

# 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



**PLEASE TURN IN YOUR SAINT ANTHONY REGISTRATION FORMS TO MARGARET IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO. 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. These classes are for everyone wishing to learn more about their Catholic Faith. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

**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](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 needed to be completed before September 30, 2025. So if you haven't completed please do so ASAP!!!**

**SEVERAL PARISHIONERS SIGNED UP FOR LECTOR AND COMMUNION MINISTER DUTIES. WE WILL BE SCHEDULING A CLASS SOON FOR THIS. KEEP AN EYE ON THE BULLETIN FOR THE DATE.**

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection today will be for the Diocesan World Mission collections. On October 26<sup>th</sup> it will be for the CCE needs.

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - \$598.00  
Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - \$561.00  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - \_\_\_\_\_  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - \_\_\_\_\_

**THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, THE SUNDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING AT THE METHODIST CHURCH. THEY WILL SUPPLY THE TURKEY, HAM AND DRESSING.** The rest of the parish members are asked to bring side dishes. It will be held at 6:00pm.

**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!

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Studying Scripture is not a side dish on the plate of practicing the faith. It is an essential component of the virtuous life, and without it, our faith will surely falter. In his second letter to Timothy, Saint Paul reminds us that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and they train us in righteous living and equip us for every good work. There will undoubtedly be times when we feel ill-equipped - when we are fatigued, frustrated, or concerned. It is precisely in these moments that we're invited to go quickly to the holy Word of God! Read it, pray with it, and invite the Spirit to speak to you through it. There you will find the wisdom needed to face every circumstance.

Our faith journey was never meant to be a solitary endeavor! We see this in today's first reading when Aaron and Hur stand beside Moses, holding his weary arms in the air as the battle rages on against the Amalekites. This image of the three men on the mountain - Moses with his arms raised high, Aaron and Hur on either side supporting them - is a powerful image of companionship in the Christian life. When you feel too weary to pray, look around - the Lord has likely given you companions who can support you precisely in the ways you need at this time. Pay attention, too, to who God might be inviting you to support in prayer. Our Gospel tells us that God always hears our prayer and calls us to be persistent in prayer. Certainly, God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night." God calls us to persist in prayer because it reveals our faith and trust in him that we constantly bring our needs before him.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

Communion Service on Tuesday evening at 6:00pm. No Mass Thursday morning.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF EMILIO MENDEZ AND FOR THE CONSOLATION OF HIS FAMILY. ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: VIEWING TODAY AT GUAJARDO'S FUNERAL HOME FROM 3:00 TO 9:00pm WITH ROSARY AT 7:00pm. FUNERAL MASS ON MONDAY AT 10:00am AT ST. ANTHONY CHURCH WITH BURIAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE ANTON CEMETERY.** We invite parishioners to bring a covered dish, or dessert, or drinks to be served for the family after the burial.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ELA MAE ZAPATA ON RECEIVING HER CHRISTIAN INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH BAPTISM LAST SATURDAY!** We pray for her parents, grandparents and godparents that they will continue to inspire her in learning about her Catholic Faith!

**THANKS TO MONICA JUAREZ FOR PROVIDING THE BREAKFAST TODAY FOR THE CCE STUDENTS! CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:30 TO 11:30AM.** We have the list for breakfast duties. Please grab a list if you haven't already done so. 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! Next week will be served by Regina Reynal

## LECTORS

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores  
Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Romelia Garcia & Joseph Gutierrez  
Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Rudy Garcia & Olga Perez

## CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Junior & Luisita Alafa and family  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Richard, MaryAnn & Adam & Rita Salsman Families  
Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Natalia Flores & Family  
Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - Henry & Olga Castillo  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – Joey, Romelia, & Rudy Garcia and Teadora Castillo

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS THAT ARE IN THE HOSPITAL: ELENA GONZALES, SALVADOR CASTILLO, ESTEBAN SIAS, AND ANNA RODRIGUEZ AND THOSE BATTLING CANCER: NORMA DRAKE.**

**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.

**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.

**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 Seth or Margaret Alvarado at the time the event is scheduled with Father. **BAPTISM CLASSES:** Please speak with Father or Deacon Jerry 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.

The Diocese of Lubbock will welcome Catholics from across the 25 counties of the South Plains to the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025 Celebration on All Saints Day, November 1, 2025. The Diocese of Lubbock Evangelization and Family Faith Formation will gather families in hope at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Youth and Family Center at 101 North Ave P. in Lubbock, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Doors open at 8am. Registration fee per registrant is \$10— with a cap of \$40 per family – which includes a box lunch and conference materials. There is no charge for children younger than 5 years old. Registration and breakout session information can be found by visiting the Diocese of Lubbock website at [CatholicLubbock.org/PilgrimsOfHope.html](http://CatholicLubbock.org/PilgrimsOfHope.html).

For more information, contact the Diocese of Lubbock Evangelization and Family Faith Formation Division at (806) 792 - 3943 or email Alicia Alvarez at [AAlvarez@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:AAlvarez@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)

**Catholic Charities Gardening Classes – Season 2** Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Lubbock for FREE beginner gardening classes for adults age 60 and older. Classes meet, Thursdays, October 23; November 6 & 20; and December 4 & 18 at 9am to noon— 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.

**Catholic Charities - Financial Literacy 101.** Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Lubbock for FREE financial literacy class on Tuesdays, October 21, at 6 p.m. OR Saturday, October 25 at 10am at 102 Avenue J in Lubbock. Space is limited. RSVP to [cristian@cclubbock.org](mailto:cristian@cclubbock.org). A light meal will be provided along with door prizes and a gift for each attendee.

## **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!