

**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**  
**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Nelson Gonzalez Nieto**  
**Deacon Bennie Holesovsky**  
**Deacon Charlie Novosad**  
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**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	Jan 23	5:30pm	+Frank and Ottilia Lesikar
Tues	Jan 24	7:30am	+Hedwig Jendry (Chapel)
Wed	Jan 25	5:30pm	+Ernest W. Besch, +Shelly Bowden
Thurs	Jan 26	7:30am	+Darrell and Keith Grafe (Chapel)
Thurs	Jan 26	10:15am	+JoHelen Schobel (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Mass, Chapel)
Fri	Jan 27	8:15am	+John and Kathryn Krueger
Fri	Jan 27	5:30pm	Ted and Wanda Fritsch (S.I.)
Sat	Jan 28	6:00pm	+Dick Barton
Sun	Jan 29	8:00am	People of the Parish
Sun	Jan 29	10:00am	Fr. Augustine (S.I.)
Sun	Jan 29	12:00am	Fr. Nelson (S.I.), Leslie Sanchez (S.I.), Alfredo Gonzalez
Sun	Jan 29	6:00pm	+Kathleen Schindler

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A / Readings #859**

*“They left their nets and followed Him” (Matthew 4:20).* Can you imagine how exciting it was for Peter and his friends as they followed Jesus from town to town? Hearing Him preach so often, seeing Him perform so many miracles, watching people’s lives change so dramatically—no wonder they left their nets and became His disciples!

But what about those times when there were no crowds—when they were traveling between towns or on those days when Jesus took a break? What were those “in between” days like?

They were probably even more exciting! Those were the days when the disciples had Jesus all to themselves. They could ask Him questions about what He had taught the crowds. They could listen to Him explain His parables, pray with Him, and experience for themselves the new relationship with His heavenly Father that He had proclaimed. It’s possible that these were the days that really changed their lives.

Today is Sunday of the Word of God, a day when we celebrate the power and the grace contained in God’s word in Scripture. This is the word that the disciples heard day in and day out, and it can change us just as it changed them. It can comfort us, convict us, and lift our hearts to heaven. It can bring us to our knees in humble repentance, and it can lift us to our feet in joyful worship.

Do you want to experience God’s word coming to life in you? Then imitate the apostles. Spend time with Jesus and immerse yourself in His Word. Ask Him questions about what you read there, and listen prayerfully for His answers. It takes time, patience, and perseverance, but the reward is well worth the effort. Like the apostles, you’ll come to know Jesus personally as the One whose love lasts forever and whose mercy never ends!

**“Come, Lord, and speak Your words of life to me today!”**  
*(from “The Word Among Us”)*

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**Shawna Collins, Principal**  
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“LOOK TOWARD THE  
LORD AND BE  
RADIANT; LET YOUR  
FACES NOT BE  
ABASHED.”  
(Cf. Ps 34 (33):6)

*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	Jan 22	Divine Mercy, 3:00pm in Church
Mon	Jan 23	FR. NELSON’S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY Conversations of Faith (RCIA), 6:15pm in Church Office
Tues	Jan 24	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Jan 25	CCE, 5:30pm Youth Group, 6:00pm in Cafeteria
Thurs	Jan 26	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Mass, 10:15am in Chapel Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church
Fri	Jan 27	SAS Mass Prepared by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade, 8:15am
Sun	Jan 29	Catholic School Week Opening Mass, 10:00am SAS Open House, after Mass until 12:00 noon

**Last Weekend’s Collection**

\$ 2817.00 Envelopes  
\$ 1622.00 Loose

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 50.00 Legacy Memorials

**“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 \$21,175 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$18,213. 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 next **Women’s ACTS Retreat** will be the weekend of February 16-19 and the **Men’s ACTS Retreat** will be March 23-26. Both retreats will leave from St. Michael’s Weimar. Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church and in the church office.

*Help us in congratulating Fr. Nelson on the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination on Monday!*

For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 2:7)

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.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
<b>6:00</b> D & C Barten <b>C/L</b> C Kuhn	<b>6:00</b> A Medrano <b>C/L</b> Y Wagner
<b>8:00</b> T & K Watkins, J Neal <b>C/L</b> G Warschak	<b>8:00</b> J Rau <b>C/L</b> J Rau
<b>10:00</b> M Walla, C & K Crosby <b>C/L</b> N Nelson	<b>10:00</b> SAS Students <b>C/L</b> SAS Students
<b>12:00</b> A & E Rosales, L Alvarez <b>C/L</b> M Ortiz	<b>12:00</b> I Hrdz, A Rdrz, C Mtnz <b>C/L</b> Ma A Sanchez
<b>TLC</b> T Theut, S Glueck	<b>TLC</b> T Wostarek, J O’Leary

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

*A Farewell Mass and Celebration of Fr. Augustine’s 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary will be held on Saturday, February 4. We will celebrate with a Mass at 10:00am followed by lunch and fellowship in the SAS Cafeteria. Father will begin his fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center on Monday, February 6, but will continue to celebrate the weekend Masses with us through February. See the invitation in today’s bulletin.*

**The Altar Society** has mailed letters informing the parishioners of the functions of the society, of which we are all members. You can bring your \$5 annual dues and \$5 flower fund donation to the church office or drop in the collection basket.

**Mark your calendars!!  
VBS 2023 will be June 26-30!**

**Altar Servers Needed!** We are always looking for prayerful little hearts to help Father and the deacons on the altar. If your child would like to be trained to be an Altar Server (must have received First Communion), please contact the church office.

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.

**Happenings around the Diocese:**  
*(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)*  
**Holy Hour at Raphael’s Refuge**—Mon, Jan 23 at 1:00pm. Deacon Michael Morkovsky will preside over Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.  
**Silent Retreat**—Jan 26-29 at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center, Weimar, TX; Spiritual Direction by Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament; \$150 per person; registration deadline is Jan 11. Visit victoriadiocese.org for more info  
**Weimar KC Chicken Fried Steak Dinner**—Feb 5 at St. Michael Family Center; 10:30-sold out; \$12 per plate  
**St. Roch Turkey & Dressing Dinner**—Feb 5 at St. Roch Parish Hall; 11:00am; \$15 per plate  
**Women’s ACTS Retreat**—Feb 16-19 out of St. Michael  
**2023 Men’s Conference**—Feb 25 from 8am-4:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria. \$40 per person.  
**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@lpj.org](mailto:LeAnn@lpj.org).