

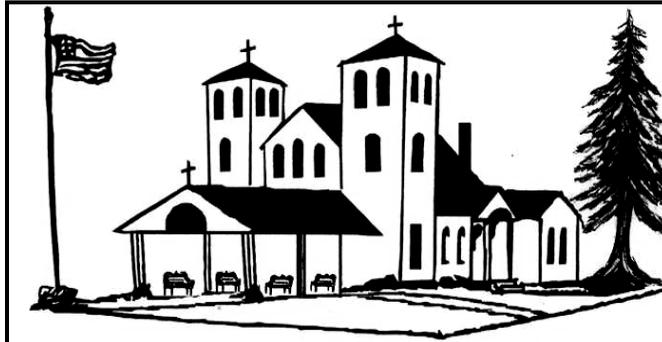
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Saturday, September 6	<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - For the People 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<p>Sunday, September 7 Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Deacon Andy Nunmaker 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Monday, September 8	<p>5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Tuesday, September 9	<p>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Wednesday, September 10	<p>10:30 a.m. - Mass - TLC 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Thursday, September 11	<p>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 5:00-5:20 p.m. - Confession 5:30 p.m. - Mass - Allen Wendel ✠</p>
Friday, September 12	<p>8:15 a.m. - SAS Mass - St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Saturday, September 13	<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - Leonard Becker ✠ Sacristan - Nancy Koehl Lector - Nancy Koehl Usher - Oliver Weishuhn, Frank Briscoe Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds Comm. Minister - Brian Fitzgerald 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<p>Sunday, September 14 Exaltation of the Cross</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Blanche Rodrigue ✠ Sacristan - Jean Condra Rosary Leader - Charles Glueck Lector - Sammy Condra Usher - Travis Busselman, Chris Glueck Altar Servers - Ava Jurica, Paul Jurica, Abigail Jurica, Anslie Busselman, Haddie Busselman Comm. Minister - Chris Glueck 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony</p>

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St. Roch Catholic Church

**1600 Frelsburg Rd.
 Alleyton, TX 78935**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: Closed
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Friday: Closed

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 Deacon Doug & Mary Beth Tromblee



Bible Readings

Mon: Mic 5:1-4; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-23
 Tues: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wed: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-13; Lk 6:20-26
 Thurs: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 27-38
 Fri: 1 Tim 1:1-14; Ps 16:1-11; Lk 6:39-42
 Sat: 1 Tim 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49
 Sun: Num 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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ROSARY

Recited 30 minutes before each 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday 5:00-5:20 p.m., Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m.

BAPTISM:

Baptismal instructions are required; please contact the Parish Office (979) 732-3460.

MARRIAGE:

Parties should notify the pastor before setting a wedding date to allow time for the required marriage preparation (no weddings during Lent or Advent).

REGISTRATION:

We welcome with joy all new members of the community and invite you to register online at <http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration> or stop by during office hours to fill out the forms.

HALL RENTAL:

Contact the Parish Office for availability and pricing information.

COLLECTION

August 31, 2025

\$3,330

Second collection: September 13/14

PICNIC MEAT COLLECTION



Eucharistic Holy Hour

Thursday, September 11

5:30p.m. - Mass

6:00p.m. - Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament & Adoration

7:00p.m. - Benediction

*The flowers on the altar are in
thanksgiving to God for
all blessings received.*

Given by: Allcyn Robinson

Second Combined Collection —September 6/7 Catholic Communication Campaign, Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic University of America

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps spread the Gospel through media (TV, radio, internet) with half of the funds staying in our diocese to support local communication efforts. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

The **Black and Indian Missions** provide grants to evangelization programs for these communities across the U.S.

The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington D.C., educates many of the Church's future leaders, including priests and lay ministers, with support from a scholarship fund for students in need. To learn more, please visit www.cua.edu.

Please pray for all of those who are ill or in need of our prayers:

Delores Dittert, Deacon Andy Nunmaker, Jason Boor, Joseph Hurt, Bobbie Brod, Rose Marie Thuman, Paul Henschke

171st PICNIC NEWS

Picnic Poster in Narthex

PICNIC WISHLIST AND WORKLIST

were mailed out with important notes. Let us know if you did not receive one.

Children's Raffle

Cassie and Holden Grounds is accepting donations for the Children's Raffle. Please call/text Cassie (979-758-2098) to make a monetary or item donation.

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)

Fish/Duck Pond

We are asking for bulk donations of individually packed snacks (mini chip bags, cookies, fruit snacks), juice boxes, some candy (no gum), and small bubbles. Monetary donations can be made out to "Fish Pond".

Silent Auction

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

Bingo

Please bring 1 adult/child \$10 item. Ex: kitchen tools, crafts, baked items, household items.

Mark your Calendar!

September 27: Parish Grounds Cleanup

October 3/4: Picnic Set-up

October 5: PICNIC DAY

Many hands make light work!

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not a parishioner but would like to help at the Picnic, please call the Parish Office and let us know! 979-732-3460

Rediscovering the Church's Musical Vision

This past Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Gregory the Great. As a prominent figure in the early Church, he poured out his heart for the Truth of Jesus Christ and His Church. He was one of the Church's most influential doctors for his devout defense of the truth and humble service of love.

As we have now begun chanting the antiphons at Mass, it calls to mind his work on the liturgical reform for which his name stands: *Gregorian chant*. This sung music of the sacred liturgy solemnly lifts up our voices to the Lord.

So why the change?

The Church teaches that *Gregorian chant*—and by extension, chant and antiphons in general—has "pride of place" in the liturgy (cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, Vatican II). This doesn't mean we abandon our beloved hymns that do not fit this standard. Rather, it means we enrich our worship by including the ancient prayers of the Church: *the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion Antiphons*—texts drawn from Scripture and prescribed for each specific Sunday. These antiphons serve to deepen our reflection on the readings, anchor the Mass in the Church's timeless voice, and foster a spirit of prayerful receptivity.

But some have raised a fair concern: "Why are we moving away from joyful music? Chants sound somber or boring."

That's a very human and heartfelt response. Music, after all, moves us emotionally. But, brothers and sisters, joy in the liturgy is not always expressed in exuberant or emotional terms. Sometimes, true Christian joy is quiet, reflective, and filled with awe—especially when we are in the presence of the *sacred mysteries*.

Chant does not seek to entertain—it seeks to elevate. It draws our hearts upward. It gives us space to listen. It slows us down so that we might not miss what God is doing in the silence and stillness. It allows the *Word of God* to shape our hearts more than our preferences.

This is why we are beginning to **blend** chant with the hymns we love. We're not removing; we're restoring. We are reintroducing a musical form that is deeply Catholic, universally prayed across the world, and still encouraged by the Church today.

How can you help?

- **Pray** for openness to beauty that may be new to your ears.
- **Participate** by offering your voice in this worship in the antiphons and the refrains.
- **Reflect** on the texts. They are often Scripture passages or prayers meant to prepare our hearts for each moment of the Mass.

In the end, all of this is for one purpose: to glorify God and sanctify the faithful. May we, like Mary and St. Gregory, treasure these things in our hearts, growing together as a parish rooted in faith, tradition, and love.