

# 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 & Wednesday 1:00- 5pm; Thursday & Friday, 9:00am - 12:00pm



## 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  
Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - \$410.00  
Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> - \$424.00

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why would Jesus say, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple?" Obviously, Jesus does not want us to hate. Jesus wants us to love. But Jesus uses this strong language to press upon us that we cannot be His disciple unless we love him first and foremost. We cannot be His disciple unless we are willing to trust him above all else. So often, the world chooses violence and oppression over mercy and love and justice. We don't need to look too far to see examples of how the world chooses cruelty over love. When Jesus took up his cross, he willingly stepped into the worst human suffering to say, "Even here I am with you!" He didn't deny His cross to avoid pain. He didn't deny His cross to embrace comfort. He didn't even deny His cross so that His dear mother wouldn't have to suffer. He put the cross above all else to show us how to take up our own cross. We are to choose love, mercy, and peace over fear, anger, and hostility every day!

The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus took up His cross to show us that human suffering can lead to redemption.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

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

**WELCOME TO THE ST. ANTHONY'S CCE FUN DAY TODAY, STARTING AT 11:00am TO 2:00pm. ENJOY GAMES AND A WATER SLIDE AND HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS. PARENTS COME AND REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR CCE AND YOURSELF FOR OUR NEW CLASSES IN FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (INCLUDING OCIA).**

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

**Online Safe Environment Training:** All Parish volunteers 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. ***This training needs to be completed before September 30, 2025.***

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 AFTER THE 6pm Mass.** All parish council members are encouraged to attend. All parishioners are welcomed to attend.

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

**FOOTBALL FIFTH QUARTER WILL BE SPONSORED BY OUR CHURCH ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup> FOR THE HART FOOTBALL GAME.** Joseph and Megan Gutierrez have volunteered to coordinate the event but we need your help with donations. You can donate money, drinks, desserts or items for Nacho supreme. This is a time of fellowship for our junior high and high school students after the football game. If you are interested in donating please talk to Joseph, Megan or Margaret Alvarado.

**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.

*"Next weekend, we will take up the Second Collection for the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal for Ministries. This is a meaningful opportunity to support ministries that serve the poor, educate future priests, and strengthen Catholic outreach across West Texas. As you leave Mass today, please take a moment to pick up a donation card and campaign flyer available at each entrance"*

*We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gift—large or small—as a sign of your commitment to these life-giving missions. Your generosity helps fund:*

- *Seminarian education and formation*
- *Catholic Charities and outreach to families in need*
- *Youth and campus ministry programs*
- *Support for rural parishes and missions*

*Donation cards are still available at the entrances. Let us unite in faith and generosity to make a lasting impact!"*

**The Jamaica of our brother & sister Catholics in Shallowater got rained out the first time around. They're going for a second take in October! Mark your calendar to support the parish Sunday, October 12:**

## LECTORS

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, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Joey, Romelia, & Rudy Garcia and Tiadora 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  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Henry & Olga Castillo

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**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**

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  
10-12-2025 Shallowater Saint Philip Benizi Church 12:30-6:00pm

**St. John the Baptist Church Grief Support.** Remember your loved one. Begin to accept the reality of their death. Discover how grief affects us. Join St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for 8 weeks, Thursdays, beginning September 11, through October 30. Each Thursday, the group gathers from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn care for yourself physically and emotionally. Find ways to deal with loneliness, regrets and changing relationships. For more information, contact Sybille Neuber, certified grief educator, at (806) 392-3860 or [sneuber6@gmail.com](mailto:sneuber6@gmail.com).

### **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)