

**St. Anthony Church**  
**1602 Bowie / P.O. Box 669 ~ Columbus, Texas 78934**  
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**Church Office: 635 Bonham; Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 5:00 pm**

**Pastor: Rev. Augustine Nsiah Asante**

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**Deacon Bennie Holesovsky**

**Deacon Charlie Novosad**

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**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 8	5:30pm	+Lewis Epps
Tues	Nov 9	7:30am	+Gloria Rocha Scheel
Wed	Nov 10	5:30pm	+Raymond Zajicek
Thurs	Nov 11	7:30am	+Willie Mae Hermes
Fri	Nov 12	8:15am	+Laura Mae and Ellis Glueck, Sr.
Fri	Nov 12	10:00am	People of the Parish (TLC)
Fri	Nov 12	5:30pm	+Jerry and Mary Kouba
Sat	Nov 13	6:00pm	+Edgar Brandt
Sun	Nov 14	8:00am	Lucas Smith on his good health
Sun	Nov 14	10:00am	+Audrey Ann Kouba
Sun	Nov 14	12:00noon	+Maria Guadalupe Garcia
Sun	Nov 14	6:00pm	+Hedwig Jendry

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had” (Mark 12:44).* What was it about this widow that drew Jesus’ attention and delighted Him so much? Many others had given far more to the Temple treasury than she had. No, it wasn’t the size of her gift that touched Him so deeply. It was her willingness to give all. You can see a similar mindset in the widow in today’s first reading. She used the last of her provisions to feed the prophet Elijah. Notice how God blessed her generosity and provided for her—and Elijah—through the famine.

The willingness of these two widows to offer their meager gifts was pleasing to the Lord. That’s because sacrificial giving reflects the character of God Himself. Just think of the way Jesus held nothing back when He gave Himself to us. He gave every drop of blood, every ounce of mercy and love.

Does this mean that God expects us to empty our bank accounts or our pantries? Not necessarily. But He does want us to pour out our hearts. Whether we are giving financially or sacrificing our time or attention, He wants to see us become as generous as He is. There are times when, like the widows in today’s readings, you might feel as if you don’t have much left. Beyond the financial, you might be “scraping the bottom of the barrel” of your patience or your sympathy or your forbearance.

But know that when you ask God for the grace and strength to give from what little you have, He will bless you. He might give you what you lack, or He might give you the strength to spend yourself a little more. Even when it seems like a drop in the bucket, your decision to give pleases the Lord. That’s because each time you choose to give of yourself, you become more like Him. He is building His own character in you!

*“Lord, help me give of myself as generously as You did.”  
 (from “The Word Among Us”)*

“DO YOUR BEST  
 AND LET GOD  
 TAKE CARE OF  
 THE REST.”  
 -FATHER BOB SCHWARTZ

**Masses:** If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see Tracey in 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	Nov 7	Daylight Savings Time Ends RCIA, after the 8:00am Mass Grupo Guadalupana Gordita Plates (11am-2pm)
Mon	Nov 8	Bible Study, 6:15pm in the Chapel
Tues	Nov 9	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Wed	Nov 10	St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass CCE, 5:30pm-7:00pm in SAS Building Youth Group, 6:30pm in SAS Cafeteria
Thurs	Nov 11	CDA Hunter’s Bake Sale, 8:00am at Brookshire Bros.
Fri	Nov 12	SAS Mass prepared by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade, 8:15am SAS Veteran’s Day Program, following the 8:15 Mass CDA Mini Garage Sale Mass at TLC, 10:00am Safe Environment Initial Training, 6:15pm in Church Office
Sat	Nov 13	CDA Mini Garage Sale Torres/Rodriguez Wedding, 2:00pm

**Last Weekend’s Collection**

\$ 3553.00 Envelopes

\$ 1808.00 Loose

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 85.00 Capital Campaign Donations

\$ 180.00 Capital Campaign Memorials

\$ 115.00 Donations for A/C Fund

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

\$ 63,958.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

**“Thank you for your generosity!”**

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

**“Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!”**

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$937,383.72.** (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

**Apostleship of the Sea:** Beginning at Thanksgiving and through the Holidays, chaplains at the Port of Houston's Seafarer's Center deliver thousands of Christmas gift boxes to seamen who will not be with their families for Christmas. CDA members are now collecting nonperishable items that they can fill and gift wrap for delivery the second week of December. A list of suggested items can be found at the back of church. Your donation, either items or money, will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your gifts of love to the church office by November 30.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
<b>6:00</b> A Medrano	<b>6:00</b> J Rau, J Neal
<b>C/L</b> M Stavinoha	<b>C/L</b> B Besch
<b>8:00</b> E & K Lanham, KB Glueck	<b>8:00</b> T & K Watkins, K Glueck
<b>C/L</b> T Lanham	<b>C/L</b> T Wostarek
<b>10:00</b> H & T Schobel, M Walla	<b>10:00</b> A Heffley, D & C Barten
<b>C/L</b> K Kleimann	<b>C/L</b> N Nelson
<b>12:00</b> S Gonzales, A & M Garcia	<b>12:00</b> E & J Tovar, L Alvarez
<b>C/L</b> Ma A Sanchez	<b>C/L</b> V Sanchez
<b>TLC</b> J Huebel, T Wostarek	<b>TLC</b> R & T Theut

*Come pray the Rosary  
 before Mass with us!*

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*Saturdays at 5:30pm  
 Sundays at 7:30am  
 Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

*We ask for blessings on  
 all those who have  
 served our country in  
 the armed forces.*

**TODAY BEGINS VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

**Please keep Fr. Augustine in your prayers as he travels to Ghana this week for a long-overdue visit to see his mom. He will return to us on December 11.**

**CDA Mini Garage Sale!!** The CDA will have a mini yard sale on Nov 12-13 from 9:00am - ? at 709 Front St. (drop off items by Nov 10 for pricing) Call Robin Garcia with any questions (979-733-7105). Thank you!!

**The Columbus KCs will have a BBQ Pork Steak Drive Thru Meal** with buttered potatoes and green beans on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Columbus Hall. The plate cost is \$12. Serving will begin at 5:00pm until sold out. Tickets are not necessary. The CDA will have desserts available for purchase.

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

**Grupo Guadalupana** will be selling gordita and salsa plates from 11:00am – 2:00pm today outside the SAS Cafeteria in the breezeway. Plates will cost \$12 and will come with a drink. Proceeds will go towards the festivities for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Happenings around the Diocese:**

*(go to victoriadiocese.org for more info)*

**\*Strength for the Journey Support Group for Grieving Parents** monthly meeting: Nov 9, 6:30-8:00pm at Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Ganado.