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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 Third Sunday of Advent

On the third candle of Advent, we light the pink candle called the "Candle of Joy," which represents rejoicing and the growing anticipation for Jesus' arrival, marking the midpoint of the season, or Gaudete Sunday (Latin for "Rejoice"), a moment of celebration amidst the waiting and reflection. It signifies the joy found in friendship with Jesus and the fulfillment of God's promises, breaking through the more somber themes of hope, peace, and love.

"Lord come and save us." Psalm 146

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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 6th and 7th, 2025

<i>Thank You for your support!</i>	Offertory	Bldg. Fund	Ministry of Poor	Hope for the Future
Saint Anthony	\$4,531.55	\$1,203.73	\$0.00	\$80.00
Online Giving	\$1564.84	\$440.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$889.00	\$181.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Online Giving	\$80.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$7065.39	\$1,829.73	\$15.00	\$80.00

SECOND COLLECTIONSDec 14th : Archdiocese: Retired Men and Women ReligiousDec 21st : Religious EducationDec 25th : Archdiocese: Assumption Seminary**Mass Attendance: Weekend of Nov. 6th/7th****St. Anthony**

<u>5 pm</u>	<u>105</u>
<u>8 am</u>	<u>173</u>
<u>10 am</u>	<u>246</u>
<u>1:30 pm</u>	<u>47</u>

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

<u>11:30 am</u>	<u>81</u>
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Daily Mass Readings : Dec., 14th - Dec., 20thSun., 14th: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11Mon., 15th: Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27Tue., 16th: Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32Wed., 17th: Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17Thur., 18th: Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25Fri., 19th: Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25Sat., 20th: Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38**Mass Intentions
for the Week****SAINT ANTHONY****Saturday, December 13**

5:00 pm: †Gene Flores
 †Rusty Grohman
 †Dora Perez
 †Anita R. Casillas
 †Monica McClusky
 †Gerard Avila
 †Thomas & †Elizabeth Wiatrek

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am: †Severin & †Regina Keller
 †Larry Preiss
 †Elvira & †Louis Tarin
 †Catherine Halbardier
 Catholic Daughters & Knight of
 Columbus Members: Living & †Deceased

10:00 am: †Rebecca Silva Spaulding
 Prayers for Health: Omar Acosta
 Special Intention: Errlinda Castillo

1:30 pm: †Gerard Avila**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**11:30 am: †Viola T. Trevino**SAINT ANTHONY - 8 a.m. WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday, Dec 15: Communion Service
 Tue., Dec., 16: †Edwin & †Carol Felux
 Wed., Dec., 17: †Rusty Grohman
 Thu., Dec., 18: Living and †Deceased Priest
 Fri., Dec., 19: The Community of St. Anthony &
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SAINT ANTHONY**Saturday, December 20**

5:00 pm: †Rusty Grohman
 †Gerard Avila
 †Ed & †Irene Felux

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am: †Severin & †Regina Keller
 †Larry Preiss
 †Robert Heimer
 †Louis & †Elvira Tarin
 †Monica McClusky
 †Sheila Schwarz
 †Gerard Avila
 Guadalupe Society Members:
 Living & †Deceased

10:00 am: Living and †Deceased Priests1:30 pm: The Community of St. Anthony**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**11:30 am: †Viola T. Trevino †Ruben Trevino

From the desk of

Father Fidele O. Dikete....



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 third week focuses on the Joy that Jesus Christ brought into the world. We also have the Advent Wreath on the Altar. An Advent Wreath symbolizes the progression of the four candles each week which represents the growing light of Christ as Christmas approaches. I invite you to get excited and pray for the Mystery of the Incarnation, as God becomes one of us.

I thank each of you who participated in our spiritual activities this past week: Advent talk, Christmas Concert, and two beautiful celebrations of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father David Garcia's presentation was inspirational and uplifting for the season. We thank him for his wonderful talk.

You are also encouraged to continue participating in the remaining spiritual activities scheduled before Christmas Day as listed in this bulletin, as well as 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 to all these spiritual activities.

Congratulations to Mrs Mildred Moczygamba and Mrs Cecilia Hernandez who have been nominated to receive the Lumen Gentium Award respectively for St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help. They both are Presidents of the Altar Society at St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help and members of the Liturgy Committee, Christmas Party committee and ACTS team. Mildred is a Coordinator of Lectors and also an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion. Cecilia is also a member of the money counters. We are blessed to have them both in our communities.

We have added two Holy Water fonts at both entrance doors. Two additional Holy Water fonts will be placed on each side of both doors. We have also relocated the Ambo from the right side of the Altar to the left side of the Altar. We also added a lectern at the bottom of the right side of the Altar. Please be mindful that only the Word of God will be proclaimed from the Ambo on the Altar. The Word of God includes: First Reading, Responsorial, Second Reading, Gospel and the Prayer of the Faithful. Any other announcements will be made from the lectern.

I am humbly requesting the purchase of 2 processional candles for my Christmas wish list. Each candle cost is \$2,470 for a total of \$4,940 for both candles. These candles will be placed, one to the right and the second one to left of the Altar. Our Altar Servers will be processioning with these candles on weekend Masses and days of obligation. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to continue honoring the House of the Lord with sacred ornaments. Please find the two pictures of the procession candles in the foyer at the main entrance of the church.

I will be playing the role of Santa Claus this year on Saturday, December 20th from 10:00 am to noon. We ask for our children to come to the parish office in order to receive a Christmas gift from the community. Please consider donating Christmas gifts to the parish community as soon as you possibly can.

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 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 Parish

Happy Advent & Merry Christmas

Advent activities to remember:

RECONCILIATION SERVICE & CONFESSIONS:

Wednesday, December 17th,
6:00 pm St. Anthony Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday, December 19th
6:00 pm - 11:00pm
St. Anthony Parish Hall

SANTA CLAUSE GIFT GIVING
Saturday, December 20th
10:00 am - Noon
Outside Parish Office

LA POSADA
Saturday, December 20th
6:30 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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 31st - 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

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**Altar Poinsettias**

Monetary donations are being accepted by the Altar Society for live poinsettias for Christmas. You may donate in honor/memory of a loved one. You will find envelopes in the entrance to the church. Please be generous.

**Christmas Celebration**

Everyone is invited to our
First Unified Christmas Party for both communities, St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, on Friday, December 19th, Parish Hall.

Celebration will be from 6pm until 11pm. There will be music, food, dessert and beverages. You are also welcome to bring your own drinks. Christmas celebration attire is encouraged.

May we find joy and hope during the Christmas Season.

I'm looking forward to seeing each one of you and celebrate the second coming of our Savior.

May God bless you always,
 Fr. Fidele O. Dikete, Pastor

CDA Annual Christmas Raffle

Court Mary Queen
 of Angels #2673
 Elmendorf / Saspanco

TICKETS:
 5 \$5 OR
 1 \$20

Drawing at the Parish Christmas party on December 19th!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help presents



Raffle Drawing at 8 pm
Tickets: \$5.00
15 Great Prizes!

December 20th | 6:30 pm