

**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**  
**Deacon Rusty Theut**  
**Secretaries: Betty Barton, Chrissy Espinosa, & Tracey Lanham: (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	Nov 28	5:30pm	+Charles Besch
Tues	Nov 29	7:30am	+Erwin Meyer (in Chapel)
Wed	Nov 30	5:30pm	+Fr. John McLaughlin
Thurs	Dec 1	7:30am	+Shelly Bowden (in Chapel)
Fri	Dec 2	8:15am	+Nolie & Robert Schobel, Tommy Schobel, Brad Weikel
Fri	Dec 2	5:30pm	+Agnes Helm
Sat	Dec 3	6:00pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Society
Sun	Dec 4	8:00am	+Albert and Gladys Hoelscher
Sun	Dec 4	10:00am	People of the Parish
Sun	Dec 4	12:00am	Juan Tovar (Bday)
Sun	Dec 4	6:00pm	+Jennie Borski

**St. Anthony Catholic School**  
**(979) 732-5505**  
**stanthonycolumbus.net**  
**Shawna Collins, Principal**  
**Danette Cantu, Asst. Principal**



**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent / Readings #783**

*"Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5). Welcome to Advent! And what better way to begin this season than with the invitation in today's first reading: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5).*

At Mass today, the first candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. Then, for the next three Sundays, the light coming from the wreath will grow stronger as one more candle is lit. And that's how Advent is supposed to be for us spiritually: four whole weeks of coming more and more deeply into the light of Christ. There are lots of ways you can let that light grow stronger in you as Christmas approaches.

- \*Bring yourself to the light through daily prayer. Spending just a few minutes a day in Jesus' presence can open heart to the warmth of His love.
- \*Enlighten your heart and mind through spiritual reading or a Bible study. Let Jesus "instruct [you] in His ways" so that you can "walk in His paths" (Isaiah 2:3).
- \*Ask the Lord to shine a light on those parts of your life where you are content to live in the shadows. Then, take those areas to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and do as St. Paul says: turn from darkness and "put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12).
- \*Spread the light of Christ by joining other believers to serve those in need. Provide them with meals or Christmas gifts. Bring supplies to a homeless shelter. Pray for them.

We don't have to walk in darkness! Every time you turn to the Lord in these ways, His light in you becomes brighter and shines out more clearly. So let the Advent wreath remind you that Jesus, the light of the world, can overcome all darkness.

Come and walk in the light of the Lord!

**"Lord, let Your light in me grow throughout Advent!"**  
*(from "The Word Among Us")*

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

*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.*

**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 info call (361) 212-0830.

**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.

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun	Nov 27	Divine Mercy, 3:00pm in Church
Mon	Nov 28	Well Church Initiative Focus Group (English), 6:00pm in Cafeteria "Conversations of the Faith," (RCIA) 6:30pm in Chapel
Tues	Nov 29	Well Church Initiative Focus Group (Spanish), 6:00pm in Cafeteria
Wed	Nov 30	CCE, 5:30pm in SAS building Youth Group, 6:00pm in Cafeteria
Thur	Dec 1	24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm
Fri	Dec 2	SAS Mass Prepared by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade, 8:15am in Church, Bishop Cahill Celebrating 24 Hour Adoration Ends, 5:00pm

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 2217.00	Envelopes
\$ 1126.00	Loose
\$ 874.00	Campaign for Human Development

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 870.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
-----------	-----------------------

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

*The second collection next weekend will be for the Paving the Way Fund.*

**2022 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):** St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2022 is **\$39,388.00**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$19,765 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$19,623. 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.

**The Rules and Regulations Governing St. Anthony's**

**Parish Cemetery:** Plantings on lots shall not be allowed without first obtaining written permission from the person in charge. Wooden crosses shall not be permitted. Jars, cans, old faded flowers, and other objects placed on graves are subject to removal without notice to owners. The cemetery is not responsible for any loss within the property. Signs at the Cemetery Specifically State: Only 1 Bouquet per Grave.

Do you have **aluminum cans** (please, no glass or food cans) that need to be recycled? The school collects cans in the trailer in the parking lot across from the school gym.

**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.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
<b>6:00</b> C Crosby <b>C/L</b> Y Wagner	<b>6:00</b> A Medrano <b>C/L</b> M Stavinoha
<b>8:00</b> A Cranek, L & W Glueck <b>C/L</b> T Wostarek	<b>8:00</b> E & K Lanham, J Rau <b>C/L</b> J Rau
<b>10:00</b> T Schobel, K Rubio, A Heffley <b>C/L</b> N Nelson	<b>10:00</b> M Ehlert, A & I Hrndz <b>C/L</b> K Kleimann
<b>12:00</b> S Gonzales, A & E Rosales <b>C/L</b> T Tapia	<b>12:00</b> M, A, & A Garcia <b>C/L</b> Ma. Ortiz
<b>TLC</b> J O'Leary, RJ Jauernig	<b>TLC</b> S Glueck, T Glueck

*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 Christmas Party** will be on December 6, at 2:00pm at Pilsner's Café. The turkey and dressing meals will be \$7 each. Please RSVP to Bernice Motal (979-484-9470) or Kathy Marusik (979-732-3800) by December 2.

St. Anthony Church will be hosting the **Well Church Initiative**, a part of Texas AgriLife Services, to form a focus group to reflect on what kind of health care programs would best serve Colorado County on Monday, Nov 28, at 6:00pm in English, and on Tuesday, Nov 29, at 6:00pm in Spanish. You will receive a \$100 Amazon Gift Card in appreciation for your input. The focus group is limited to the first 12 people who volunteer. You must be a resident of Colorado County and 18 years or older. Please contact the church office for more information.

**December Altar Decorators:** Mary Jane Schobel, Kristen Heffley, Barbara Machinsky, Laurie Machinsky, Lyndsey Schobel, Patty Sedlacek, Barbara Peterman

**Gabriel Project is now available in Colorado County!!**

Gabriel Project is a nation-wide pro-life project run by local volunteers to help protect the unborn by providing emotional, material, housing, and spiritual support for pregnant women and their families in need. If you are pregnant and in need of help, or know someone who is, please call 361-576-1156 to be connected to someone in our area who can help.

**The Bethlehem Maternity Home** serves women 18 to 30 old in crisis pregnancies by providing safe housing and life-affirming services in a Christian environment here in the Victoria Diocese. They are in need monetary donations for day-to-day items needed for the home, as well as for the mothers and babies. To donate, go to [www.victoriagabrielproject.org](http://www.victoriagabrielproject.org).

**Happenings around the Diocese:**

*(Go to [victoriadiocese.org](http://victoriadiocese.org) for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)*  
**Holy Hour at Raphael's Refuge**—Tuesday, November 29, at 10am. Deacon Alfonso Moreno (Gonzlaes and Waelder Catholic communities) will preside over Exposition, Adoration, & Benediction.  
**Exposition of Sacred Relics**—Monday, December 5, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard, 6:30pm. See [treasuresofthechurch.com](http://treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information.  
**Community Choir Christmas Cantata**—4:00pm at CHS Auditorium  
**Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children--** monthly meeting, Dec 13, 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Ganado. For more information, contact Deacon Larry 979-257-9984  
**World Youth Day, Lisbon**—July 31-August 10, 2023. A group from the Diocese of Victoria will be going, led by Bishop Brendan Cahill. For more information contact LeAnn Brand at 833-910-1545 or [LeAnn@lppj.org](mailto:LeAnn@lppj.org).