



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 2023  
Calendar of the Week


Saturday, September 23	<b>4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass</b> - <i>George and Clara Class</i> ✕ 6:00 p.m. - <i>Vigil Mass</i> - St. Anthony
<b>Sunday, September 24</b> <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.— <i>Mass</i> —St. Anthony <b>10:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - <i>Brian and Rashelle Fitzgerald</i> 12:00 p.m. ( <i>Spanish</i> )
Monday, September 25	5:30 p.m. - <i>Mass</i> - St. Anthony
Tuesday, September 26	7:30 a.m. - <i>Mass</i> - St. Anthony Chapel
Wednesday, September 27	<b>8:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - <i>CDA Members</i> 5:30 p.m. - <i>Mass</i> - St. Anthony
Thursday, September 28	7:30 a.m. - <i>Mass</i> - St. Anthony Chapel <b>5:30 p.m. - Mass</b> - <i>Karen Brod</i> ✕
Friday, September 29	5:30 p.m. - <i>Mass</i> - St. Anthony
Saturday, September 30	<b>4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass</b> - <i>Clara Class</i> ✕ Sacristan - Evelyn Orange Lector - Jason Sweatt Usher - Frank Briscoe and Larry Kunkel Altar Servers - Theresa Henneke and Laura Henneke Comm. Minister - Evelyn Orange  6:00 p.m. - <i>Vigil Mass</i> - St. Anthony
<b>Sunday, October 1</b> <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.— <i>Mass</i> —St. Anthony <b>10:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - <i>Descendants of Lucas and Elizabeth Laux Burttschell</i>  Sacristan - Becca Edmiston Rosary Leader - Linda Venghaus Lector - Linda Pleasant Usher - James Edmiston Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds Comm. Minister - John Obenhaus  12:00 p.m. ( <i>Spanish</i> ) - <i>Mass</i> - St. Anthony

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**St. Roch Catholic Church**  
  
**1600 Frelsburg Rd.**  
**Alleyton, TX 78935**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Friday: Closed  
  
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**Bible Readings**  
Mon: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18  
Tues: Ezr 6:7-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21  
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2-8; Lk 9:1-6  
Thurs: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-9; Lk 9:7-9  
Fri: Dn 7:9-14; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
Sat: Zec 2:5-15; Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43-45  
Sun: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:**  
  
Bobbie Brod (979) 732-3151 or  
Deacon Doug & Mary Beth Tromblee (979) 733-4430

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<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Thursday 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Saturday 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
<b>BAPTISM:</b>	Baptismal instructions are required; please contact the Parish Office (979) 732-3460.
<b>MARRIAGE:</b>	Parties should notify the pastor before setting a wedding date to allow time for the required marriage preparation (no weddings during Lent or Advent).
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	We welcome with joy all new members of the community and invite you to register online at <a href="http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration">http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration</a> or stop by during office hours to fill out the forms.
<b>HALL RENTAL:</b>	Contact the Parish Office for availability and pricing information.

**COLLECTION**  
**September 17, 2023**  
\$3,170  
*May God bless you through your generosity!*

**PRAYER**  
*Requests*

**Please pray for all of those who are ill  
or in need of our prayers:**  
Melinda Brod, Jerry Henneke,  
Sarah Stancik, Mary Neuendorff, Paul “Buster”  
Henschke, Anne Reagan, Judy Kestler

The Michael Wostarek Family would like to express sincere gratitude to St. Roch, the Catholic Daughters, and the many donors and volunteers that came to the blood drive.

71 units of blood were collected on September 6 in honor of Mike.

Thank you for the love and support you’ve shown to our family. We are grateful to be part of this wonderful community!

**Message from Father James: Better Late Than Never!**

Well, it has been a few months since my arrival here as pastor. I wanted to write a short letter to the parish to send my greetings to you and thank you all for the warm welcome you gave me in June. My intention was for the letter to be written a month or two ago, but here we are.

I look forward to getting to know and serve you all better in the future. I know many of you would like to know me a little better, so I’d like to share a short history of how I got to this point as your pastor.

I am from Frelsburg. I love the small town and my family. Some of you already know my parents, and I have one brother who is married with 2 girls. I attended Columbus ISD growing up. I enjoy hunting and fishing.

I first realized my priestly calling when I was in eighth grade. I have my aunt to thank immensely for being my teacher at CCD. She taught us the faith and how to live it. I enjoyed the various volunteer work we did as well as being introduced to Eucharistic Adoration. That is where I heard God. That is where I was able to quiet myself in his presence to hear him. And from there, the call of the priesthood got stronger. I served on the altar at Sts. Peter and Paul frequently.

I joined the seminary immediately following high school graduation. My total formation to become a priest was 9 years. I spent 4 years in Dallas, 4 years in Houston, and 1 at the Parish Cathedral in Victoria. During that time, I earned a B.A. in Philosophy, an M.A. and an S.T.B. in Theology. It’s hard to believe this small-town kid from Columbus got all those letters behind his name. I thank God for his grace to persevere in the long path to the priesthood.

My first assignment as a priest was as far away from home as I could go within the diocese. I served for 2 years at Our Lady of the Gulf in Port Lavaca along with 3 mission churches under pastor Fr. Tommy Chen. Beautiful place and beautiful people; I wish I had made more time to fish while I was there. In my 3rd year of priesthood I was assigned to Sacred Heart in Hallettsville along with 3 mission churches under Msgr. John Peters.

Being assigned here at St. Anthony/St. Roch begins my 4th year in the priesthood and is as close to home as I think I could get. This is fortunate because prior plans were for me to serve on active duty as a military chaplain to the U.S. Navy which could’ve put me halfway across the world. This changed due to COVID issues. Nevertheless, sad though it is, I am pleased to be here with you and for you.

I love the priesthood. I’m excited to be here. I’m excited to build up our parish through fostering the growth in our relationship with Christ and His Church.

**Picnic News!**

**September 29/30: Picnic Set up | October 1: Picnic Day**

**PICNIC WISH LIST & WORKLIST** *Please let us know if you did not receive one!*

**LIVE AUCTION**  
Live Auction committee is accepting donation items. There will be a numerical Live Auction list. Please call a team member to get your item on the list **BEFORE** picnic day.  
*Erin Glueck (979-733-4575) • Sarah Fisher (281-467-2282) • Stephanie Tribe (832-563-8027)*

**RAFFLE TICKETS**  
Available to pick up in the narthex.

**SILENT AUCTION**  
1 item — Please drop off non-perishable items to the church office before picnic day. Label them with name and details.

**COUNTRY STORE**  
Please bring as many new/unused items.  
Ex: baked goods, small plants, noodles, etc.

**BINGO**  
Please bring one adult or children \$5 item.  
Examples: kitchen tools, crafts, baked item, small plant, wall décor, etc.

**GIFT CARD WALK**  
1 gift card to a local business valued at \$10.  
Drop off in the church office or the collection basket labeled “Gift Card Walk”.

**CHILDREN’S RAFFLE**  
Courtney Smith is accepting donations for the Children’s Raffle. Please call/text Courtney (979-732-7090) to donate.

**FISH/DUCK POND**  
We are asking for bulk donations of individually packed snacks (mini chip bags, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks) and juice boxes. Some candy (no gum) and small bubbles. Monetary donations can be made to “Fish Pond”.

**Picnic Set Up**

**Friday, Sept. 29, 5:00 p.m.**  
We will make meal preparations (wash & cut potatoes), fill fish pond bags, and set up tables and chairs in the hall.  
\*Bring your favorite brush and knife for cleaning and cutting potatoes.\*  
\*\*ALL parishioners and family are encouraged to help. Sausage and beer will be served. Please bring a finger food or dessert to share.\*\*

**Saturday, Sept. 30 at 8:30 a.m.**  
**WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS THIS DAY!!**  
Anyone physically able to help, please come out. All booths will be set up. Bring your drills! BBQ building will be cleaned, pavilion will be cleaned and tables wiped down, etc.  
\*\*One person from each booth is required to show up and help set up their booth on Saturday morning or before 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning.\*\*