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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.



Feast of the Holy Family Of Jesus,  
 Mary And Joseph

*'Blessed are those who fear the  
 Lord and walk in His ways.'*

Psalm 128

Parish Office  
 P.O. Box 248 - 16505 Kilowatt Rd - Elmendorf TX, 78112  
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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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Thank You for your support!	Offertory	Bldg. Mtce. Fund	Religious Ed	Retired Men & Women Religious
Saint Anthony	\$6,470.29	\$ 72.00	\$ 645.91	\$ 100.00
Online Giving	\$777.76	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 778.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 0.00
Online Giving	\$ 115.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,141.05</b>	<b>\$ 107.00</b>	<b>\$ 805.91</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Dec 25<sup>th</sup>: Archdiocese: Assumption Seminary  
 Dec 28<sup>th</sup>: Building Maintenance Fund  
 Jan 4<sup>th</sup>: Building Maintenance Fund

**Mass Attendance: Weekend of Dec. 20th/21st**  
St. Anthony

5 pm	<u>103</u>
8 am	<u>132</u>
10 am	<u>174</u>
1:30 pm	<u>40</u>
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	
11:30 am	<u>99</u>

Daily Mass Readings : Dec., 28th - Jan., 3rd

Sun., 28th: Feast THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mon., 29th: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
 [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]  
 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202) Pss Prop

Tue., 30th: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wed., 31st: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]  
 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Jan., Thur., 1st: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD [Holyday of Obligation]  
 The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity  
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

Jan., Fri., 2nd: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church Memorial Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Jan., Sat., 3rd: [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]  
 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**MASS INTENTIONS**SAINT ANTHONYSaturday, December 27

5:00 pm: †Rusty Grohman  
 †John & †Viola Kreitz  
 Healing: Lamar Booker

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am: †Severin & †Regina Keller  
 †Robert Heimer †Louis & †Elvira Tarin  
 In Thanksgiving: Medellin Family †Larry Preiss  
 Men's Club Members: Living & †Deceased  
 10:00am: Healing: Diane Felix  
 Living and †Deceased Priests  
 1:30pm: †Berta & †Saul Ramirez

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

11:30 am: †Viola T. Trevino †Susan Trinidad  
 †Gregorio G. Lucio †Ruby Gamez  
 † Ruben Trevino †Salvador Trevino

SAINT ANTHONY - 8 a.m. WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Dec 29: Communion Service  
 Tue., Dec., 30: †Sarah Morgan Simmons

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
 THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:00 PM: VIGIL MASS - ST. ANTHONY

Living and †Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM: VIGIL MASS - ST. ANTHONY  
 † Joe M. Sauceda

11:30 AM: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

For the Youth of our Church Community

Fri., Jan 2: †Gloria Salinas

SAINT ANTHONYSaturday, January 3

5:00 pm: †Gene Flores †Rusty Grohman  
Sunday, January 4

8:00 am: Altar Rosary Society Members:  
 Living & †Deceased

10:00am: †Rebecca Silva Spaulding  
 † Larry Preiss

1:30pm: Birthday Blessings:  
 Victoria Moreno, Heather & Rebecca Benavides

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

11:30 am: † Ruben Trevino †Salvador Trevino

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



**Dear Parishioners,  
Happy New Year 2026!**

May the year 2026 bring you more joy, happiness, love, faith and trust in God. May all your dreams become a reality.

Today, we are celebrating the Holy Family comprised of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Joseph is confronted with another challenge. He is being asked by the Angel of the Lord to take Mary and Jesus and flee into Egypt and stay there until the Angel returns with a new message. They remained there until the death of Herod who was trying to destroy the baby and were then led back by the same Angel. *Three things we can learn from the Holy Family:*

1. *They have total faith in God. When asked to leave for Egypt, they embarked on the journey without questioning or resisting the order made by God.*
2. *They were guided by the Angels. They allowed themselves to be led by the Angel in and out of Egypt.*
3. *They cared for each other and traveled together.*
4. *Joseph provided for the family and each of them played an important role for the well being of the entire family.*

May our families follow the example of the Holy Family by surrendering to God, caring for each other and allowing ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

*The Mass schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is posted on this page of the bulletin. Please make a special effort to attend these celebrations in honor of Mary, and also in Thanksgiving to God for the end of the 2025, and with hope for the beginning of the New Year, 2026.*

It is very humbling and exciting that I announce to you that we have reached our goal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help by raising \$2,500 to purchase two processional candles, one processional cross and one Missal stand for the Altar! My other Christmas wish list has been granted again! 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.

Santa Claus Gift of giving for the children was very successful. We collected more than 200 gifts for our children. We distributed about 100 gifts and the remaining gifts were sent to St. John Berchmans to share with my children. Thank you to each one of you who donated a present or a gift card for our children. May God bless you always.

Our first unified Christmas party between St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help was very successful. More than 265 parishioners were in attendance. I thank all who participated: cleaning crew from Men's Club and their spouses, decoration team especially the Christmas Party Committee: Felis Salinas, Pasty Kopecki, Cecilia Hernandez, Susan Montoya, Tressie Nehus, Maria Vargas and Mildred Moczygemb.

God bless you always,

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 Felix	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	

**The Parish office will be closed**

**Thursday, January 1st**

**in observance of the**

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God.**

**Regular business hours will resume**

**Friday, January 2, 2026.**



**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD**

**— MASS TIMES —**

**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**



**New Year blessings  
from the parish office!**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism**  
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'**

**Parish Website:**

**[www.stanthonyelmendorf.com](http://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.



**The Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat** is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

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 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

