

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



Sunday, November 2nd, All Souls Day

Today the Holy mother church all over the world commemorates all soul's day. The Masses we celebrate today are prayers to ask God for forgiveness on behalf of our deceased brothers and sisters. This is mainly for those who are still in purgatory and need God's mercy. We must pause a moment to ask ourselves, why pray for the dead? When the letter to the Hebrews says: "After death comes judgment". When there is a saying: "There is no repentance in the grave." Does this not mean that we are wasting our time here? No, we are not!

As Catholics, we believe in the communion of Saints. This communion or fellowship includes the triumphant church's saints, the militant church, and the suffering Church. So, we are in a fellowship in which we could help each other through our prayers. The Church suffering in purgatory needs purification to reach their eternal destination. The book of Maccabees attests that Judas Maccabeus, head of Israel, made a collection "so, they offered a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of those who had died in battle, to pray for the dead so that they are free from their sins, is a holy and suitable action". According to Catholic teaching, to pray for the living and the dead (especially, souls in purgatory) is the seventh spiritual work of mercy. However, while the doctrine on purgatory is well-founded and plausible, we should strive hard for holiness and perfection to enter straight into heaven at the end of our earthly life.

So, united in prayer, let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ, who died and resurrected, to lead them to his kingdom, where we shall all gather one day to live forever.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

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

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES AT THE ANTON CEMETERY WILL BE THIS COMING TUESDAY AT 5:15PM. IF YOU WANT YOUR LOVED ONES GRAVE TO BE BLESSED PLEASE STAND BY THEIR GRAVESITE AND FATHER WILL COME BY THERE. IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND FATHER WILL OFFER PRAYERS FOR THEM AND ALSO FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT BURIED AT THE ANTON CEMETERY.

THANKS TO ALMETA SIAS 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. The breakfast will be served by Betsabee Avalos next week. Thank you!

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

THANKS TO NATALIA FLORES & FAMILY FOR THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH. NEXT WEEK IS HENRY & OLGA CASTILLO.

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. 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 Food Boxes. On November 9th it will be for the Archdiocese for Military Services.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, October 5th - \$598.00
Sunday, October 12th - \$561.00
Sunday, October 19th - \$467.00
Sunday, October 26th - \$617.00

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 23rd, 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 or desserts. The services start 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!

LECTORS

Sunday, November 2nd – Romelia Garcia & Joseph Gutierrez
Sunday, November 9th – Rudy Garcia & Olga Perez
Sunday, November 16th – Margaret Alvarado & Rudy Garcia
Sunday, November 23rd – Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores
Sunday, November 30th – Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 2nd – Natalia Flores & Family
Sunday, November 9th – Henry & Olga Castillo
Sunday, November 16th – Joey, Romelia, & Rudy Garcia and Teadora Castillo
Sunday, November 23rd – Junior & Luisita Alafa and family
Sunday, November 30th – Richard, MaryAnn & Adam & Rita Salsman Families

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS THAT ARE IN THE HOSPITAL: ELENA GONZALES AND ROBERT DELVALLE AND THOSE BATTILING CANCER: NORMA DRAKE. SALVADOR CASTILLO IS HOME BUT DOING REHAB. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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 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.

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

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, 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.

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!

National Vocation Awareness Week, Mark National Vocation Awareness Week, November 2-8, 2025, which is the annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations

Second Collection - Archdiocese for Military Services In Diocese of Lubbock churches November 8 & 9, parishioners have the opportunity to support the Archdiocese for the Military Services which is responsible for providing pastoral care and services to active-duty men and women serving in all six branches of the United States Armed Forces stationed at home and abroad, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families. For more information about the Archdiocese and its pastoral programs and services, visit www.milarch.org.