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ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF VIOLET

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Office Hours

Monday 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

30 minutes before each Mass.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Contact Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Six months prior to wedding notice. Obligatory preparation program.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

By appointment.

RCIA - Contact the Pastor if you would like to join the RCIA program to receive your sacraments in the Catholic faith.

Visiting Homebound:

Once a month on First Friday. Please call the parish office to request a visit.

Sacraments will be offered in English or Spanish.

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers

Music Ministry

Carolyn Snapka
Jose & Cecelia Lopez

Organist

Mary Helpert

Women's Circle

Carol Kocurek

Violet Historical Society

Sam Morris

St. Anthony's Cemetery Association

Sam Morris



Holy Mass Schedule

Sunday:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday (no Holy Mass)

Holy Days:

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass 8:00 a.m.

Adoration/Divine Mercy

Wednesday 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

November 29 & 30, 2025

Pope Leo: Repent sins, bear witness, foster Christian unity

In the new Apostolic Letter *In Unitate Fidei* it is a pleasure to see Pope Leo doubling down on the importance of Christian unity precisely by *not* watering down the Catholic Faith, but rather by insisting on the absolute truth of the fundamental Catholic creed set forth by the Council of **Nicaea** in 325 AD. One of the primary purposes of that Creed was to deny the Arian view that Christ was not eternal like the Father, but somehow “made” by the Father at some point before the creation of the world. Later, the Church found it necessary to correct. Clearly, we are plagued by the same problem today, but disagreements over the nature(s) and personhood of Jesus Christ were, perhaps for obvious reasons, among the most heated controversies in the first few centuries of the Christian era. Thus, Pope Leo has taken advantage of the 1700th anniversary of the great Council of Nicaea, which definitively corrected the mistaken assumption that Christ was not “true God from true God” but rather a lesser being who served as the intermediary between us and our inaccessible Father.

Today too Christ means different things to different people. But among other valuable lessons learned from the Council of Nicaea is that the Christian faith cannot be preserved in its fullness without a Divinely-guaranteed teaching authority. Our current pope recognizes how disastrous these errors have been over the years, and so he has chosen to emphasize the profession of Faith at the Council of Nicaea both as a reminder of the need for Christian unity based on the Church's credal affirmations and as a corresponding warning against the sort of private judgment which has distorted Revelation and led to a tremendous weakening of Christian witness down through the centuries.

The Pope goes on to discuss the work of St. **Athanasius** and the Christian growth in understanding of what it means for the human person to be “divinized” (also a theme in the writings of St. Paul). Leo points out that “divinization in no way implies the self-deification of man. On the contrary, divinization protects us from the primordial temptation to want to be like God. What Christ is by nature, we become by grace”. Divinization, the Pope writes, “is true humanization (becoming fully human). This is why human existence points beyond itself, seeks beyond itself, desires beyond itself, and is restless until it rests in God.” Only God, in his infinity, can satisfy the infinite desire of the human heart, and for this reason the Son of God chose to become our brother and redeemer.”

If we are honest, we know this is true, and we know that most of us bear some part of the blame. Thus, Leo challenges all of us to examine our consciences and to get rid of our modern idols.

“The restoration of unity among Christians does not make us poorer,” concludes Pope Leo. “On the contrary, it enriches us spiritually and culturally.”

PRAYER LIST: Bianca Apusen, Norine Bernsen, Elaine Cain, Sharon Cox, Jerry Cox, Margaret Garza, Dennis Gilbert, Dylan Gill, Wilma Grupe, M Briana Gutierrez, Matt Havelka, Ava Henson, Marie Hoelscher, Gwendy Jacobi, Smokey Jacobi, Sarah Jalufka, Eljija Loa, Mrs. Leonard May, Frank McCumber, Pat Ordner, Scott Ordner, Lola Putvin, Roy Rodriguez, Grace Scheipe, Miller Schomburg, Norbert Schroeder, Elie Stone, Shannon Taylor, Mark Tijerina, Susan Umphres, Patricia Vaughn, Maya Vera, Donovan Villarreal, Joan Vinson, Ravi Walker, Holden Weaver, David Williams, Milus Wright, Carolyn Yarborough.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2025

6:00 p.m. + **GREG CRABTREE** - By Amanda Fox

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

9:00 a.m. +**JEROME & +MARGUERITE HOLESCHER**

By Matlock Family

PRO POPULO

11:00 a.m. **Pray to end Abortion -**

By Bernard & Margie Najvar

MONDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2025

8:00 a.m. +**TOM BERNSEN** - By Family

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2, 2025

No Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 3, 2025

6:00 p.m. + **GENA FARRAR** - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 4, 2025

9:00 a.m. + **VERSA WADE** - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. + **EROL POWELLE** - By Jerry & Charmaine Wade

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:00 a.m. + **MARVIN EMRICH** - David & Angel Emrich

6:00 p.m. **Special Intentions of Philomena Thiagaraj**

+ **CAROLINE SCHROEDER**

By Norbert & Loraine Schroeder

Pro Populo

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. +**JAMES DEURMYER** - Lesley & Rodney Hart

11:00 a.m. +**TOMMY E. BERNSEN**

+**JIM BERNSEN** - By Family

The First Sunday of Advent marks the new Liturgical Year, and the Church shifts into a new Lectionary Cycle for Sundays, with 2025-26 returning to **Cycle A, the Gospel of St. Matthew**. In the Sunday Gospel (Matthew 24:37-44), Jesus invites us to recognize the signs of the last days. This is a reminder that Advent is not just looking back at the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but our personal preparation for His Second Coming: "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come....you also must be prepared, for an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

PARISH NEWS!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass Schedule will be **Monday, 12/8/25 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Parish Christmas Party: December 7, 2025 after 11 a.m. Mass, in the Parish Hall. A sign up sheet is available in the foyer of the church to sign up for your favorite dish.

Annual Fall Fundraiser 2025: We would like to thank you for your generous donations to this year's fundraiser. The total amount received is **\$10,300.00!**

Mass Intentions for 2026: book is now open. Please

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 23, 2025

Envelope	\$ 760.00
Loose	<u>\$ 1,128.37</u>
Total	\$ 1,888.37
Christmas Flowers	\$ 150.00
Oktoberfest 2025	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 3,463.37

Online Donations

11/22/25—11/28/25 \$585.00

Thank you for supporting your parish.



Sanctuary Candle

November 22 - 28, 2025

For the Intentions of Don & Carolyn Havelka

2026 Violet Historical Society Annual Raffle

The 2026 annual Violet Historical Society Raffle has been scheduled for Sunday February 15, 2026. The annual raffle is the only funding raising event for maintenance of the Museum, VHS sponsored programs and donations. Prize donation pledges for the raffle are now being accepted. For those wishing to donate a prize, a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the Church for Saturday and Sunday masses through Sunday December 28th or you may contact Sam Morris (361-215-9163) or Pam Matlock (361-249-3033) to pledge you donation. **Donations must be pledged no later than Sunday December 28th in order to allow adequate time for composing and printing the raffle ticket cards.** Your donation and support is sincerely appreciated.



Thanks again to the Violet community for their support in preserving the future of the Violet Museum and the history of Violet, Texas!

Museum Renovations

The renovations to the Old St. Anthony's Church are complete. **Unfortunately, by order of current Bishop Michael Mulvey, no church sacraments can be practiced in the church at this time.....**Stay tuned.

However, improvements to the Old Church continue in preparation for better days ahead. Installation of an additional 5 ton AC unit and associated ductwork for the old church is currently in progress thanks to two very generous donations.....again, in anticipation of better days to come!