

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 1:30– 5pm:

Thursday & Friday, 9:00am – 1:00pm



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd IS CANCELLED. WE WILL NOTIFY EVERYONE OF NEW DATE ONCE IT IS RESCHEDULED.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection today will be for the CCE church needs. Next Sunday, September 28th will be for the church flowers.

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:

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, September 7th - \$1,546.16

Sunday, September 14th - \$566.00

Sunday, September 21st -

Sunday, September 28th -

FOOTBALL FIFTH QUARTER WILL BE SPONSORED BY OUR CHURCH ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd 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. Thanks to all the persons that have volunteered 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. Thank you!

LECTORS

Sunday, September 21st – Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores

Sunday, September 28th – Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores

Sunday, October 5th – Romelia Garcia & Joseph Gutierrez

Sunday, October 12th – Rudy Garcia & Olga Perez

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 21st – Richard, MaryAnn & Adam & Rita Salsman Families

Sunday, September 28th - Natalia Flores & Family

Sunday, October 5th - Henry & Olga Castillo

Sunday, October 12th – Joey, Romelia, & Rudy Garcia and Tiadora Castillo

Sunday, October 19th – Junior & Luisita Alafa and family

Sunday, September 21st, 2025, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are all the surprises about in today's Gospel? First, the steward is surprised. He has lost his job! His master is angry because he has heard some rumors about his performance. The steward doesn't take time to confirm or deny these rumors. Right away, he acted to ensure that he would have friends who would welcome him after he was out of the job. Quickly, he called in his master's debtors. To one who owed 100 measures of olive oil he said, "Here is the promissory note. Make it 50!" To another who owed 100 kors of wheat he said, "Here is the promissory note. Make it 80!" Perhaps the biggest surprise comes when the master discovers what the steward has done. Rather than revile him, he praises the steward for acting prudently. The master is impressed because the steward knows how to ensure that he gets what he wants! So what are all the surprises about in today's Gospel? They seem to suggest that a little bit of nice on the part of the Steward toward the debtors' covers up a lot of whatever bad things he did to get fired. Even his master is praising his actions! Yes, a little bit of nice can cover up a lot of bad! We know how kindness can take us by surprise and transform lives.

We gather around the altar to remember the generosity of our Lord. He gives us his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist to assist us in surprising others with kindness and mercy and generosity. It's true! A little bit of nice covers up a lot of bad!

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

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

CCE STUDENTS MEET IN THE HALL FOR BREAKFAST! CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:30 TO 11:30AM. THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED LAST WEEK. We are coming up with the list for breakfast duties. Please let Megan or Joseph know if you do not want to be on the list for providing breakfast. Breakfast can be as simple as cold cereal or breakfast burritos. Thank you!

REGISTER YOURSELF FOR OUR NEW CLASSES IN FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (INCLUDING OCIA). If you have been baptized and received first communion but are lacking the sacrament of confirmation please attend these classes, schedule an interview with Father Seth and you may be confirmed on the Feast of Christ the King in November. The great thing is that the classes are in the hall during the time your children are in CCE.

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 need to 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. **This training needs to be completed before September 30, 2025.**

Thank you to the Gutierrez families for providing breakfast for the CCE students and families on September 14th. Thank you to Joe & Dalia Costilla and Vanessa Costilla-Nunez for breakfast today!!!

No weekday masses on the week of September 28th. Father Seth will be away on retreat September 28 thru October 3rd. No weekday masses on the week of October 19th thru October 23. Father will be out of town for medical appointments..

Pray for our Sick: Carolyn Wood Rosa Sanchez Teofilo Flores
Julia Flores Rosa Brito Elena Gonzales Henry Botello Anna
Rodriguez 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 Charity Ann Peralta Tausha Castillo Kerri
Buchanan Ashley Smith Bobby Pylant

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 catholclubbock.flocknote.com/SPCdigitalZine for a digital subscription.

Jamaica Calendar

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.

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://catholclubbock.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@catholclubbock.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

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://catholclubbock.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.catholclubbock.org/PastoralLetter2024.html