

**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH OF VIOLET**  
**"A Place You Can Call Home"**

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**Office Hours**

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

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

**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 Day of Obligation**

Vigil Mass 6:00 p.m.

Mass 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration/Divine Mercy**

Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

First Saturday of the month 8:00 a.m.

First Sunday of the month 3:00 p.m.

**Rosary**

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.



**April 5, 2026**

**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 ~~Snopka~~

Jose & Ceceilia Lopez

**Organist**

Mary ~~Halper~~

**Women's Circle**

Carol Kocurek

**Violet Historical Society**

Sam Morris

**St. Anthony's Cemetery Association**

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## Happy Easter!

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I pray the joy of our Risen Christ will live in your hearts!

Blessings, *Fr. Andrew*



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April 4 - April 10, 2026



For the Deceased Family Members of the  
+ Pete G. & + Gloria Gonzales Family  
Requested by Annette Gonzales

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### SUNDAY COLLECTION

	3/22/26	3/29/26
Envelope	\$ 945.00	\$ 900.00
Loose	\$ 621.00	\$ 985.00
Total	\$1,566.00	\$1,885.00
Spring Fundraiser	\$4,376.00	\$ 900.00
Easter Flowers		\$ 130.00
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**Property Insurance \$20,109.79**  
**Assessment \$15,499.00**

Thank you for your continuous support to your parish!

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## From the Pastor's Desk - April 4 & 5, 2026

Catholic World News

### **Catholic population remains stable at 17.8% of world population; baptisms decline, number of priests rises:**

17.8% of the world's people are Catholic, a figure that remained steady in 2024, according to statistics published in the new editions of the *Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae* (2024 edition) and *Annuario Pontificio* (2026 edition).

The number of Catholics rose from **1.406 billion in 2023** to 1.422 billion in 2024, an increase of 1.14%. The growth in Catholic population was most dynamic in Africa, where the Catholic population rose from just over 281 million in 2023 to over 288 million in 2024.

There are now more **Catholics in Africa than in Europe**. 47.7% of the world's Catholics live in the Americas, 20.3% in Africa, 20.1% in Europe, 11.0% in Asia, and 0.9% in Oceania. Between 2023 and 2024, the number of baptisms fell to 13,065,918, a decline of 0.6%, while first Communions rose by 1.1% (to 9,194,143) and Confirmations rose by 1.7% (to 7,823,882). The number of **bishops, priests and deacons rose in 2024**: the number of bishops rose by 1.75% in 2024 (from 5,430 to 5,525), after rising 1.4% in 2023 (from 5,430 to 5,525) the **number of priests rose** by 0.1% in 2024 (from 406,996 to 407,421), after falling 0.2% in 2023 (from 407,730 to 406,996) the number of permanent deacons rose by 1.3% in 2024 (from 51,433 to 52,102), after rising 2.6% in 2023 (from 50,150 to 51,433)

On the other hand, the 13-year decline in the number of seminarians worldwide accelerated in 2024. After years of precipitous decline, the number of women religious remained steady at 589,423 in 2023 and 2024, according to reports from Vatican News. The number of women religious rose by **2.6%** in Africa in 2024 and fell elsewhere. The number of major seminarians worldwide surged from 63,882 in 1978, the year of Pope St. John Paul II's election, to 110,553 in 2000—far surpassing the rate of world population growth—and rose more steadily over the next decade to a peak of 120,616 in 2011.

The decline has been especially pronounced since 2019: the number of seminarians stood at 114,058 at the end of 2019. Thus, the number of major seminarians worldwide fell 14.1% over a 13-year period and fell 9.2% between 2019 and 2024, the last five full years of Pope Francis's pontificate.