

**St. Anthony Church**  
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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	Sept 27	5:30pm	+Albert Halfmann
Tues	Sept 28	7:30 am	+John & Frances Marusik, Johnnie Marusik
Wed	Sept 29	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Thurs	Sept 30	7:30 am	+Helen Holub
Fri	Oct 1	8:15am	+Ruth Russo
Fri	Oct 1	5:30 pm	+Laura Zatopek
Sat	Oct 2	6:00pm	+G.E. & Margaret Drescher
Sun	Oct 3	8:00am	+Kevin Oppermann
Sun	Oct 3	10:00am	+Leroy Sebesta
Sun	Oct 3	12:00noon	Noey Alvarez on his birthday
Sun	Oct 3	6:00pm	+Joyce Gordy

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Priesthood Sunday**

*"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29).* It wasn't about him. Moses was very clear about that fact. When Eldad and Medad received God's spirit and prophesied, even though they were not gathered with him at the tent of meeting, Moses was not diminished in any way.

Why not? Because the initiative and the spirit came from God, not from Moses. It was not Moses who would be glorified by the spiritual gifts poured out on the elders; it was the Lord. As he himself said, he'd be happy if all God's people were prophets! He would be delighted if they all knew the Lord as intimately as he did and spoke His word as freely. Like Joshua, though, we sometimes want to make a script for how God can work in people's lives. Moses teaches us to be open when the Lord works in unexpected ways.

Jesus had a similar response to His disciples in today's Gospel. When they complained that someone who didn't follow them as casting out demons in His name, Jesus told them not to worry. God was working through that person too. Again, like the disciples, we might think that things should be done a certain way. Then we feel threatened when people don't follow our "script." But as Jesus said, "Whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40). He was trying to broaden the disciples' view so that they could be free to recognize and follow the working of His Spirit in the future. That attitude became extremely important when Gentiles started believing in Jesus.

God sometimes looks at things differently than we do. We might be weighed down by a reluctance to change or a dislike of the unexpected. But God wants to work in the lives of His people, and He is so eager to pour out His Spirit that He won't always follow our script. He challenges our narrow viewpoint. And that can be a really good thing!

*"Lord, broaden my expectations of how You might work today."  
 (from The Word Among Us)*

A World Priest Day Prayer  
 Heavenly Father,  
 We come before you today to ask your blessing  
 on our brothers, whom You have called to the  
 Sacrament of Holy Orders. Lord Jesus, we ask  
 that you support them with Your presence and  
 fill them with the grace to serve You  
 faithfully. Gracious Spirit, unite us in service  
 with those whom You have called. Open our  
 hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to  
 pursue your calling, and open their hearts to  
 hear Your call to this most Holy Sacrament.  
 Amen.

**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	Sept 26	Priesthood Sunday KC Fried Chicken Drive Thru Dinner, 11:00am at KC Hall Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
Tues	Sept 28	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade, in Chapel
Wed	Sept 29	Feast of the Archangels (see below for celebrations at St. Raphael's Refuge) St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass CCE, 5:30pm-7:00pm in SAS Building Youth Group, 6:30pm in SAS Cafeteria
Thurs	Sept 30	Surviving Divorce Support Group Meeting, 7:00pm in Victoria
Fri	Oct 1	SAS Mass prepared by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade, 8:15am
Sun	Oct 3	Diocesan Rosary Congress (Oct 3-10) St. Roch Church Picnic, Mentz

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 4268.00 Envelopes

\$ 1530.00 Loose

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 276.00 Capital Campaign Donations

\$ 205.00 Capital Campaign Memorials

\$ 25.00 Legacy Fund Memorials

\$ 1000.00 A/C Donations

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

\$ 63,563.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

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

*The second collection next weekend will be for Paving the Way in support of St. Anthony School.*

**"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 **\$947,251.34**. (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!

**LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEKEND :**

*(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)*

St. John the Baptist, Koerth ~ Sts Peter and Paul, Meyersville  
 Immaculate Conception, Sealy ~ Holy Cross, Bay City

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** To allow for all of our parishioners to be able to attend the Church Picnic on October 10, the Mass times for that Sunday have been changed to 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am (Spanish). There will be no 6:00pm Youth Mass that evening.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
<b>6:00</b> A & L Potter <b>C/L</b> Y Wagner	<b>6:00</b> A Medrano, A Cranek <b>C/L</b> M Stavionha
<b>8:00</b> J Trapp, K & K Glueck <b>C/L</b> S Glueck	<b>8:00</b> J & J Rau, E Lanham <b>C/L</b> J Rau
<b>10:00</b> K Rubio, A Heffley, M Ehlert <b>C/L</b> S Hall	<b>10:00</b> W & H Kramr, D Barten <b>C/L</b> L Novosad
<b>12:00</b> E & J Tovar, M Aguilar <b>C/L</b> V Sanchez	<b>12:00</b> M & A Garcia, and I Hernandez <b>C/L</b> T Rosales
<b>TLC</b> T Wostarek, J Huebel	<b>TLC</b> N Nelson, J O'Leary

The phones in the church office are not working. Please email the office ([sec.stanthony@gmail.com](mailto:sec.stanthony@gmail.com)) or call 512-665-2059.

**CHURCH PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS** are now available at the back of church. Like last year, they do not have your name on them. **Please, take any envelope and sell or buy them.** Feel free to take more but we are asking every family to sell at least one packet. Please return your packet(s) in the Sunday collection, to the church office, or the drop box outside of the office with the money and filled-out tickets inside and your name on the outside.

**The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):**

*With your family this week:*

**Pray:** Pray one "Our Father" for the souls in purgatory.

**Eat:** Ask each person the highlight of their day.

**Play:** Send a card to someone who is homebound.

**Raphael's Refuge** is celebrating the Feast of the Archangels on Sept. 29 with two events. We will have confessions at 11:15A.M. followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:05. Father Felix Twumasi will preside. At 6:00 in the evening, Deacon Charlie will lead us in a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome.

**The flowers on the altar this weekend** were donated by the Altar Society. The flowers on St. Joseph's Altar were donated by Miss Pete Mikulenko in memory of Jimmy Mikulenko.

**October Altar Decorators:** Liz Christen, Annie Munsch, Sandra O'Leary, Bernice Kolenovsky, Tina Potter, Carmen Cline, Dinah Janak, Peggy Pavlu, Charmaine Katz, and Cynthia Rios

**Colorado County Habitat for Humanity** will celebrate its 25th Anniversary this Saturday, October 2nd, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at their office at 602 Walnut St. There will be children's activities, door prizes, hamburgers, and CDA Court #1588 will have desserts!

**The Diocese of Victoria** is hosting a weekend retreat for **grieving parents** October 29-31 at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Call Patricia Hoelscher (979-257-9984) or Larry Hoelscher (979-578-3934) for more information.