

St. Anthony's Catholic Church *Pastoral Welcoming Letters*

Mission Statement: Growing and sharing the goodness of Jesus.

We the people of St. Anthony, a Roman Catholic Parish in Artesia, NM in the Diocese of Las Cruces, rooted in love, peace, communion and fellowship of Jesus are extremely happy to welcome you to be active partakers and members of St. Anthony Parish. We wish you a warm welcoming and all the very best in your faith journey.

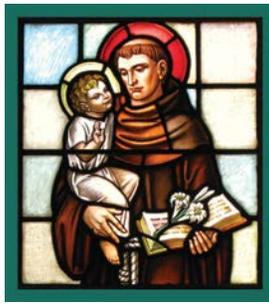
May God bless you and your family.

Fr. Francis

Fr. Francis Lazer, Pastor
St. Anthony Parish



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Welcome to St. Anthony Church. We are blessed and delighted to have you join our parish family.

Here at St. Anthony we know that we are all individual parts of the mystical Body of Christ. Working as a family we take great joy in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Speaking of family I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a deacon for four years. My wife Becky and I have been married for 28 years and have been blessed with 3 children, Marisa, Roque and Olivia. Marisa works at FLETC, Roque is in the Navy and Olivia is a freshman in High School.

Thank you for your decision to join us as we pray, work and play together. St. Anthony Church was founded in 1905 and has established a reputation of being a warm and inviting church. We may be small in size, but we have big hearts!

We would love for you to share your talents with us. If there is anything I can do for you in your journey to grow closer to God, please do not hesitate to contact me. My prayer for you is that you may find warmth and happiness in our parish and I look forward to getting to know you personally in the weeks and months ahead.

In your gift bag you will find a St. Michael prayer card. Please join us at the end of Mass as we pray to St. Michael to protect our families, our parish, our community and our church.

May the Lord bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Torrez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deacon Antonio (Tony) Torrez
St. Anthony Parish



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