

# 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

Today we focus on themes of vigilance, hope, and preparing for Christ's coming. Reflections emphasize the need to "stay awake" and "wake up" spiritually by shedding sinful habits, putting on "the armor of light," and being prepared for Jesus's arrival. The season is a time for hope, not fear, and for living each day in awareness of God's presence. Wake up and stay awake: Homilies highlight the gospel call to be vigilant and alert, both spiritually and in our daily lives. This involves actively turning away from "works of darkness" like jealousy and quarreling, and toward virtues like patience and love. Advent is a time for spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ, both for His first coming at Christmas and for His promised return. This preparation is not a source of fear but of joy, as long as we are faithful and aware of God's presence.

Advent is a time for hope in a God who loves and guides us. Just as the Israelites looked to God for guidance, we are called to look forward to the future God has in store for us. We are called to "lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light". This can be achieved by examining our lives, identifying "works of darkness," and fostering opposing virtues to strengthen ourselves against temptation. Hope and preparation are not just about grand gestures but about simple actions. It involves noticing those in need and choosing patience over anger, and approaching each day with an awareness of God's presence.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This week's mass schedule is as follows:

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

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE PERSONS THAT BROUGHT FOOD AND HELPED SERVE THE FAMILY OF ELENA GONZALES AFTER THE FUNERAL SERVICE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MARIA ELENA GONZALES AND FOR THE SOUL OF JOSE ANGEL SANCHEZ (a long time resident of Anton) WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.** Pray also for the strength and consolation of their families.

**THERE IS NO CCE TODAY BUT CLASSES WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>.** Ashley and Kathy Martinez will provide the breakfast for the students and teachers. CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:30 TO 11:30AM. Thank you to everyone that contributes to teaching and feeding our students and parishioners!

**THANKS TO RICHARD & MARYANN ALVARADO AND ADAM AND RITA SALSAMAN AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE CLEANING OF THE CHURCH.** Next week is the turn of Natalia Flores and family.

**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 or have never been baptized please attend these classes. 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. On December 14<sup>th</sup> classes will be held at 10:10 in the church with Father Seth along with the other teachers.

**FUNDRAISER PLANNED: RAFFLE OF YETI COOLER ON DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>. FUNDS TO BE RAISED WILL BE USED FOR AN AWNING COVERING AT 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](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 Food Boxes. On Dec 7<sup>th</sup> it will be for the Christmas Poinsettias and on December 14<sup>th</sup> it will be a Diocese Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$2,128.00  
Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> - \$566.00  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - \$489.00  
Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$501.25  
Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - \$0.00

## LECTORS

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Romelia Garcia & Joseph Gutierrez  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - Rudy Garcia & Olga Perez  
Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Teofilo Flores & Lucas Flores  
Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> - Regina Reyna & Nicholas Flores

### CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Richard, MaryAnn & Adam & Rita Salsman Families  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Natalia Flores & Family  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - Henry & Olga Castillo  
Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Junior & Luisita Alafa and family

### SAVE THE DATES:

OCIA RITE OF Introduction before Mass, January 18th, 2026 Anton  
OCIA RITE OF Sending during Mass, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Anton  
OCIA RITE OF ELECTION February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30pm in Christ the  
King Cathedral, Lubbock  
Tuesday, after Mass, February 10<sup>th</sup>, CCE Meeting  
Saturday, 11:00am, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 Reconciliation and Practice for  
First Communion Students  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Sacrament of First Holy Communion  
Friday, 6:00pm, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Sacrament of Confirmation in  
Shallowater

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS THAT ARE**  
**RECOVERING FROM RECENT HOSPITAL STAYS: 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 Greg and Barbara Hodges

**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.

### **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, 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!