

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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THE SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:

Stanthonyanton.com. Father Seth's email address is slorenz@catholicclubbock.org

For any concerns or pastoral care, please call or email Father Seth. Office Hours in Shallowater are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am - 1:00pm



SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, June 15th - \$347.00

Sunday, June 22nd - \$200.30

Sunday, June 30th - \$574.00

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection today will be for the Food Boxes. Next week it will be for church flowers. On July 20th it will be for the Church in Latin America which is a diocesan collection.

PLEASE TALK WITH MEGAN GUTIERREZ IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE CCE PROGRAM THIS COMING YEAR. She will be needing CCE teachers to volunteer for the 2025/2026 school year. Please discern and pray about volunteering to teach our children the Catholic Faith. Let's give her our support and let's bring our children to CCE classes. Everyone working with children will need to complete the safe environment class and bring certificates to Megan or Margaret.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED. Please be thinking about serving our church by being an altar server. Talk to Rudy Garcia or Joseph Gutierrez if you are interested in joining.

LECTORS

Sunday, July 6th - Romelia Garcia & Joseph Gutierrez

Sunday, July 13th - Olga Perez & Rudy Garcia

Sunday, July 20th - Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores

Sunday, July 27th - Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, July 6th - Natalia Flores & Family

Sunday, July 13th - Joey, Romelia, & Rudy Garcia and Tiadora Castillo

Sunday, July 20th - Henry and Olga Castillo

Sunday, July 27th - Junior & Luisita Alafa and family

Sunday, August 3rd - Richard, MaryAnn & Kristopher Alvarado & Adam & Rita Salsman Families

ROMELIA GARCIA WILL NOTIFY THE GIRLS ON THE TIME FOR THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES.

Pray for our Sick: Carolyn Wood Rosa Sanchez Teofilo Flores Julia Flores Rosa Brito Elena Gonzales Henry Botello Anna Rodriguez Willie Delacruz Jose Domingo Amalla Oscar Rendon Josie Rendon Irma Rendon Chris Cantu Benny Amalla Martha Garcia Aaron Garcia Tony Alanis Carolyn Gonzales Lopez Frank Coronado Janie Coronado David Black Jesus Pena Socorro Galvan Reyes LB Martinez Tausha Castillo Kerri Buchanan

Sunday, July 6th, 2025 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Joy is the dominant tone of today Scripture readings. In the Gospel reading from Luke, we hear the account of the seventy-two disciples returning from the mission Jesus had given them, their hearts full of joy because even the devils submit to them when they use the name of Jesus. They are bursting to tell Jesus all about the success of their mission. Jesus listens to their story, shares in their joy, and then bursts into a prayer of gratitude to the Father. Indeed joy is one of the great themes of Luke's gospel.

The theme of joy, however, is not restricted to Luke's gospel or even to the New Testament. In our first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Lord calls on the people of Jerusalem to rejoice: 'Rejoice Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her. And the reason for all this rejoicing is that the Lord 'will send (Jerusalem) flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. This promise must surely have a resonance today, not just in Jerusalem but far beyond its borders.

In a world and at a time when joy seems in short supply, I believe this emphasis on joy is particularly important. We think of joy very much in association with youthfulness, freshness, innocence. And it is true that joy keeps us young. A joyful person seems always youthful. People who are joyful also transform those around them. Joy is contagious. In the presence of joyful people, our own hearts become lighter and the world around us seems so much brighter. However, we must not confuse Gospel joy with a superficial cheerfulness. The joy Jesus speaks of, and wishes us to have, is not the false hilarity of those who ignore the reality of suffering in the world around them or avoid pain in their own lives. The joy Christ brings us is the felt knowledge of God's unlimited and unearned love for us, a love that is constant and never taken back, even when we fail dismally to respond as we should. And this joy is found often at the very heart of pain and suffering.

Father, sustain us with your love and help us to be always witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ, to the faith we profess, the hope that animates us, and the liberating power of the Gospel. Amen.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

Mass on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm. Mass on Thursday at 8:00am.

THANKS TO NATALIA FLORES AND FAMILY FOR THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH. Next week it will be cleaned by Joey, Romelia, and Rudy Garcia and Tiadora Castillo. If you see things that need to be done around the church or hall grounds, like mowing or picking up the trash or cleaning up, please just do it! Thanks.

IF YOU RECEIVED YOUR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR, PLEASE TURN YOUR FORMS TO ROMELIA OR MARGARET. WITHOUT THESE FORMS YOUR SACRAMENTS WILL NOT BE NOTATED IN THE CHURCH GISTRY.

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR SAINT ANTHONY REGISTRATION FORMS TO MARGARET IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO. THANK YOU.

Online Safe Environment Training;

Parish volunteers & staff remember you can take your safe environment training through the diocese's website at www.CatholicLubbock.org/SafeEnvironment.html. All persons in ministries are encouraged to conduct the training and turn in certificates to Father Seth, Margaret Alvarado or Megan Gutierrez.

RENTAL OF THE HALL: Please talk with Olga Perez if you are interested in renting the hall for any of your activities. The rental fees are due at least one month prior to the date needed for the rental. Purchase of hall insurance has to be made one month in advance with the diocese.

Quinceañera - Candidate has to be in CCE for two years, have made her First Communion, and be a registered member of this parish. Please speak with Father at least 4 months in advance. **Marriage** - Must be 18 years old or older. Please contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before the wedding date is scheduled or finalized. **The stipend (donation)** for Quinceañera and Matrimony celebrations for the church and the priest is a total of \$250. This must be given in advance of the Quinceañera or Matrimony and may be given to Father Ernesto or Margaret Alvarado at the time the event is scheduled with Father. **BAPTISM CLASSES:** Please speak with Father to register for baptism classes. The Padrinos/Sponsors as well as the child's parents need to attend this class. The Padrinos/sponsors must be married by the Catholic Church. Please fill out all the registration forms and bring the official birth certificate of your child with you to the class.

SOUTH PLAINS CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Want to receive a digital copy by email? Sign up for the quarterly Flocknote email online at catholiclubbock.flocknote.com/SPCdigitalZine for a digital subscription.

Jamaica Calendar

07-19-2025 Ralls St. Michaels 3-11pm
07-20-2025 Tahoka St. Jude 12:00 – 10pm
07-20-2025 Plainview Our Lady of Guadalupe 11:00–10
07-26-2025 Abernathy St. Isidore
07-27-2025 Muleshoe, St. Ann 10:00 am 9:00pm
07-27-2025 Denver City St William 11:00 – 10pm
08-17-2025 Shallowater St Philip Benizi 12:00-9pm
08-24-2025 Littlefield Sacred Heart 12:00 – 8pm
08-24-2025 Lubbock St. Joseph 11:00 - 9pm
08-30-2025 Slaton Our Lady of Guadalupe Noon –
Midnight
09-06-2025 Brownfield St. Anthony 3:00 – 10pm
09-07-2025 Lubbock Our Lady of Grace
09-14-2025 Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Grace Church – Men's Conference. The parish's "Behold the Man!" men's ministry invites all men 18 years old and older to learn about Christ's redeeming power to Our Lady of Grace Church (3111 Erskine Street) in Lubbock, on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join for a light breakfast and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. followed by music, guest speakers and a complimentary lunch. This is a free event. Registration is not required. For more information contact, Brian Dietrich at (208) 724-0784.

Covenant Ready Summer Camp 2025: Covenant Health is excited to again welcome area 6th to 8th graders to learn about different careers in health care at Covenant Ready Summer Camp. Students can experience what it is like to work at the hospital and explore different health care opportunities and hear from professionals like doctors, nurses, pharmacists, medics, respiratory, occupational, physical, and speech therapists, and more. July 15, 16; 8:30am to 3:30pm at Maxey Park (4007 30th Street) in Lubbock. The one day camp is free to attend (Lunch will be provided). Only 100 students can attend a session. There will be waiting lists each day. Register your child at flowcode.com/p/ehXNDkmyvp?fc=0

Set up Online Giving. *Are you planning to be away from home this summer? We'll miss you in Mass! You can still support our parish while you're out! Set up online giving! Visit the Diocese of Lubbock website at <https://catholiclubbock.org/ParishDonation.html> to set up a recurring donation for our church. Select "Parish Donation" for the fund and select our parish as the subfund. You can even add your envelope number in "notes." Thank you for your support of your parish! We pray for safe travels and a refreshed return!*

Catholic Charities Gardening Classes. Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Lubbock for FREE beginner gardening classes for adults age 60 and older. Classes continue, Tuesdays, July 8, 22; August 5 & 19; at 10 a.m.— brand new gardeners or just want to get your hands back in the soil, this is a fun, relaxing way to connect, learn, and grow—together! Space is limited. Call Cassi at 765-8475, ext. 130, for information. This project is a collaboration between the St. Francis Mission Sisters' Associates and Seekers and the Elderly Outreach program of Catholic Charities of Lubbock.