

**St. Anthony Church**  
**1602 Bowie / P.O. Box 669 ~ Columbus, Texas 78934**  
**(979)732-2562 ~ www.stanthonycolumbus.net**  
**Church Office: 635 Bonham      Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 5:00 pm**

**Pastor: Rev. Augustine Nsiah Asante**

**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Nelson Gonzalez Nieto**

**Deacon Bennie Holesovsky**

**Deacon Charlie Novosad**

**Deacon John Glueck**

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**Secretaries: Betty Barton, Tracey Lanham, & Chrissy Espinosa: (979)732-2562, sec.stanthony@gmail.com**

**Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 8:15am during School Year**

**Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish), 6:00pm (Youth Mass)**

**Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm & 15 min before the Evening Weekday Masses**

**Liturgies for the Week**

Mon	Jan 10	5:30pm	+John Krueger
Tues	Jan 11	7:30am	+Lester and Nora Schobel
Wed	Jan 12	5:30pm	+Antonio Garcia
Thurs	Jan 13	7:30am	+Laura Zatopek
Fri	Jan 14	8:15am	+Edward & Georgia (Hajovsky) Seifert
Fri	Jan 14	10:00am	People of the Parish (TLC)
Fri	Jan 14	5:30pm	+Mary Brandt
Sat	Jan 15	6:00pm	+Marie Poenitzsch
Sun	Jan 16	8:00am	KC's, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Jan 16	10:00am	+Audrey Ann Kouba
Sun	Jan 16	12:00noon	+Celia Medrano
Sun	Jan 16	6:00pm	+Willie Mae Hermes

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

**The Baptism of the Lord: Readings: #806, Gospel #804 (Cycle C)**

*"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 3:16).* Now that's a promise worth remembering: Jesus wants to baptize us with His own Holy Spirit! But what does this mean? Let's look first at Jesus' experience of the Spirit. Luke tells us that at Jesus' baptism, "the Holy Spirit descended upon" Him (3:22). On that day, Jesus received the Spirit in a new way—a gift from God that would empower Him and set Him on the path of ministry, service, and ultimately death and resurrection. Though Jesus was already fully God, the Spirit of God still came upon Him.

Luke includes a small but important detail in his account. As the Spirit descended on Him, the Father called out, "*You* are my beloved Son; with *You* I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22, emphasis added). He spoke directly to Jesus. He told Him how delighted He was in His Son's obedience, humility, and trust in Him. Baptized, or immersed, in water, Jesus was also immersed in the Holy Spirit that day.

When you were baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon you, and God claimed you as His beloved child as well. He entered into a new, unbreakable relationship with you, and you became a new creation in Christ (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1279). But God doesn't want to fill you with His Spirit only at your baptism. He wants to baptize you—immerse you—in His Spirit again and again so that you can be filled with His love and equipped for the work God has for you. Again and again, He wants to tell you, "*You* are my beloved child. I love you. I am pleased to have you in my family."

Even if it has been decades since you were baptized, God still wants to fill you with His Spirit. So don't be afraid to ask for more: more of His love, and more of His power in your life.

*"Jesus, fill me with Your Spirit. Let me know Your love in a new way today!"*  
*(from "The Word Among Us")*

Please keep  
 Jesus Leal, Laura Moeller,  
 Alex Sanchez, Oralia Sanchez,  
 Lainey Schindler, Tom Sherman,  
 Web Sherman, & Kurt Stern  
 in your prayers as they continue their  
 journey through the RCIA program.

**Masses:** If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see the Church Office

**Prayer Chain:** If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey or Chrissy in the Church Office.

**EWTN:** EWTN delivers faith-filled content, thought-provoking content, dynamic speakers, Catholic news, discussions, and promotes the Catholic Faith. Visit their website ewtn.com.

**If you are new to the parish,** please register your family in the church office or fill out a form from the back of church and drop in the collection basket. Please let your previous parish know.

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun	Jan 9	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Cahill, 10:00am
Mon	Jan 10	Bible Study: The Search, 6:15pm in SAS Library
Tues	Jan 11	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall PTC Meeting, 5:30pm in Cafeteria
Wed	Jan 12	CCE, 5:30pm-7:00pm in SAS Building NO YOUTH GROUP
Fri	Jan 14	SAS School Mass, prepared by 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 8:15am Mass at TLC, 10:00am

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 4192.00	Envelopes
\$ 747.00	Loose
\$ 1792.00	Solemnity of Mary
\$ 613.00	Paving the Way
\$ 1781.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 100.00	A/C Donations

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 65,998.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

**Donations for New A/C in the Church**

\$ 65,998.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

**"Thank you for your generosity!"**

**2021 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):** St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2021 is **\$36,759**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$14,345 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$22,414. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

**Help Wanted!!** Fr. Robert at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake is looking for a bilingual church secretary. If you are interested, please call him at his office (979-234-2842).

**The Emmaus Center** in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective, regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for information call (361) 212-0830.

**Mark your Calendars!!** Our Columbus Walk for Life will be on Saturday, January 22, beginning at 1:00pm. More information to come.

**The flowers on the altar this weekend** were donated by the Altar Society on honor of our Confirmandi.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
<b>6:00</b> J & J Rau <b>C/L</b> J Rau	<b>6:00</b> S, B, & A Wolters <b>C/L</b> C Kuhn
<b>8:00</b> T & K Watkins, L Glueck <b>C/L</b> S Glueck	<b>8:00</b> A Cranek, E & K Lanham <b>C/L</b> T Lanham
<b>10:00</b> Confirmation Class <b>C/L</b> Confirmation Class	<b>10:00</b> D & C Barten, A Rodriguez <b>C/L</b> S Hall
<b>12:00</b> C Martinez, M & A Garcia, <b>C/L</b> V Sanchez	<b>12:00</b> S Gonzales, E & J Tovar <b>C/L</b> T Rosales
<b>TLC</b> J Huebel, T Wostarek	<b>TLC</b> J O'Leary, T Theut

*Come pray the Rosary  
 with us!  
 Wednesdays at 6:00pm  
 Saturdays at 5:30pm  
 Sundays at 7:30am  
 Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

**The Altar Society** has mailed letters informing parishioners of the function of the altar society, which we are all members of. Your \$5 annual dues and \$5 flower fund donation can be mailed to the church office or dropped into the collection basket. Thank you for all your hard work in keeping our church beautiful and clean.

**Thank you to Kenneth Benjamin** for the beautiful new prayer garden at the back of the church! He worked so hard on creating this beautiful new space for all of us to use as his Eagle Scout Project. Thank you, Kenneth!!

**It's not too late to get your CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS!!** All proceeds from the sale of these tickets will benefit St. Anthony School. The Grand Prize includes the choice of a 2022 Ford F-150 Truck, or a 2022 Ford Focus, or a \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Card!! In addition, each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa Card winner!! Buy your ticket from a SAS family, the school office, or the church office!

**Do you have a thirst for learning more about your faith at home?** We have a "library" in the hallway next to the Chapel full of books for you to grow your faith. Come check it out! Honor system rules.

**Happenings around the Diocese:**  
*(go to victoriadiocese.org for more info)*  
**\*Grief Ministry Meeting for Parents who have lost Children**—January 11, from 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Ganado.  
**\*Holy Family, Wharton, Holy Heifer 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Raffle**—January 15 after the evening Mass (need not be present to win). For more information, see flier on bulletin board at entrance of the church.  
**\*What's Your Role as a Catholic Man?**—Sat, March 5, from 8am-4:30pm at Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. Register at victoriadiocese.org/men.

WHEN GOD SEEMS A MILLION  
 MILES AWAY, WE HAVE TO ASK  
 OURSELVES ONE QUESTION:  
 WHO MOVED?  
 -FR. JOHN KLOCKEMAN

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