

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 16th, 2025 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MARIA ELENA GONZALES AND FOR THE STRENGTH AND CONSOLATION OF HER FAMILY. The Rosary will be at Hillcrest Funeral Home on Wednesday at 6:00pm and the funeral mass will be on Thursday morning at 11:00am. There will be a meal served for the family. We ask that persons bring a covered dish, dessert or drinks to be served for the family.

THANKS TO MICHELLE & BEATRICE GUTIERREZ FOR PROVIDING THE BREAKFAST TODAY FOR THE CCE STUDENTS! CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:30 TO 11:30AM. The next class will be on December 7th and breakfast will be served by Ashley and Kathy Martinez then. Thank you!

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

THANKS TO JOEY, ROMELIA, AND RUDY GARCIA FOR THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH. NEXT WEEK IS JUNIOR & LUISITA ALAFA.

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.

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.

MEETING ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18th WITH ALL THE CCE TEACHERS AND FATHER SETH AFTER MASS.

WORKDAY FOR THE CHURCH & HALL NEEDS IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 22nd AT 10:00am. Bring lawnmowers, weed eaters, paintbrushes and mops and brooms to get buildings and grounds cleaned up and painted.

FUNDRAISER PLANNED: RAFFLE OF YETI COOLER ON DECEMBER 14th. FUNDS TO BE RAISED WILL BE USED FOR AN AWNING COVERING THE REAR OF THE CHURCH. SEE RUDY GARCIA, WHO IS THE COORDINATOR OF THE RAFFLE, FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO HELP WITH DONATIONS OR PURCHASE OF RAFFLE TICKETS.

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 23rd it will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, November 2nd - \$2,128.00
Sunday, November 9th - \$566.00
Sunday, November 16th - \$.00
Sunday, November 23rd - \$.00
Sunday, November 30th - \$0.00

LECTORS

Sunday, November 16th - Henry Botello & Rudy Garcia
Sunday, November 23rd - Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores
Sunday, November 30th - Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores
Sunday, December 7th - Romelia Garcia & Joseph Gutierrez
Sunday, December 14th - Rudy Garcia & Olga Perez

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

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
Sunday, December 7th - Natalia Flores & Family
Sunday, December 14th - Henry & Olga Castillo

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS THAT ARE IN THE HOSPITAL: ROBERT DELVALLE AND THOSE BATTLING CANCER: NORMA DRAKE. SALVADOR CASTILLO IS HOME BUT DOING REHAB. ESTER FRIAS SUFFERING FROM SHINGLES. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Pray for our Sick: Rosa Sanchez Teofilo Flores Julia Flores Rosa Brito 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 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!

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