

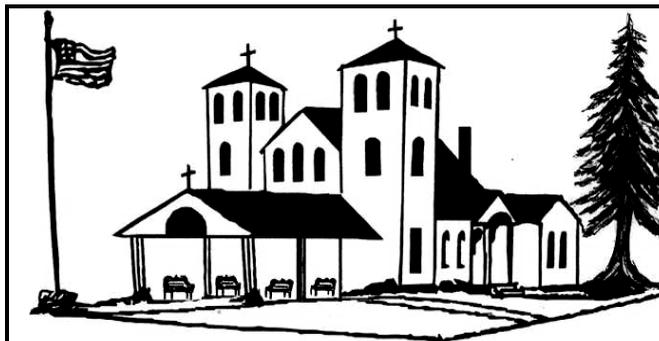
## The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025

<b>Saturday, November 22</b>	<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession  <b>4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass</b> - Bernice Kuhn ✠ and Robert Pyka, Jr. ✠                      5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony                      6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Sunday, November 23</b> <i>Christ the King</i>	<p>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony  <b>10:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - Farrah Sandel                      12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Monday, November 24</b>	<p>5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony                      5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Tuesday, November 25</b>	<p>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Wednesday, November 26</b>	<p>10:30 a.m. - Mass - TLC                      5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony                      5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Thursday, November 27</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	<p>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony  <b>5:00-5:20 p.m.</b> - Confession  <b>5:30 p.m. - Mass</b> - Ron Mathews ✠</p>
<b>Friday, November 28</b>	<p>5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony                      5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Saturday, November 29</b>	<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession  <b>4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass</b> - G.W. &amp; Mary Drescher Family                      Sacristan - Tammy Noe                      Lector - Jason Sweatt                      Usher - Trey Jurica, Oliver Weishuhn                      Altar Servers - Theresa, Laura, Sarah Henneke                      Comm. Minister - Tammy Noe                      5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony                      6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</p>
<b>Sunday, November 30</b> <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	<p>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony  <b>10:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - George &amp; Jeff Sebesta ✠                      Sacristan - Jean Condra                      Rosary Leader - Linda Venghaus                      Lector - Sammy Condra                      Usher - Chris Glueck, Brian Fitzgerald                      Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds                      Comm. Minister - Brian Fitzgerald                      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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### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:

Bobbie Brod (979) 732-3151 or  
 Deacon Doug & Mary Beth Tromblee



### Bible Readings

Mon: Dan 1;1-20; Dan 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tues: Dan 2:31-45; Dan 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wed: Dan 5:1-28; Dan 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thurs: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Fri: Dan 7:2-14; Dan 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
 Sat: Dan 7:15-27; Dan 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

### Reverend James Dvorak, Pastor

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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

November 16, 2025

\$3,494

**Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**

\$972

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

\$348

*Thank you and God bless you through your generosity!*

### Church Cleaners (December)

Melissa Brod (Captain), Margie Schuenemann,

Pam Pacher, Angela John, Kim Lookingbill

*May you all be blessed for your service to God!*

### Church Directories are here!

If you had your picture taken, please pick up your complimentary copy in the Narthex. Directories are alphabetized by last name.

If you did not have your picture taken but would like a copy, they can be purchased for \$20 at the office.

### Christmas Flower Offering & Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes

Both are available in the narthex for those wanted to remember their loved ones with donations towards the Christmas decorations and/or Christmas Day intention. Please drop them in the collection basket or the Parish Office no later than **December 15**.

### First Sunday in Advent is November 30

Advent wreaths and candles are available for purchase in the back of Church.

**Wreaths: \$10, Candles: \$5**

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

Delores Dittert, Joseph Hurt, Rose Marie Thuman, Paul Henschke, the reposed soul of Jacob Warschak

### Christ the King Eucharistic Procession

Immediately following 10:00a.m. Mass on **Sunday, November 23**, we will have a Eucharistic Procession. This is a prayerful event that celebrates the Feast of Christ the King by carrying the Blessed Sacrament through a procession. We recommend wearing comfortable shoes, we will be walking outside.

### St. Roch Advent Social

**Saturday, December 6**, immediately following 4:00p.m. Mass at the Parish Hall. Meal tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office (adult: \$12, kids: \$6). More information to come.

### CASA Christmas Gifts

CDA is working again this year with CASA to make the Christmas wishes come true for a number of children. We have a board with stars in the Narthex. Each star will detail a child's wish or need. Please consider taking several tags! **Please leave all unwrapped gifts with the star tag attached in the Narthex. Gifts must be turned in no later than Monday, December 8.**

*Please contact Regina Wicke at 979-732-1675 with any questions or to make cash donations. Thank you so much for your generosity.*

### Wreaths Across America: St. Roch Cemetery

Help us REMEMBER the Fallen and HONOR those who served by placing a veteran's wreath on every gravesite at **St. Roch Cemetery on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.**



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Sponsor a wreath** visit (or scan QR code) [www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/tx0991](http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/tx0991) to purchase a wreath (be sure to select **St. Roch Cemetery**. Thank you to all who have already purchased!
- **Volunteer:** Join us for the first-time ceremony! We especially seek **Veteran Volunteers** from each military branch to help place the ceremonial wreaths. Please contact Janet.

**Questions/Help:** Contact Janet Hollmann by text or email at 979-732-1352 or [hollmann2@gmail.com](mailto:hollmann2@gmail.com)

### Growing in Our Devotion to the St. Michael Prayer

For some time now, our parish has faithfully prayed the **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** after Mass. While we have it memorized and it's part of our routine, it is good for us to remember *why* we pray it—and the spiritual power and history behind it.

#### A Prayer Born From a Vision

In 1886, Pope Leo XIII composed this prayer after a profound and unsettling vision. According to those close to him, the Holy Father overheard a conversation in which Satan claimed he could destroy the Church if given enough time and power. Deeply shaken, Pope Leo XIII went immediately to his office and wrote the St. Michael Prayer in response.

He wanted the faithful to have a spiritual weapon—a shield—against the forces of darkness that seek to harm souls and disturb the peace of the Church. For decades, the Church prayed this prayer after every Low Mass throughout the world.

Though the requirement eventually changed after the liturgical reforms of the 1960's, the need for protection, clarity, and spiritual strength never has. In recent years, more and more pastors and bishops have asked the faithful to return to this prayer, recognizing its spiritual power and the ongoing need for protection in our time.

#### Why This Prayer Still Matters Today

In every age, the Church faces challenges—spiritual, moral, and cultural. The prayer to St. Michael reminds us of two important truths:

1. **There is a real spiritual battle.** The evil one seeks to sow confusion, division, and discouragement. St. Peter warns us to “be vigilant” because “your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion” (1 Pt 5:8).
2. **God gives us real spiritual help.** St. Michael is God's appointed defender of His people (Revelation 12:7–9). We do not fight alone. We fight under the protection of Christ and the strength of the heavenly host.

This prayer is not superstition or fear-based spirituality. It is an act of **faith**—a recognition that we belong to God, and we need His help in the daily struggles of life.

#### Why We Pray It After Mass

The Mass is the source and summit of our faith. Through the Eucharist, Christ strengthens us with His very Body and Blood. But as we go back into the world, we carry that grace into a place where temptation, confusion, and spiritual struggle are very real.

Praying the St. Michael Prayer after Mass serves three purposes:

1. **A prayer of protection:** As we leave the church, we ask God to guard us from the attacks of the evil one and to strengthen us in the spiritual life.
2. **A reminder of spiritual reality:** We are always engaged in a spiritual battle. This short prayer helps us remain vigilant and rooted in Christ.
3. **A gesture of unity:** Praying together as a parish family strengthens our communion and reminds us that we do not fight alone.

The more we understand this prayer's history and purpose, the more deeply we can love it—and the more powerfully God can work through it.

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!**