St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church

PO Box 299 – 1523 Main Street, Danbury, TX 77534

Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston

Divine Mercy Sunday Weekend — April 7th / 8th, 2018

Mass Schedule: Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed: 6:00 pm Tues, Thurs: 9:00 am

Friday Lenten Schedule: Mass @ 9am—Stations of the Cross 6pm / First Friday — 9am Mass, Adoration 9:30 am to 6pm, Stations 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00—5:00 pm Or by appointment call 979-922-1240

Devotions in the Church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday 9:30 am — 9:30 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion: Saturdays, at 5:15 pm Rosary: Sunday, at 7:30 am and 10:00 am

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo *Archbishop*

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Women of Worship Connie Peltier (512)365-3075
Meets 2nd Tuesday of Month, 7:00 pm in the St. Anthony Center.

Legion of Mary Ana Mercado (979)922-1127
Meets on Tuesday Evening, 6:00 pm in the CCE Building.

Music Ministry Evelyn Boeker (979)849-4727
Meets every Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 am in the Church

Pastoral Council Pat Stahl (979)922-8144
Next meeting will be announced. Meeting begin at 6:30 pm.

Finance Council Emil Prihoda, Chair (979)583-6771
Meets on the 1st Thursday, every Three Months.

Liturgy Committee Carol Peltier (979)922-8106

Cemetery Committee Anne Starr (979)922-8562

Pro Life Coordinator Peggy Keillor (979)922-1248

Disaster Committee Deacon Gerald Peltier (979)922-1247

Samaritan Ministry (Parish Office) (979)922-1240

Knights of Columbus
Robert Fief, Grand Knight (979)922-1629
Albert Priselac, Deputy Grand Knight (281)733-7963
Meets every third Tuesday, 7:00 pm in the St Anthony Center.

Look for St Anthony's on: www.saopdtx.org / Facebook

Mass Times for Travel: masstimes.org

Continuing Christian Education

Classes: K to 5th grade: Wednesday, 4 to 5:30 pm
6th to 12th grade: Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact either Father Joseph Nguyen or Deacon Gerald Peltier to make arrangements. Preparation classes are required.

Marriage Preparation

Diocesan regulations require that pre-marital preparation must begin at least six months before the tentative marriage date. Contact Father Joseph Nguyen or Deacon Gerald Peltier to make arrangements.

Annulments

Contact either Father Joseph Nguyen or Deacon Gerald Peltier.

Communion and Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is ill or who is homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the parish office. Hospital and Nursing Home visits can also be arranged. If you know of someone in the Hospital or Nursing Home and would like Fr. Joseph to visit them, please contact the Parish Office at 979-922-1240.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC)

Contact Deacon Gerald or Monica Sebesta to make arrangements or for more information.

Prayer Group: Every Thursday a prayer group meets in the church at 7 pm to say the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & read the latest message from Medjugorje. All are invited!

FORMED.ORG (Parish Code 8WHKMK)
Movies, Videos, Talks, Studies
All available at no cost to you.

God Bless Our Military! We pray for their safety & families!
God Bless the USA! We pray for Peace throughout the world!

2nd Sunday of Easter: April 8

That we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

Message from the desk of the Pastor

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The story of Thomas is instructive and consoling because our path to faith in the Lord Jesus is often a slow walk through moment of doubt and times of confusion which create a rift between ourselves and God.

Thomas stands for all of us who travel the road of doubt and at times are unsure of our belief. Jesus understood fully Thomas' situation as he does ours in our moments of crisis and despair. The bottom line of faith is our belief in Jesus Christ as the Risen Lord. Faith is a struggle, a challenge and a battle and there is nothing comfortable about it.

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter: God's mercy forgives our doubts.

This is ***Divine Mercy Sunday***. It is also the Sunday where the Gospel reading is always that of Doubting Thomas. Jesus came to bring God's Mercy to the world. Thomas doubted the Lord. Peter denied the Lord. Judas had turned traitor….Jesus understood his doubts. He forgave Thomas for doubting. And that is the key for today's celebration.

After Thomas made his prayer of faith, saying "My Lord and my God" Jesus said, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? And then the Lord looked down the ages, he looked at all people of all time, he looked directly at you and at me, and said, ***"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*** How good is that? We are being blessed by the Lord because we have not seen him, yet still believe in him.

We pray for faith today. We seek forgiveness for our times of doubt, and we are convinced that his mercy will fill us with his life. After all, this is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Lord Jesus, help us to remember the words of Thomas: "My Lord and My God," and to make them our own prayer.
Help us to see you in the actions and word's of the people we meet, so that day by day our belief in you will grow stronger.

May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Joseph

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come join us 3:00 to 4:00 pm this Sunday, April 8th as we celebrate the tremendous gift of Divine Mercy from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pope St. John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. In thankfulness for this wonderful gift of Mercy we will have one hour of Eucharist Adoration, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and have quiet time to meditate. Praise God for St. Faustina for being such a faithful witness for the world, giving us the message of His Divine Mercy.

To receive a Plenary Indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday we must go to confession within a week before, or after, the Sunday of Divine Mercy, attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, give reverence to His Divine Mercy, and do at least one Act of Mercy.

Jesus told St. Faustina, Jesus desires Divine Mercy to be celebrated and reverenced throughout the world. Jesus is Merciful and He desires that we be channels of His Mercy. Any questions call Cecilia at 922-8783.

SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

Class will be in the St. Anthony Center, **this Sunday, April 8th at 2:00 pm**. [The time has changed from 1pm to 2pm] All are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Deacon Gerald.

Just Show Up: It may sound simplistic, but it is one of the most important things that has ever happened to my prayer life: Just show up. Even if prayer is nothing more than a box to be checked off in our day, checking that box off is better than not doing it.

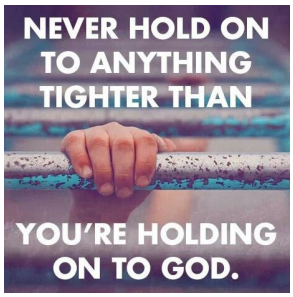
It is what we do in our other relationships, is it not? We do not always *want* to do the things we do or feel tremendous joy fulfilling our responsibilities to our friends and family. But we do them anyway. We call our friends every once in a while; make dinner for the family; ask our neighbor how she is doing. Why? Because relationships are built purely on those who show up and try to make it work. What we have may not be what we want, but it will never grow if we are never around to let it.

The Bible Study Group will meet this Monday evening at 6:40 pm.

Kylie's Corner

God didn't bring you this far to leave you.
Philippians 1:6

Sometimes God takes us through difficult situations that make up who we are today. He always has a reason why you went through all those obstacles to get to where you are now. No matter what you are going through, God will always be here by your side. Whenever you are at your weakest point, God will carry you through the darkness. We need to trust His judgement and know that He always has a reason even if we can't understand it right now. If you feel like giving up, put everything into God's hands and leave it up to Him. When I go through a hard time in my life, that is what I do to calm all of my worries and fears. I know that God will always be with me no matter what. He knows what He is doing and whatever you are going through will make you stronger. God will never leave you in the dark and He has a purpose for you. Please listen to "I Will" by Citizen Way. "I will hold you when you're breaking like a father and a friend. And I will carry you through darkness until we see the sun again. So rest your head and cry your tears know that I am with you here. When you can't lift that weight, believe Me when I say I will. I know you're feeling overwhelmed before the day even begins, but I can see beyond the now. This is not how your story ends and when you're at your weakest, oh I've never been more strong. So let Me be the one you're leaning on. I will dry your eyes. I will calm your fears." Kylie



Catholic Family Night at the Astros

Friday, April 27 – 7:10 p.m.

Astros vs. Athletics *Individual Tickets will be on sale in March* For groups of 20 or more, contact Hannah Walker at 713-259-8857 or email hwalker@astros.com Questions? Call Hannah Walker at 713-259-8857 or email hwalker@astros.com

A portion of the proceeds benefits: Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018 GRADUATING SENIORS

Danbury Knights of Columbus Scholarship Applications are available in the back of the church or church office for **2018 Graduating Seniors**. Scholarships will be presented at the Senior Mass which will be scheduled for May 27th @ the 10:30 am mass. **Deadline is April 23, 2018**. For more information contact Kent Bollich at Cell (979)236-5633 or Home (979)848-1422.

Attention Graduating Seniors!!

If you are interested in applying for a **Catholic Daughters Scholarship**, please contact Linnet Orlik: 979-292-6460 or orlik.linnet@gmail.com. Completed forms must be returned **no later than May 9, 2018**.

Court Immaculate Mary #2134 News
Angleton-Danbury

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Angleton KC Hall. Social begins at 6:30 and our meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship and to be a part of service to our Church and community. Membership is open to Catholic women over the age of 18 years. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions contact Alice Artman at aliceartman@gmail.com

***Converging Roads* Conference – Sexuality & Fertility in Medicine.** The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Catholic Healthcare Professionals of Houston, University of St. Thomas, and CHI St. Luke's Health, present the 3rd annual *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8:45AM to 6:15PM at the offices of the St. John Paul II Foundation. The conference theme will focus on sexuality & fertility in medicine and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. For more information, visit **convergingroads.com**.

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Divine Mercy Sunday Word Search: Apostles, Begotten by God, Commandments, Disciples, Divine Mercy, Doors Locked, Finger and Hands, Hands and Side, Mark of the Nails, My Lord and My God, One Heart and Mind, Peace with You, Rejoiced, Resurrection, So I Send You, Testifies, Thomas, Truth, Water and Blood

[22] Remaining letters spell out what ?

Forgiven & Set Free: **A Project Rachel Bible Study ……** The Archdiocese will offer Forgiven & Set Free, a 10-week Bible Study for those seeking healing after an abortion experience. The first session begins on Monday, April 9. Group meetings will take place at a parish in central Houston. Those interested in attending or receiving more information can call the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or email jkfritsch@archgh.org.

First Communion Day of Reflection

ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Wednesday, April 18, 4:00—7:00 p.m.

(Dinner provided)

First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. Upcoming Weekends are May 18-20 & August 03-05. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to **www.houstonme.org**.

Area Bazaar:

St. Joseph on the Brazos Church in Brazoria will have their Annual bazaar Sunday, April 29th. Barbecue dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 am until 2pm. Silent and live auctions, raffle, country store, purse booth, kid's games and much more will open from noon until ???? Bring the whole family and have a fun day at the bazaar. All are welcome!

Pro Life Corner:

Pro-"choice" is no choice. Pro-choice is death to the baby, the family, and to the future of our nation!

Please remember the sick, their families, all who suffer in body and mind, in your daily prayers

Elena Achille
Kyle Atkins
Chris Auer
Sandy Banda
Jack Bevers *
Tom Bielstein *
Chris Broz
Vikki Buckheit
Bennie Clawson
Richard & Dolores Clinton
Lula Corona
Bernard Deckert
Joyce Dixon
Geoff Evans
Tennie Fief
Loretta Filipp
Regan Fontenot
Veronica Gardner
Jacko Garrett
Megan Garza
Donnie Greenwood
Judy Griffith
Josie Gutierrez
Bailey Hall
Robert Hanson
Phyllis Harris
Charles Herbst
Dillion Hill
David Jackson
Jan Janosky
Libby Jez
Mary & Clarence Kinnett
Joyce Korenek
Leonard Korenek
Michael Korenek
Teri Korenek
Cindy Larson
Jamie Larson
Mary F. LeCompte
Nora Lennon
Thomas Lewis
Laura Linkenhoker
Tracy Linscombe
Dean Lowry
Dr. Dan Martin
Henrietta McAdams
Guy McNeil
Bea Mercado
Janell Novak
Bobby Olsovsky
Johnny Olsovsky, Sr
Johnny Olsovsky, Jr.
Bob Orsak
Sandra Ott
Dana Pieper
Nancy Pieper
Evelyn Peltier
Robyn Peltier
Brilee Phares
Barbara Rab
Isabelle Reedy
Betty Jo Ritz
Joey Roye
Brittany Miles Sanchez
Charles & Mildred Scott
Bill Siegel
Sarah Sterzinger
Karen Summers
Tillie Svoboda
Paula Tenorio
Nancy Veselka
Edwin Vrazel
Jeanette Vrazel
Mildred Vrazel
Patrick Vrazel
Jerral Waguespack
Kay Webb
Glen Weise
Mike Wheatly

For more Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Order!

[Please keep in your prayers:]

Sr. Evelyn Korenek, Sr. Anna Marie Vrazel, Fr. William Kelly, Fr. Joseph Nguyen, Msgr. Boli Zientek

** Peace of Our Nation & Prayers for the President & All Leaders*

* For Our Young Adults Attending College!

* For all the Babies & Children in the Hospitals and for their parents!

* For All Mom's To Be & Their Unborn Babies!

* For women considering Abortion, that their hearts be open to life!

* Our Men & Women in the Military!

* For Those Who Are Quick to Judge!

* For those in the Nursing Home, the Homebound , Orphanages and the Hospitalized and the Homeless!

* We pray for all The Poor Souls in Purgatory — —May their Souls rest in peace!

* God Bless the Farmer — Pray for their needs

* For those with Idle minds—the Devil's Workshop

* For Flood Victims & All Disasters

Mass Intentions:

Saturday, April 7th
5:30 pm † Leo Fief

Sunday, April 8th *Divine Mercy Sunday*
8:00 am † Julia Geissen
10:30 am The Parish Family of St. Anthony's

Monday, April 9th
6:00 pm † Maria Nguyen

Tuesday, April 10th
9:00 am † Andy Dollar / Jack Lollar / Carolyn Bell

Wednesday, April 11th
6:00 pm † Rudy Havran

Thursday, April 12th
9:00 am † Marilyn Kennedy-Hurt

Friday, April 13th
No Mass

Saturday, April 14th
5:30 pm † Jack & Mary Garrett & Past Ancestors

Sunday, April 15th *Third Sunday of Easter*
8:00 am The Parish Family of St. Anthony's
10:30 am † In Memory of Sr. Antoinette Peltier

Scripture Readings For The Week:

Monday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thurs	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Legion of Mary meets *Tuesday Evenings*, **6:00 pm**, CCE Building, Rm 1. They are always looking for new members. If you want more information contact Cecilia Bernshausen, 979-922-8783.

April Church Cleaners:

Ann Geissen Family

Thank you to all our Church Cleaners and Their Families.

The Women of Worship Schedule:

The Ladies will meet on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 7:00 pm in the SAC for their next meeting.

All ladies are encouraged and welcome to attend meetings and events on the Second Tuesday of each Month. Invite a friend.

Taco Breakfast will be the weekend of April 29, 2018

DANBURY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

District: 59
Council 9817

Next meeting April 17, 2018

Fellowship Sunday every 3rd Sunday of the month.
KC's will supply pastries & drinks-9:15-10:15 am
Fellowship Sunday — April 15, 2018

2018 DSF Summary Report for St Anthony's Church:
Parish Goal: $24,880.00
Total Amount Paid: $11,636.25
Total Amount Pledged: $17,368.00
250 Households
Total Number of Participants: 54 of 250
Online giving: www.archgh.org/dsf

Those Special Dates to Remember:

April

8	2nd Sunday of Easter
8	**Divine Mercy Sunday**
	—Holy Hour—3 to 4pm
8	**Active Shooter Class — 2:00 pm in the SAC**
9	The Annunciation of the Lord
9	Bible Study, 6:40 pm
10	Legion of Mary Meeting, 6:00 pm, CCE Building, Rm 1
10	WOW Meeting, SAC, 7pm
11	CCE Classes — Afternoon / Evening
14/15	**Bazaar Meat Donation Collection**
15	3rd Sunday of Easter
15	Knights of Columbus Fellowship Sunday after the 8am Mass
17	Knights of Columbus Meeting, SAC, 7pm
17	Legion of Mary Meeting, 6:00 pm, CCE Building, Rm 1
18	**First Communion Day of Reflection, 4pm to 7pm**
21/22	Home Missions Collection

The Sanctuary Lamp is Burning:

For the
Holy Spirit
To move our hearts
to recognize the intrinsic
dignity of
every person
we encounter;

We pray to the Lord:

Saturday, April 14th—8:30 pm
Lector: Pam Peltier
E.M.'s: *Pam Peltier, Lorenda Baldwin*
Altar Server(s): Volunteers

Sunday, April 15th
—Sunday — 8:00 am
Lector: Maureen Vrazel
E.M.'s: *Maureen Vrazel, Cynthia Wendel*
Altar Server(s): Joshua Saman, Lexi Fief

—Sunday -- 10:30 am
Lector: Thèrése Kahla
E.M.: *Stephen & Thèrése Kahla*
Altar Server(s): Danica & Montana Filipp

First Friday Schedule: May 4, 2018
9:00 am Mass
Adoration *[9:30 am to 9:30 pm]*
Please sign up for adoration so someone can be there for each hour.

Collection Totals for: ***March 30th - April 1st, 2018***

Diocese Good Friday Collection	*$846.00*
Additional On-Line Giving Donations	*$70.00*
Easter Weekend Collection	$5,674.00
Children's Part	$38.00
Additional On-Line Giving Donations	$805.00

Thank you for your generous donations. God bless!
Online Giving: www.osvonlinegiving.com/1880

Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony
Feast Day: June 13th

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord, we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5)
May your priest have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse. May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priest be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Saint Michael the Archangel

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.