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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.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

*"Let the Lord enter,
He is King of Glory."*
Psalm 24

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Office Hours - Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Stewardship Offering to God and His Church

December 13th and 14th, 2025

<i>Thank You for your support!</i>	Offertory	Bldg. Mtce. Fund	Ministry of Poor	Retired Men & Women Religious
Saint Anthony	\$ 4,081.82	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 618.11
Online Giving	\$1,027.66	\$70.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 0.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 563.30	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 102.95
Online Giving	\$ 65.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$5,737.78	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 721.06

SECOND COLLECTIONSDec 21st : Religious EducationDec 25th: Archdiocese: Assumption SeminaryDec 28th: Building Maintenance Fund**Mass Attendance**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast-Dec. 12th 204

Weekend of Dec. 13th/14th:

St. Anthony5 pm 1058 am 18610 am 1501:30 pm 44Our Lady of Perpetual Help11:30 am 100**Daily Mass Readings : Dec., 21st - Dec., 27th**Sun., 21st: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24Mon., 22nd: Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56Tue., 23rd: Advent Weekday [Saint John of Kanty, Priest]
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66Wed., 24th: Advent Weekday
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79Thur., 25th: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14Fri., 26th: Feast Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22Sat., 27th: Feast Sat Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)**MASS INTENTIONS****SAINT ANTHONY**Saturday, December 205:00 pm: †Rusty Grohman †Gerard Avila
†Ed & †Irene Felux †Carrie C. Troutz
Special Intention: Juan R. Estrada
Special Intention: Gerardo SanchezSunday, December 218:00 am: †Severin & †Regina Keller
†Larry Preiss †Robert Heimer
†Monica McClusky †Sheila Schwarz
†Louis & †Elvira Tarin †Gerard Avila
Guadalupe Society Members: Living & †Deceased10:00 am: †Rebecca Silva Spaulding
Prayers for Health: Omar Acosta
Special Intention: Errinda Castillo

1:30 pm: †Gerard Avila

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

11:30 am: †Viola T. Trevino †Ruben Trinidad

SAINT ANTHONY - 8 a.m. WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Dec 22: Communion Service

Tue., Dec., 23: †Arlene Knoll

† HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION †**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm: Blessings for the children of our parish.

6:00 pm: †Severin & †Regina Keller
†Alma & †Edward Skloss †Joe M. Saucedo
†Rusty Grohman †Jesus MedranoMidnight: †Deacon Armando Scott
†Sarah Rodriguez †Jose & Isidra SanchezTHURSDAY, DECEMBER 258:00 am: Living & †Deceased Priests
†Mary Helen Flores †Fernando Flores
†Gerard Avila †Emiliano Cantu
10:00 am: †Socorro Almaraz †Consuelo Trevino

Fri., Dec., 26: Living & †Deceased Priests

SAINT ANTHONYSaturday, December 27

5:00 pm: †Rusty Grohman

Sunday, December 288:00 am: †Severin & †Regina Keller
†Robert Heimer †Louis & †Elvira Tarin
In Thanksgiving: Medellin Family
Men's Club Members: Living & †Deceased

10:00 am: Living and †Deceased Priests

1:30 pm: †Berta & †Saul Ramirez

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP11:30 am: †Viola T. Trevino †Susan Trinidad
†Gregorio G. Lucio †Ruby Gamez
†Ruben Trinidad †Salvador Trevino

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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have initiated our third Advent week. The Advent Season focuses on four themes which are: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Each one of them is celebrated during the four weeks of Advent in preparation of the coming of the Lord. Our fourth and last week of Advent focuses on Love.

The birth of Jesus is the ultimate act of love. The son of God, being God, accepted to be born of the Virgin Mary and became a man. The mystery of incarnation should humble us to admire and thank God for this amazing gift of His begotten and only son Jesus.

Jesus told the disciples of John the Baptist who came to see him and asked a fundamental question: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus responded to them by saying: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them (Matthew 11:2-11). I invite you to see and hear the good that is taking place in our community and challenge you to be the sign to those who are wondering, like John Baptist, on the identity of Jesus, Emmanuel, God is with us."

As the Angel of the Lord told Joseph in today's Gospel, to not be afraid and trust in God. Make a difference during this Christmas season in your life and in the life of those around you.

I thank each one of you who participated in our spiritual activities this past week: Reconciliation Service, Christmas Party, Santa Claus distributing gifts to the children of our community and Las Posadas. You are encouraged to continue participating in our spiritual activities, especially the two Holy Days of obligation, the Nativity of our Lord and the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please make a special effort to attend and participate in all the celebrations.

I thank all the Knights of Columbus for providing a delicious breakfast to all the children and families of our Religious Education Program and all the parishioners that attended the 8:00 am morning mass this past Sunday.

We have added two Holy Water fonts at both entrance doors. Two additional Holy Water fonts have been placed also on each side of both side doors. It is very humbly and excitedly that I announce to you that our goal has been reached! My Christmas wish list has been granted! As of today, Sunday, December 21st, we have collected a total close to \$8,175 towards the purchase of 2 processional candles. The cost for each candle is \$2,470 for a total of \$4,940 for both candles. We have exceeded our expectations and will also use the remaining money toward a new Processional cross.

Thank you to everyone who donated toward this project. I am very grateful for your generosity and willingness to continue honoring the House of the Lord with sacred ornaments.

My Christmas letter will be made available for everyone on Christmas Day. I invite you to get excited and pray for the Mystery of the Incarnation, as God becomes one of us.

God Bless,

Fr, Fidele Dikete
Pastor**In Our Thoughts and Prayers****"Lord, Hear
our Prayer".**

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

St. Anthony Catholic Church**&****Our Lady of Perpetual Help****Happy Advent & Merry Christmas****Holy Days Of Obligation:****Christmas Eve Masses****Wed., December 24th****4:00 pm:** Children's Mass**6:00 pm:** Vigil Mass**11:30 pm:** Christmas Carols**Midnight:** Holy Mass**Nativity of our Lord Masses****Thur., December 25th****8:00 am:** St. Anthony**10:00 am:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God****Wed., December 31, 2025****6:00 pm:** Vigil Mass - St. Anthony**Thur., January 1, 2026****10:00 am:** St. Anthony**11:30 am:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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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 ONLINE GIVING:



The Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat is scheduled for February 12th-15th.

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

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

Contact: Director, Gloria C De Baca: (505)860-8167 cell

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS INTENTIONS



IN MEMORY OF:

†Yvonne Mitchell, †Henrietta Migl, by Dennis & Sandry Migl
 †Mary & †Chester Moczygemba, †Alvin & †Lois Gabrysch, by Jimmy & Tammy Moczygemba
 †Sibley & Gonzalez family members, by Roger & Irene Sibley
 †Bill & †Lillia Aniol, †Raymond & †Josephine Preiss, †Larry Preiss, by Katherine Preiss
 †Swierc & †Otto family members, by James & Edna Otto
 †Frank & †Carol Keiser, †Dean & †Phyllis Billman, by Lee & Barbara Billman
 †Madeline Paige Neff, by Hal & Lynda Neff
 †Arturo Lopez, †Felix Escobedo, †Armando Lopez, †Georgia Escobedo, †Amelia Ortiz, †Mario Ortiz, by Pedro & Irma Lopez
 †Vernon & †Sam Pruski, †Harry Moy Sr., by Jason & Deborah Moy
 †Vernell Urban, †Norman Urban, †Edmund Tizman Sr., †Tillie Tizman, †Leroy Tizman, by Larry & Norma Tizman
 †Robert Silva, †Cipriano Silva, †Rolando Silva, †Darita Silva, by Pedro & Gloria Solis
 †Andrew Rodriguez, †Kathy Rodriguez, †Anita Rodriguez, †Allene Dean, by George & Alice Segrest
 †Maria & †Luis Gamez, †Richard †Luis, †Mario, †Lidia & †Bob Ingle, †Maria Barbosa, †George, †Jesse friends, †Mrs. Dolores, †Aunts, †Uncles, †Grandparents, †Ed, by Edward & Maria Ingle
 †Mr. & †Mrs. Andrew N. Rodriguez, †Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Cortez, by Alvin & Yolanda Rodriguez



IN HONOR OF: Irene Sibley, by Louis & Marita Casanova

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION: George & Sharon Dziuk Jr., Margaret Lubianski, Samuel A. Portman, Paul & Tressie Nehus, Angel & Denise Hinojosa

The Parish office will be closed

December 24th - December 26th

in observance of Christmas.

Regular business hours

will resume

Monday, December 29th.



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

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