

**St. Anthony Church**  
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**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**  
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**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	Dec 19	5:30pm	+Damon Simpson
Tues	Dec 20	7:30am	+Dick Barton (in Chapel)
Wed	Dec 21	5:30pm	+Charles Besch
Thurs	Dec 22	7:30am	+Darrell and Keith Grafe (in Chapel)
Fri	Dec 23	5:30pm	+Daniel Munsch
Sat	Dec 24	5:00pm	+Whitney Kotrla
Sat	Dec 24	9:00pm	The Children of St. Anthony Parish
Sat	Dec 24	11:00pm	+Patricia Ovalle
Sun	Dec 25	8:00am	+Jennifer, LJ, and Leroy Friedel
Sun	Dec 25	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	Dec 25	12:00am	+Alfredo Gonzalez & Jose Trinidad Rosales
Sun	Dec 25	6:00pm	NO MASS

**Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent / Readings #792**

*“When Joseph awoke, he . . . took his wife into his home” (Matthew 1:24). Joseph was a “righteous man,” a faithful Jew who knew the history of his people (Matthew 1:19). He knew that God had miraculously freed the Israelites from slavery and had rescued them time and again over the centuries. He knew the many signs that God had performed and the many battles He had won for them.*

So, when an angel told Joseph that it was through the Holy Spirit that his wife, Mary, had conceived a child, he must have recalled the many great things God had done in the past. If God could do all that, then surely this was possible as well.

Joseph was able to trust because he believed in God’s power and goodness. Though he probably considered himself an ordinary man, Joseph knew that God could act just as marvelously in his own life as He had in the lives of his forefathers. That helped him believe that God had brought him and Mary together for a special purpose, one that would unfold day by day. So, he agreed to take Mary into his home and prepare to be a father to her child.

Trust: this is our call as well. It’s not easy, especially when there is no angel or dream to guide us! But unlike Joseph, we know the purpose behind God’s great plan for us: Jesus, God incarnate, died and rose from the dead so that He could give us new life.

This knowledge can be our strong foundation when we are tempted to doubt. When we are walking in the dark, when we don’t see a way forward or a way out, we can choose to believe that God will find a way for us. He has a good plan for us, and He will carry it out in His own perfect time. And when our trust is flagging, let’s remember Joseph, the righteous man whose trust in God helped bring salvation to the world.

**“St. Joseph, pray for me to trust in God as you did.”**  
*(from “The Word Among Us”)*

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*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**

Mon	Dec 19	“Conversations of the Faith,” (RCIA) 6:30pm in Church Office
Tues	Dec 20	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Fri	Dec 23	Church Office Closed
Sat	Dec 24	Christmas Eve Mass Times: 5pm, 9pm, and 11pm (Spanish)
Sun	Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Christmas Day Mass Times: 8am, 10am, and 12:00 noon (Spanish) No 6:00pm Youth Mass

**Last Weekend’s Collection**

\$	2042.00	Envelopes
\$	2506.00	Loose
\$	940.00	Immaculate Conception
\$	750.00	Retirement Fund for Priests

**“Thank you for your generosity!”**

**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.

Please remember  
 St. Anthony Church and School  
 in your end of year donations.

If you would like to purchase **Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes** tickets, come by the church or the school office. Last year, this fundraiser brought in \$6,100 for SAS, so not only do you get a chance to win \$20,000, a Toyota Corolla, or a Roman Holiday, you’re also helping our school! Win-Win! Tickets are \$5 each (and make wonderful stocking stuffers)!!

**Raphael's Refuge** will commemorate the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28th with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Brendan Cahill at 11:00am. The Rosary will be recited at 10:10am, followed by the singing of Christmas carols. Everyone is invited to our potluck luncheon after Mass. Drinks are provided. Be sure to dress appropriately, as there is no central air or heat.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Ministers to serve Christmas Day</u>
<b>6:00</b> J Schindler, S Youens <b>C/L</b> M Stavinoha	<b>5pm</b> M Walla <b>C/L</b> T Theut	<b>8am</b> Volunteers <b>C/L</b> Y Wagner
<b>8:00</b> L & W Glueck, J Neal <b>C/L</b> G Warschak	<b>9pm</b> K Lanham, L & W Glueck <b>C/L</b> S Glueck	<b>10am</b> C & K Crosby, Volunteer <b>C/L</b> N Nelson
<b>10:00</b> T Schobel, K Rubio, A Heffley <b>C/L</b> T Theut	<b>11pm</b> S & I Espinosa, Volunteer <b>C/L</b> C Espinosa	<b>12:00</b> L Alvarez, 2 more volunteer <b>C/L</b> L Flores
<b>12:00</b> I Hrndz, A Rodrgz, C Mrtzn <b>C/L</b> V Sanchez		
<b>TLC</b> D & G Warschak		

*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** is accepting donations for **poinsettia plants** to decorate the altars for Christmas. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrance of the church. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket or bring it to the church office.

If you, or anyone you know, are able to **provide a meal for our C3YM youth group program**, we are in need of help! Our youth groups are held on Wednesday nights, from 6-8pm, and the meal would need to feed about 80 youth! Please contact Kat Robinson (979-732-4313) if you are able to help provide a meal, and spread the message to anyone else you think would be interested!

**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, Dec 24	5pm, 9pm, 11pm (Spanish)
Sunday, Dec 25	8am, 10am, 12noon (Spanish) No 6pm Mass on Sunday

**New Years Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, Dec 31	6pm Adoration from 11-midnight
Sunday, Jan 1	8am, 10am, 12noon (Spanish) No 6pm Mass on Sunday

**Happenings around the Diocese:**

*(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)*  
**Raphael’s Refuge, Feast of the Holy Innocents**—Dec. 28, Rosary will be at 10:10am, followed by Mass at 11:00am. Potluck luncheon afterwards.  
**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).

