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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 First Sunday of Advent

Advent symbolizes the hope of Christ's coming and begins with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent wreath, often called the "Prophet's Candle" or "Candle of Hope". Very fitting as we end the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Let us go rejoicing,  
to the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122

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Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

## Our Stewardship Offering to God and His Church

### November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

<i>Thank You for your support!</i>	Offertory	Bldg. Fund	Ministry of Poor
Saint Anthony	\$ 3,263.00	\$ 34.00	\$1,158.28
Online Giving	\$ 632.36	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$ 744.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 139.50
Online Giving	\$ 130.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,769.36</b>	<b>\$ 79.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,312.78</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Nov 30<sup>th</sup>: Religious EducationDec 7<sup>th</sup>: Building MaintenanceDec 14<sup>th</sup>: Archdiocese: Religious Men and Women Religious

### Mass Attendance: Weekend of Nov. 22nd/23rd

#### St. Anthony

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#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

11:30 am 94

### Daily Mass Readings : Nov., 30th - Dec., 6th

Sun., 30th: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Mon., 1st: Advent Weekday

Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11

Tue., 2nd: Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wed., 3rd: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Memorial Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thur., 4th: [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church]

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri., 5th: Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Sat., 6th: [Saint Nicholas, Bishop]

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### SAINT ANTHONY

##### Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm: †Gene Flores †Larry Preiss

†Allene Deen †Dora M. Casillas

†Emmy Low †Rusty Grohman

†Fred &amp; Anna Marie Menger

Prayers for healing &amp; Comfort: Irene Sibley

##### Sunday, November 30

8:00 am: †Severin &amp; †Regina Keller †Larry Preiss

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessing:

Ramon &amp; Margaret Cadena

Altar Society Members: Living &amp; †Deceased

10:00 am: †Gerard Avila †Jesus Lopez

†Paul Delgado

Prayers for Health: Omar Acosta

Special Intention: Errlinda Castillo

1:30 pm: The Community of St. Anthony

#### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

11:30 am: †Margarito C. Trevino

†Viola T. Trevino

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

Mon., Dec., 1: Communion Service

Tue., Dec., 2: Prayers for Healing: Frances Miller

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed., Dec., 3: †Robert Heimer

Thu., Dec., 4: †Darlene Daude

Fri., Dec., 5: †Annette Stears

#### SAINT ANTHONY

##### Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm: †Gene Flores †Rusty Grohman

†Dora Perez †Emmy Low

Prayers for Healing: Wilbert Felux

Birthday Blessings: Conchita Scott,

Dan Benavides, Margaret Cadena

##### Sunday, December 7

8:00 am: †Severin &amp; Regina Keller

†Leonard Lawson †Larry Preiss

†Olivia S. Seguin †Gerard Avila

†Elvira &amp; †Louis Tarin

Catholic Daughters &amp; Knights of

Columbus Members: Living &amp; †Deceased

10:00am: †Rebecca Silva Spaulding

Prayers for Health: Omar Acosta

Special Intention: Errlinda Castillo

Happy Retirement Blessings: Alma Martinez

1:30pm: The Community of St. Anthony

#### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

11:30 am: †Viola T. Trevino

## From the desk of

## Father Fidele O. Dikete....



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have officially initiated the Advent Season . 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 first week focuses on Hope. This preparation is for the arrival of our Savior. We will 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 participate in any of the spiritual activities that we have planned. Father David Garcia will be our speaker for an Advent talk on Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 pm. A Christmas concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th at 6:00 pm. Each of our choirs will be performing. In order for us to be prepared for the second coming of the Lord, reconciliation service will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm. Please make a special effort to attend.

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 8th at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, and Our Lady of Guadalupe on Friday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. Please find an updated insert in the bulletin for more information on our Advent and Christmas seasons. I invite you to get excited and pray for the Mystery of the Incarnation, as God becomes one of us.

My grateful appreciation to all of you who attended Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00 am to appreciate all the blessings and the privilege to be called sons and daughters of God. Thank you to my parishioners who opened your homes to me on Thanksgiving Day and shared a meal, your friendship and your families with me. May God continue to bless us and keep us safe.

I will be playing the role of Santa Claus this year on Saturday, December 20th from 10:00 am to noon . All our children will be asked to come to church 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. All details will be provided during Mass announcement time.

Our Liturgical Schedule has been modified slightly.

Two dates require your attention:

- Father David Garcia's Advent talk has been moved from Thursday, December 4th to Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00 pm in the church of St. Anthony in Elmendorf.
- We are adding a 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass for our children on December 24th, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to these changes. An update Liturgical Schedule is inserted in this bulletin.

You are invited to our 1st Unified Christmas Party for both communities, St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Friday, December 19th in the Parish Hall of St. Anthony. Please sign your name after each mass to join your fellow parishioners for this exciting Christmas celebration.

God bless you always,

Fr. Fidele Dikete  
Pastor



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

"Lord, Hear  
our Prayer".

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

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

The Guadalupana Society warmly invites all adults to become members of this community dedicated to fostering devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to come together, pray, and collaborate in her honor. New members will be commissioned during the Feast Day Mass. If you are interested, please reach out to Cristine Samudio (210) 260-5470.

The Guadalupana Society of St. Anthony and Our Lady of Perpetual Help welcomes you to the annual bilingual Mariachi Mass in celebration of...

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
FEAST DAY

FRIDAY,

DECEMBER 12, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ROSARY: 6:00 PM

HOLY MASS: 6:30 PM

CHOIR:

Mariachi Los Parientes  
de Pedro Moreno

COMPLIMENTARY MEAL: 7:45 PM

MISSION CONCEPCION MATACHINES: 8:00 PM  
Indigenous cultural dance honoring Our Lady.  
Parish Hall





**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

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

*Give the Gift of Life*



*Schedule an appointment  
Thank You!*

**Sunday, December 7**  
**8:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Parish Hall**

Join us for a Lucky Draw Blood Drive where every donation is a win! Whether you score a \$10 or \$100 H-E-B gift card, you walk away with the satisfaction of saving lives.

St. Anthony's Church  
 16432 Kilowatt Road  
 Elmendorf, TX 78112

Blood Drive Coordinator  
**Dennis Migl**  
**dgmigl1947@gmail.com**  
**210-275-1566**



**South Texas  
Blood & Tissue**

**SouthTexasBlood.org**

For questions regarding blood donations, call South Texas Blood & Tissue at 210-731-5590. Individuals who are 16 years old may be eligible to donate with parental consent.



**Court Mary Queen  
of Angels #2673**  
**Elmendorf / Saspmco**

**TICKETS:  
\$5 OR  
5 FOR \$20**

**CDA Annual  
Christmas raffle to  
fund Christmas Gifts  
for the needy,  
Vacation Bible  
School, A.C.T.S.  
Retreat Scholarships  
& School supplies for  
FISD & ECISD.**

**SAVE THE DATE  
Drawing at the  
Parish Christmas  
party on  
December 19th!**

**'Our Catholic Faith in Action'**  
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**www.stanthonyelmendorf.com**

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**presents**



**Raffle  
Drawing  
at 8 pm**

**Tickets:  
\$5.00  
15 Great  
Prizes!**

**December 20th | 6:30 pm**

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

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