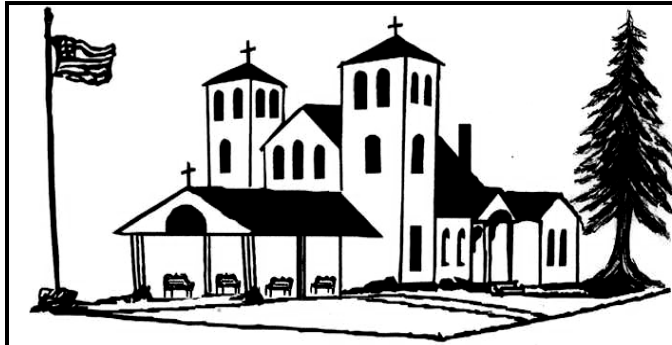


<b>First Sunday in Lent</b> February 22, 2026	
<b>Saturday, February 21</b>	<b>3:00-3:45 p.m.</b> - Confession <b>4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass</b> - Reinhard & Lucile Brod ✠ 4:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Sunday, February 22</b> <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony <b>10:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - Brentyn & Hannah Pilat & Family 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Monday, February 23</b>	4:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b>	7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Wednesday, February 25</b>	10:30 p.m. - Mass - TLC 4:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Thursday, February 26</b>	7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony <b>5:00-5:20 p.m.</b> - Confession <b>5:30 p.m. - Mass</b> - Allen Wendel ✠ <b>6:00 p.m.</b> - Stations of the Cross
<b>Friday, February 27</b>	8:15 a.m. - Mass - SAS 4:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Saturday, February 28</b>	<b>3:00-3:45 p.m.</b> - Confession <b>4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass</b> - Ben Cervenka ✠ Sacristan - Evelyn Orange Lector - Regina Wicke Usher - Russell Wicke, Brian Fitzgerald Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds Comm. Minister - Evelyn Orange 4:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Sunday, March 1</b> <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	7:00 a.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony <b>10:00 a.m. - Mass</b> - Curtis & Mary Ann Glueck & Family Sacristan - Mary Beth Tromblee Rosary Leader - Charles Glueck Lector - Dave John Usher - Seth Smith, Russell Gerik Altar Servers - Mitchell Smith, Clark Smith, Saige Gerik Comm. Minister - Mary Beth Tromblee 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026



**St. Roch Catholic Church**

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**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: Lev 19:1-18; Ps 19:8-15; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tues: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-19; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wed: Jnh 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-19; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thurs: Est C: 12-25; Ps 138:1-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
 Sat: Deut 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sun: Gen 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-22; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

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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:**

Couples 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

February 15, 2026

\$3,626

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

Former Students and Friends of Bernardo School are invited to a get-together at MIKESKA'S on **Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 11:00 a.m.**

For more information and to RSVP by March 5, please contact: Sharon Roensch at 979-732-1409 or Evelyn Orange at 979-732-1741

### Second Collection during Lent Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

During Lent, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local anti-poverty programs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at

### Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, February 26

Join us in the Parish Hall for a social at **6:30 p.m.**; dinner & meeting at **7:00 p.m.**



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

Rose Marie Thuman, Paul Henschke, Deacon Andy Nunmaker, Jonathan Drott, Alan Uhlig  
*We ask for your prayers for all those in our parish and community who are in need of healing. We pray to the Lord.*

### Discover SAS! Mark your calendars for the St. Anthony Catholic School Early Childhood Open House!

If you are interested in checking out the PreK 3, PreK 4 or Kindergarten program at St. Anthony for the 2026-2027 school year, please join us on Thurs., March 19th from 9-10am. Bring your little one for an activity, snack, and to meet the teacher. Please let the school office know if your child plans to attend the event by calling (979) 732-5505. Open registration for all grades 3k through 8th begins March 16th

### St. Anthony School Registration!

St. Anthony Catholic School is now accepting applications for enrollment (grades 3K – 8th) for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information or to apply, please visit the Admissions page of the SAS Website at: [www.stanthonycolumbus.net](http://www.stanthonycolumbus.net)



### Never Alone

#### A Junior High/Confirmation Retreat

Retreat will be held at St. Anthony School Cafeteria on **March 3rd from 4-9p.m.** with dinner provided.

What students can expect:

- Peer-led talks by NET missionaries
- Games & community building activities
- Small group discussions
- Adoration

### St. Roch Blood Drive

**Wednesday, March 11** from 2-7p.m.

Call Linda Venghaus (979-877-8984) for a time slot. Walk-ins also welcome!

### Why Did God Put the Fruit in the Garden If He Didn't Want Adam and Eve to Eat It?

Love requires freedom.

The fruit was not evil. All of creation was declared good. The tree was not poisonous or wicked. It was simply forbidden. And that restriction is important. Without a real choice, there can be no real love. If there is no possibility of saying “no,” then saying “yes” means very little.

God did not create us to be cogs in his machine. He created sons and daughters.

The command not to eat was not an act of cruelty. It was an **invitation into trust**. It was God saying, “Will you trust Me? Will you love Me enough to receive everything as a gift, or will you reach out elsewhere for what I ask you to surrender?”

Temptation is always about trust. The serpent suggests that God holds something back. That he does not completely love you. That he requires your obedience just to suppress your life and your happiness. Lies. And Adam and Eve gave in.

That is the failure. Now let's look at the victory: Jesus' temptation in the desert. After forty days of fasting, the tempter goes to the same tactics that he used to deceive Adam. Lies. Jesus chose to trust His father.

Temptation is not proof that we are bad. It is proof that we are free. Without temptation, there is no choice. Without choice, there is no love.

Every time we are tempted into sin, remember that it is not about submitting to a rule or to pleasure; it is about choosing between trusting in God or self-assertion.

Freedom is not the ability to do whatever we want. Freedom is the capacity to choose the good. And ultimately, the good is love.

God permits the tree in the garden. God permits the desert. God permits temptation — not to trap us, but to strengthen us, so we can learn and grow in love through our freedom and choices.

This Lent, we fast, we pray, we give alms — not because food or comfort or money are bad. They are good. But we refrain so that our hearts can be focused and trained. We practice saying “no” in small things so that we can say “yes” in greater things. We deny ourselves not because creation is evil, but because **love requires discipline**.

And every time we choose trust in Him over ourselves, obedience over pride, surrender over control, we reverse the tragedy in the garden and walk with Christ toward the victory of love that conquers all.

Lent is not about proving ourselves. It is about learning how to grow in love for our God.