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 0.00	\$ 89.16

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 6 Building Maintenance
July 13 No Collection
July 20 Ministry of the Poor
July 27 No Collection



BEAT THE HEAT

BINGO! FUN

Sunday, July 27, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT NOON
BINGO BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

NACHOS, DRINKS, SNACKS & DESSERTS
WILL BE AVAILABLE!

St. Anthony Catholic Church Parish Hall
16505 Kilowatt Rd., Elmendorf, Texas 78112

Just \$10 a card for
20 thrilling games!

Proceeds benefit
St. Anthony Altar Society

MASS INTENTIONSSt. Anthony

5:00 pm SATURDAY, July 5

†Gene Flores

†Dora S. Perez

†Sarah Morgan Simmons

♦ Bernardo & Christi Ortegon Anniversary blessing

♦ Maria (Lou) Garcia for peace & comfort

8:00 am SUNDAY, July 6

†Severin Keller †Regina Keller

†Ollie Neff

†Larry Preiss

♦ Altar Society living & †deceased members

10:00 am:

†Rebecca Silva Spaulding

♦ Birthday blessing for Lester Johns

♦ Sanchez Family for safe travels

♦ David Santos for recovery

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

11:30 am:

Priest Intentions

St. Anthony

Mon Jul 7 Communion Service

Tue Jul 8 Luis Rodarte

Jose Sanchez

Sonia Sanchez

Wed Jul 9 †Rosalie Davis

Jose Sanchez

Thu Jul 10 Priest Intentions

Fri Jul 11 †Sarah Morgan Simmons

St. Anthony

5:00 pm SATURDAY, July 12

†Gene Flores

♦ Birthday blessing for Bernardo Giancarlo Ortegon

♦ Estrada Family

8:00 am SUNDAY, July 13

†Severin Keller †Regina Keller

†Fr. Howard Melzer

†Edward James Tarin Jr.

†Edward James Tarin Sr.

♦ Catholic Daughters & Knights of Columbus living & †deceased members

10:00 am:

♦ Prayers for the Souls in Purgatory

Luis Rodarte

1:30 pm:

†Maggie Ortiz-Leija

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

11:30 am:

Priest Intentions

Pope Leo XIV Monthly Intentions for July**For Formation In Discernment**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

From the desk of...

Father Fidele Dikete



Dear Parishioners of St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help,

As your newly assigned Pastor, I am very honored and privileged to serve both communities. I am certain that working harmoniously, we will achieve many goals and ultimately the kingdom of God.

A biographical summary has been inserted in your bulletin so that you may familiarize yourself with me.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and work together for the glory of God.

Happy and blessed Fourth of July America! Let us celebrate the 249th birthday of our great country, the United States of America. As we enjoy this festive day with our family and friends, let us not forget the sacrifices of so many during our 249 years of existence, who have endured hardships, so that we now may enjoy the freedoms and privileges we cherish. May we each become more responsible citizens to take care of our great country. May God bless our men and women who bravely defend the United States of America.

God bless the United States of America!

God bless you always.

Fr. Fidele O. Dikete
Pastor

THANK YOU to Joe & Diana Garcia for donating the Altar flowers for OLPH Feast Day.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baby Mark Santos	José Herrera
Robert Acree	Barbara Hoelscher
Richard Bauer	Fr. Andrew Kafara
Janie Casanova	Max Keller
Norma Casanova	Kayla Kindred
Richard Castillo	Larry Kendall
Gladys DeLaO	Jesús López
Elizabeth Dziuk	Jaime Macias III
Wilbert Felux	Marilyn Magaro
Fred Flores	Sylvia Martinez
Joseph Z. Garcia	Arnold Medellin
Stephanie Garcia	Cheryl Medellin
Maria Garza	Christina Moreno
Rusty Grohman	Samantha Moreno
Rubén Guerra	Santos Moreno

Fr. William McNamara
David Owen
Richard Palomo
Darlene Parker
Gianna Pesina
Margaret Ramos
Mari Luz Reséndiz
John Robichaux
Antonia Santos
Vanessa M. Santos
Olivia Seguin
Estella Segura
Irene Sibley
Miguel Silva
Noah Spaulding
Pedro Solis
Juan Trevino

Daily Readings July 6th—July 12th

SUN	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
MON	Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
TUE	Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
WED	Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
THU	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
FRI	Saint Benedict, Abbot 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
SAT	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

Next Weekend Mass Ministry Schedule

	July 12 2025 5:00 PM	July 13, 2025 8:00 AM	July 13, 2025 10:00 AM	July 13, 2025 11:30 AM	July 13, 2025 1:30 PM
LECTOR	Lisa Cisneros	Shawn Seesengood	Jennifer Hoelscher	Inez McBride	Maria Herrera
EEM	Elaine Wiatrek	Lynda Neff	Susie Montoya	Velma Gonzales	Emma Saenz
EEM	Archie Wiatrek	Pam Caldwell	Ozzy Montoya	Connie Crowder	Ellie Factor
EEM	Barbara Ramzinski	Pete Lopez	Darryl Noel		
EEM	Judy Wiatrek	Irma Lopez	Pam Kotara		

TREASURES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

Don't miss out on owning one. We still have these beautiful books available for purchase in the parish office. \$40.00 per book. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

Thank you.

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 or Rectory: (210) 635-0011

FUNERALS

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

St. Anthony Cemetery:

Records/Plot Sales: (210) 635-8539 - by Appointment
Chairperson: David Martinez (210) 790-3365

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery:

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to Sponsor Altar Flowers in celebration of an important day, or in loving memory of your dearly departed, please call or come by the office. One month advance notice is required for availability.

Parish Website: www.stanthonyelmendorf.com

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Bulletin & Website

Submission Deadline is Friday by 1 pm, one week in advance.

Please email article to:
stanthonysoc@gmail.com

ONLINE
GIVING





Kickapoo Casino
Tuesday
July 15, 2025
Sponsored By
St. Anthony Men's Club

Cost: \$50.00 per person
Includes: Trip to Kickapoo Casino, Eagle Pass, Texas
Payment in full not later than July 10, 2025
To guarantee a seat.

Departure Time From
St. Anthony's Catholic Church
16505 Kilowatt Road
Elmendorf, TX 78112
Reporting time 6:30 A.M.
Depart time: 7:00 A.M.
Return to Elmendorf, TX
Tuesday 8:30 P.M.

KICKAPOO LUCKY & EAGLE CASINO

For more information or to make reservations, call:
Larry Flores: 210-287-6291
Pete Lopez: 210-260-1130



PIGMENT CENTER OF HOPE



Catholic Women's CONFERENCE
"Come to Me"
Matthew 11:28

Saturday, July 26, 2025
Doors 7:00a | 8:00a | 5:15p | Vendors 11a-6:30p

Ways to Grow In Hope & "Jesus, I Don't Trust..." How to Hold On When Your Faith Is Failing

Placing Our Hope in Our Eucharistic Lord Jesus

What Is Mary's Role In Our Lives?

Morning Mass
Most Rev. Bishop Gary Janak



Karen May
Author & Spiritual Director



Fr. Jeremiah Myriam Shryock
Franciscan Friar of the Renewal



Journey with the Shroud of Turin
Nan Balfour
Shroud Ambassador



Mary Jane Fox
Conference Founder, Pilgrim Center of Hope



Music for Prayer & Praise

Healer

Eucharistic adoration, Time with Jesus, the Divine

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Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete

The following is a biographical summary of Fr. Fidele Okitembo Dikete newly assigned pastor to St. Anthony in Elmendorf and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sascampo in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas.

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete was born in Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa on September 18, 1970 the youngest of nine children, comprised of three girls and six boys, to Albert Okitokonda Dikete and Henriette Ekoko Otshumba.

He attended Mumianini Elementary School at Katoka in Kananga. He then commenced his high school academics at the Institute de Beaux Arts, College St. Pius, Minor Seminary, a boarding school, and completed his studies at College St. Louis in the city of Kananga. At the age of 20, he enrolled with the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and a year later left his family to live in the capital city of Kinshasa where he embarked with the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary CICM known as Missionhurst. He began his noviciate and pronounced his vows on October 7, 1992. He entered the University of St. Augustine and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy in June 2005. Another bachelor's degree was earned in Philosophy from the Urbanian University in Rome, Italy. During his academic year of 1993-1994, he was elected President of the student body by his students. This same year he was a co-founder of the student body philosophy magazine "*Pensée Agissante*", which translates from French to "Thought that Acts".

In 1995 he was assigned to the United States to continue his religious missionary formation and on October 10, 1995, he departed the Democratic Republic of Congo. Having arrived at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D. C., he proceeded to Arlington, Virginia for a period of three months. During this time, he learned the English language at Van Ness International Institute of Languages.

He arrived in San Antonio, Texas in January 1996 and continued with his English studies. In the summer of 1996, he worked with Christian Ministry Center in the city of Shreveport, Louisiana. In October 1996, with a limited knowledge of the English language, he began his theological studies at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. During his theological studies, he was involved with different ministries: math tutor at Healy Murphy School, participated in the RCIA program at St. Anthony of Padua, spent a year's internship at Christ the King Parish in Brownsville, Texas, spent the summer of 1999 at St. Martin de Porres Parish in Mission, Texas, worked with the refugees through Catholic Charities in San Antonio, flew to Puerto Rico to learn the Spanish language in the summer of 1997, attended a Clinical Pastoral Education at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas during the summer of 1999 and ultimately became a chaplain with one unit credit. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Theology (Master of Divinity) in May of 2000.

After his graduation from the Oblate School of Theology in 2000, he relocated to Arlington, Virginia and involved himself with advocacy work in Washington, D.C. with the African Faith and Justice Network thru 2002. He was ordained Deacon in November 2001 at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas and returned to continue his advocacy work and diaconate ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Falls Church, Virginia. A year later on June 1, 2002, he was ordained a priest at St. John Berchmans Parish in San Antonio, Texas by Bishop Patrick Zurek.

He returned to the Democratic Republic of Congo to celebrate his first mass with his family and friends. In October 2002, he was appointed Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in San Antonio, Texas. After an interval of one year and six months, he succeeded Msgr. Dennis Darilek as Pastoral Administrator for the following four years. Father Fidèle proudly became an American citizen in the year 2006. In addition to his ministry as pastoral administrator and pastor he also worked as a chaplain at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas from 2007 thru 2009. He completed his incardination process with the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 2008 and was appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in June 2008. He started Dikete Education Opportunity Foundation in March 2006 to assist children with educational tuition in his childhood school of Mumianini Elementary School in the Congo and also in two additional elementary schools for girls: Disangayi and Muoyo Mupeluke. The foundation is recently assisting students in high school. He has successfully planned, organized and been Spiritual Director to 12 pilgrimages to Italy: Rome, Assisi, Venice, Florence, Padua; 3 pilgrimages to Israel/Holy Land, 1 pilgrimage to Greece, Portugal/Fatima, Spain, France/Lourdes and Paris. In May 2009, he was elected Dean of the West Urban Deanery by his fellow pastors and was appointed by Archbishop José Gómez to

be a member of the Presbyteral Council to the Archbishop and the Personnel Board. He initiated in 2010 a support group for fellow African priests in San Antonio, Texas. In August of 2011, he organized and led Youth Group members to the World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain, the first time in the history of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish that this has been accomplished. In the summer of 2012, he led a group of young girls and boys, members of the English choir and altar servers to Washington, DC.

The following are articles written by Father Fidèle Dikete:

"A Missioner's Experience in the United States, People, Culture and Missionhurst Congregation-Key to Successful Experience" written for *Mission Update* Magazine, United States Catholic Mission Association, Volume 11, No. 2, Summer 2002.

"La Démocratie et ses Implications au Zaïre" which translates into English "Democracy and its Implications in Zaïre" written in 1994 for *Pensée Agissante* Magazine which translates into "Thoughts that Acts".

Father Fidèle has traveled extensively to 35 countries, some of which are the following: **Asia**- Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam, Philippines, China and India; **Europe**- Belgium, France, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Spain, United Kingdom; **South and Central America**- Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico, Brazil, Haiti and Dominican Republic; **Africa**- Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Senegal, Tunisia and South Africa; **Middle East**- Israel, Palestine and Dubai; **North America**- Canada and the United States.

Father Fidèle is fluent in the following 6 languages: English, Spanish, French, Tetela, Tshiluba, Lingala and has some knowledge of Latin.

Father Fidèle has worked professionally with the following Archbishops of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas: Archbishop Patrick Flores, Archbishop José Gómez and the current Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller. He has been a member of the Presbyteral Council and Personnel Board for Archbishop's José Gómez and Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller.

From November 2008 to November 2013, he served as Dean of the West Urban Deanery while continue to minister as Pastor of St. John Berchmans.

During the pandemic as the fear of the unknown was looming over the country, the city of San Antonio and the community of St. John Berchmans, Father Fidele Dikete engaged his community by bringing the blessed sacrament on the back of a pickup truck and driving in the neighborhoods with Christ and his sheep. He also played Santa by providing gifts to the children in the neighborhood; a tradition that continues until this past year 2024. He initiated a successful podcast during the pandemic called "15 Minute Coffee with Father Fidele O. Dikete" to communicate with his parishioners and friends around the world that continues to air for the past 6 years on Wednesday at 2 pm or on additional events such as Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, etc.

Father Fidele was instrumental in promoting and financially supporting St. John Berchmans Catholic School for 12 years since 2013. He ran half marathon, 10k and 5k each year to raise the money and support the school. His leadership has helped the school to stay open as several Catholic schools have been forced to close down due to financial instability and low enrollment.

Upon completing 2 consecutive terms of 6 years (12 years) successful years of ministry as a pastor at St. John Berchmans, he has been appointed Pastor of St. Anthony, Elmendorf and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission Church in Saspamco effective July 1st, 2025. Fr. Fidele Dikete is looking forward to meeting his new community and family in Elmendorf and Saspamco, and continue to learn and build together the kingdom of God on earth in anticipation of heaven.

God bless,

Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete