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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

Parish Office

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Our Stewardship Offering to God and His Church December 6th and 7th, 2025

Thank You for your support!	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 COLLECTIONS

Dec 14th: Archdiocese: Retired Men and Women Religious

Dec 21st: Religious Education

Dec 25th: Archdiocese: Assumption Seminary

Mass Attendance: Weekend of Nov. 6th/7th

St. Anthony

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

11:30 am 81

Daily Mass Readings: Dec., 14th - Dec., 20th

Sun., 14th: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Mon.,15th: Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tue., 16th: Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wed., 17th: Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Thur., 18th: Advent Weekday Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Fri., 19th: Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Sat., 20th: Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38



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

1:30pm: †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

<u>5:00 pm</u>: †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

Guadalupana Society Members:

Living & †Deceased

10:00am: Living and †Deceased Priests

1:30pm: 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 Moczygemba 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



Robert Acree

Richard Bauer

Janie Casanova

Norma Casanova

Richard Castillo

Gladys De La O

Elizabeth Dziuk

Joseph Z. García

Stephanie García

Rusty Grohman

Rubén Guerra

lose Herrera

Wilbert Felux

Fred Flores

María Garza

Fr. Andrew Kafara Max Keller Kayla Kindred Larry Kendall Jesús López Jaime Macias III Marilyn Magaro Sylvia Martinez Fr. William McNamara Arnold Medellin

Barbara Hoelscher

"Lord, Hear ourPrayer".

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 Solís **Juan Trevino**

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Cheryl Medellin Frances Miller Christina Moreno Samantha Moreno Santos Moreno David Owen

St. Anthony Parish

Happy Advent & Merry Christmas

Advent activities to remember:

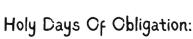
RECONCILIATION SERVICE & CONFESSIONS:

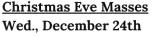
Wednesday, December 17th, 6:00 pm St. Anthony Catholic Church

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





4:00 pm: Children's Mass **6:00 pm:** Vigil Mass

11:30 pm: Christmas Carols

Midnight: Holy Mass

Navitity 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

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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 / Saspamco



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