

# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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For any concerns or pastoral care, please call or email Father Seth. Office Hours in Shallowater are Tuesday – Friday, 9:00am – 12:00pm



Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary

The readings for this Sunday are a wakeup call to the people of Israel. Don't presume salvation! Isaiah 66 foretells the missionary expansion of the Church. The Lord sends out "fugitives" to the nations. They will proclaim God's glory to the Gentiles, and return to Jerusalem with a mixed group, Gentiles and Israelites, to offer perfect worship to God. What a shock to those who believe that being an Israelite is a guarantee of favor with God. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is asked if many will be saved. He ignores that question and answers instead, "strive to enter through the narrow gate." He then uses the analogy of the master who has locked the door of the house. Those who presume that they belong in the house will hear the master say, "I do not know where you are from." And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'"

The way to salvation involves struggle. There is no easy salvation. In a time when we hear so often that everyone goes to Heaven because Jesus never judges anyone, this comes as a shock. It is a wakeup call. Take seriously the opportunity Jesus is offering to repent and follow Him now. The question is not how many will be saved, but how are we saved. "God our Savior . . . desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4) This is the deep desire in the heart of Jesus. He gives us all the grace we need to receive this salvation, won at great price. Through the sacraments, repentance, and prayer, His grace can overcome the obstacles in our life of discipleship. In the words of the Letter to the Hebrews, "Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed." (Hebrews 12:13)

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

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

**THANKS TO ALL THE PERSONS THAT CAME OUT AND WORKED ON THE GROUNDS AT THE CHURCH, THE HALL AND THE JAMAICA GROUNDS. YOUR EFFORTS ARE APPRECIATED AND DO NOT GO UNNOTICED.**

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

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> AFTER THE 6pm Mass.** All parish council members are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are welcomed to attend.

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$377.00  
Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - \$413.00  
Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - \$407.00

**FOOTBALL FIFTH QUARTER WILL BE SPONSORED BY OUR CHURCH ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> FOR THE HART FOOTBALL GAME.** We need a Coordinator to plan this for our junior high and high school kids. If you are interested in volunteering please talk to Olga Perez or Margaret Alvarado.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection today will be for the church flowers. Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> will be for the Diocese for the Annual Catholic Offering for Ministries.

**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.

## LECTORS

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores  
Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Henry Botello & Joseph Gutierrez  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Rudy Garcia & Olga Perez  
Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores  
Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores

## CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - J Natalia Flores & Family  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - Joey, Romelia, & Rudy Garcia and Tiadora Castillo  
Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Henry and Olga Castillo  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Junior & Luisita Alafa and family  
Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - Richard, MaryAnn & Kristopher Alvarado & Adam & Rita Salsman Families  
Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Natalia Flores & Family

**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 Ashley Smith Bobby Pylant

**FIRST DAY OF CCE CLASSES WILL BE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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](http://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 print or digital copy by email? Sign up for the quarterly Flocknote email online at [catholiclubbock.flocknote.com/SPCdigitalZine](http://catholiclubbock.flocknote.com/SPCdigitalZine) for a digital subscription.

### **Jamaica Calendar**

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  
09-07-2025 Plainview Sacred Heart Church  
09-13-2025 Seagraves Saint Paul Church 11 - 11pm  
09-14-2025 Lubbock Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
10-05-2025 Levelland Saint Michael Church 11 – 8pm

### **Candles for Christ BBQ**

Join Candles for Christ for a BBQ with the St. Francis Mission at Our Lady of Angels Convent (8202 CR 7700) in Wolfforth, on September 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to kick off the year. Learn what the Candles for Christ year has in store. For more information, email [candlesforchrist23@gmail.com](mailto:candlesforchrist23@gmail.com)

### **We Are There: Catholic Charities-Diocese of Lubbock**

Catholic Charities-Diocese of Lubbock is joining with the Catholic Charities network across the country to participate in **We Are There**, a national awareness campaign highlighting the life-giving services Catholic Charities agencies provide in their local communities. To learn more about the We Are There campaign, visit [WeAreThere.US](http://WeAreThere.US). To learn how to volunteer or make a gift supporting the work of Catholic Charities-Diocese of Lubbock, visit [www.cclubbock.org](http://www.cclubbock.org)

### **Diocese of Lubbock Catholic Engaged Encounters 2025**

October 3-5 – English. Engaged Encounter is a marriage preparation weekend where couples planning marriage have the time together to concentrate on each other, free from the tensions, pressures, and interruptions of daily life. Register online or download an application at <https://catholiclubbock.org/FamilyLife.html> The retreat is conducted at Mercy Retreat Center. Questions: Diocese of Lubbock Family Life Office - Phone 806-792-3943 ext. 238 or [FamilyLife@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:FamilyLife@catholiclubbock.org)

### **Young Adult Marriage Retreat**

Young adults 18-39: Have you received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony? Save February 7, 2026, on your calendar to join the Diocese of Lubbock Young Adult Ministries Office and the Marriage and Family Office for a retreat. Keep an eye out for registration information.

### **Catholic Charities – Emergency Food Pantry Needs**

**The Catholic Charities emergency food pantry needs your help!** The emergency food pantry provided vital support to 667 people in June 2025—including elderly individuals, children, families, and those experiencing homelessness. Help replenish the supply! Commonly needed items include canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal, cereal, rice, and beans. A list of foods needed –and ways to donate— is available on the Catholic Charities website at [CCLubbock.org](http://CCLubbock.org)

### **Set up Online Giving**

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!

### **Read Bishop Coerver's Pastoral Letter**

**Bishop promulgated a pastoral letter focused on the faith formation of families and youth. Read Bishop Coerver's letter, Families and Youth Formed in Faith, on the Diocese of Lubbock website at** [www.catholiclubbock.org/PastoralLetter2024.html](http://www.catholiclubbock.org/PastoralLetter2024.html)