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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:

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.

3RD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A



**“Come  
after  
Me,  
and  
I  
will  
make  
you  
fishers  
of  
men.”**

**“Repent, for the Kingdom of  
Heaven is at Hand.”**

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation  
Psalm 27

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Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Our Stewardship Offering to God and His Church**  
**January 17th and 18th, 2026**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!	OFFERTORY	BLDG. FUND	MINISTRY OF POOR	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SAINT ANTHONY	\$ 4,298.62	\$ 30.00	\$100.00	\$779.57
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 798.19	\$40.00	\$45.00	
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	\$ 945.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$114.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 95.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,136.81</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,122.75</b>	<b>\$893.57</b>

**Scheduled Second Collections**

Jan 25th: Archdiocese: Church in Latin America  
 Feb. 1st: Building Maintenance  
 Feb 8th: Church Bulletin

**Mass Attendance: Jan. 17th & 18th**

St. Anthony

<u>5 pm</u>	<u>112</u>
<u>8 am</u>	<u>114</u>
<u>10 am</u>	<u>119</u>
<u>1:30 pm</u>	<u>55</u>

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

<u>11:30 am</u>	<u>82</u>
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**Daily Mass Readings : Jan. 25th - Jan. 31st**

**Sun., 25th: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or  
 Mt 4:12-17

**Mon., 26th: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops Memorial**  
 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 /Mk 3:22-30

**Tue., 27th: [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]**  
 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

**Wed., 28th: Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church Memorial**  
 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

**Thur., 29th: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25**

**Fri., 30th: Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34**

**Sat., 31st: Saint John Bosco, Priest Memorial**  
 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAINT ANTHONY**

Saturday, January 24

5:00 pm: †Rusty Grohman  
 †Gene Flores  
 †Leroy Titzman  
 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessings:  
 Archie & Elaine Wiatrek  
 Birthday Blessing: Amy Garcia,  
 Luis M. Benavides, Phyllis Kindred  
Sunday, January 25

8:00 am: †Robert Heimer †Elvira Tarin  
 Anniversary Blessings:  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Medrano Jr.

Men's Club Members: Living & †Deceased

10:00am: Arturo Medina Blas Pallares  
 Lorenzo & †Maria Pallares  
 Good Health: Armando & Adela Rojas

1:30pm: Birthday Blessings:  
 Pat Benavides & Elvira Flores

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

11:30 am: †Richard Gonzales  
 † Jesse Gonzales  
 † Lucinda Gonzales

**SAINT ANTHONY - 8 a.m. WEEKDAY MASS**

Mon., Jan. 26: Communion Service  
 Tue., Jan. 27: Good Health: Luis Rojas  
 Wed., Jan. 28: Priests: Living and †Deceased  
 Thur., Jan. 29: Priests: Living and †Deceased  
 Fri., Jan. 30: Birthday Blessing: Maxine Skloss

**SAINT ANTHONY**

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm: Birthday Blessing: Whitney Williams

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am: †Robert Heimer  
 †Elvira Tarin  
 †Anita De Los Santos  
 Birthday Blessings:  
 Mrs. Siobhan Wilkinson  
 Patricia Dorsett  
 Altar Rosary Society:  
 Living & †Deceased

10:00am: †Rebecca Silva Spaulding

1:30pm: La Comunidad de San Antonio

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

11:30 am: †Margarito Trevino, Jr.

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



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

My one week visit with my family, friends and adoptive children, Naomi and Fidelito, have sadly come to an end. The experience is still indescribable. Naomi and Fidelito are adjusting very well in school. They have become part of the family. Their big sister Angelique and nephew Fidelito, my grandson, presence have added the icing to the cake. The separation was very emotional for all involved. My newly adoptive son Fidelito had the hardest time to let me go. I thank God for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Angelique, Naomi and both Fidelitos. Love is amazing and a powerful tool to keep us as one. The son of God loves us so much that he accepted to become man in order for each of us to be saved. It is now time to return home to my St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help families and continue building the Kingdom of God. We are blessed and fortunate. May we continue sharing that love with our brothers and sisters.

I am very excited to invite you to our Valentine's Day celebration! Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and the commemoration of the values of friendship. This year, 2026, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 7th at the 5 pm mass. All couples will be renewing their vows of marriage during the mass, widows and single persons are also invited to join the celebration of love and friendship. After mass, all are invited to join the party with food, dessert and music. Please make a special effort to attend this unique and beautiful celebration of life and friendship.

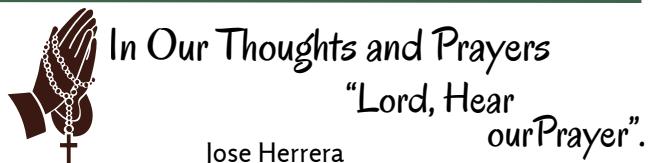
The Texas Comptroller's office has announced that the new Education Savings Account (ESA) program, by the Texas Legislature earlier this year, will now be called Texas Education Freedom Accounts. Up to \$10,000 will be allocated per child for his/her education. Parents have a great opportunity to choose a school of their choice. I urge you to strongly consider Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Catholic Education is vital to our children. Please consider either enrolling your children, grandchildren or even talking to your family and neighbors to strongly embrace our Catholic education and heritage.

As we commence New Year 2026, I would like to thank God for the gift of life and for protecting us during the past year, 2025. We continue asking for His Grace for this commencing year, 2026. I also challenge you to make some important concessions in improving our spiritual life with our Creator and our interrelationship. It is an opportunity for us to set up goals and live by them with the help and assistance of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel; God is with us. The Year 2025 may not have been what we anticipated, but we can still make it right in year 2026 as we walk humbly with God on this earthly journey.

May Almighty God bless you with a very prosperous, healthy, prayerful and loving new year, 2026! wish you, again, a Happy New Year!

God bless you always.

Fr. Fidele Dikete  
Pastor



**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**"Lord, Hear  
our Prayer".**

Jose Herrera	Richard Palomo
Barbara Hoelscher	Darlene Parker
Fr. Andrew Kafara	Gianna Pesina
Kayla Kindred	Margaret Ramos
Larry Kendall	Mari Luz Reséndiz
Jaime Macias III	John Robichaux
Marilyn Magaro	Antonia Santos
Sylvia Martinez	Vanessa M. Santos
Fr. William	Olivia Seguin
McNamara	Estella Segura
Fred Flores	Irene Sibley
Grant Frederick	Miguel Silva
Melanie Frederick	Noah Spaulding
Joseph Z. García	Pedro Solís
Stephanie García	Juan Trevino
María Garza	Jacob Warschak
Rubén Guerra	

**Valentine's Day Celebration Invite!**



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**All couples will be renewing their vows of marriage during the Mass.**

**Widows, widowers and single persons are also invited to join the celebration of love and friendship.**

**A reception will follow with Dinner, music and dancing.**  
**Dinner: served at 7pm. Music: 8pm - 10:30 pm.**

**A Donation for Food & DJ expense is appreciated:**  
**\$15 per person, \$30 per couple and**  
**\$7 for a child (under 12 years of age)**

**To join the party, sign up today after Mass or at the parish office.!**

# BLOOD DRIVE

Give the Gift of Life.

SUNDAY, FEB 8TH

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH  
Parish Hall  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Coordinator:  
Dennis Migl  
dgmigl1947@gmail.com  
(210)275-1566

Thank You for saving a life  
FREE T-Shirt!

**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'**  
**Parish Website:**

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

Parish News • Bulletin  
Online Parish Registration  
Daily Readings • Catholic News  
Pope Leo Prayers • Reflections

Scan QR Code for  
**ONLINE GIVING:**

**Altar Flowers**

Archie and Elaine are graciously sponsoring the Altar flowers for the weekend of January 24th in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulation on this important event.

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.

**Pick Up Your Invitation Today for Our Parish Women's 2026 A.C.T.S. Retreat**

**Dates: February 12-15**

**Location: Moye Retreat Center, Castroville, Texas**



Happy are those who seek Him with their Whole Heart.

Psalm 119:2

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

**Gentlemen: This is a wonderful Valentine or Birthday**

**Gift for your wife, mom, sister 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**

**Movie Knight!**

**Join Us for a Delightful Free Spaghetti Dinner & Movie Night!**

We invite you to gather in the parish hall for a fun-filled evening of delicious spaghetti and an entertaining movie!

**Now Showing: Man of God**

**Free Event Details**

**Rescheduled Date: Saturday, February 21st.**

**Time: Following the 5:00 PM Mass**

**Contact: David Martinez (210)790-3365**