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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 8:15am during School Year

Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish), 6:00pm (Youth Mass)

Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm & 15 min before the Evening Weekday Masses

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Jan 3	5:30pm	+Evelyn Neuendorff Douthitt
Tues	Jan 4	7:30am	+Charlie and Anita Neuendorff
Wed	Jan 5	5:30pm	+Russell Buxkamper
Thurs	Jan 6	7:30am	+Evelyn Krueger
Fri	Jan 7	8:15am	+Antoinette Russo
Fri	Jan 7	5:30pm	+Rusty Mikulenska
Sat	Jan 8	6:00pm	Altar Society, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Jan 9	8:00am	+Kathryn Krueger
Sun	Jan 9	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	Jan 9	12:00noon	Noe Penalzoza, +Gerardo Alvarez
Sun	Jan 9	6:00pm	+JoHelen Schobel

*Come pray the Rosary
with us!
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Saturdays at 5:30pm
Sundays at 7:30am
Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord (Readings: #803)

"They . . . offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). Gold, frankincense, and myrrh: these are gifts fit for a king. Through them, the Magi were not only acknowledging Jesus as Israel's king, but they were also showing Mary and Joseph how honored they were to be in the presence of royalty.

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. At Mass on this special day, you'll also be in the presence of royalty: Jesus, the King of all creation. So how can you honor Jesus? You won't have gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer, but here's what you can give him:

"Jesus, King of kings, in place of *gold*, I honor You as my king by offering You my obedience and making You the Lord of my life. Out of love for You, I want to be Your loyal subject by spreading the good news and building Your kingdom on earth. Help me to listen to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and give me the grace and courage to carry out Your every command.

"Jesus, Son of God, instead of *frankincense*, I offer You my praise. Let it rise as incense to Your throne (Psalm 141:2). I praise You for coming to earth as a human being so that You could save me. I praise You for suffering and dying for me so that I could live with You forever. Give me the grace to praise You not just in good times but in my difficulties and challenges as well.

"Jesus, Lamb of God, in place of the *myrrh* that anointed Your body (John 19:39), I offer you myself, body and soul, along with all my joys and sorrows. I trust that as I surrender myself to you, you will carry me through every temptation and trial and one day bring me safely home to Your eternal kingdom."

*"Jesus, You are my King, Lord, and Savior. May these gifts honor and glorify You!"
(from "The Word Among Us")*

Masses: If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see the Church Office

Prayer Chain: If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey or Chrissy in the Church Office.

EWTN: EWTN delivers faith-filled content, thought-provoking content, dynamic speakers, Catholic news, discussions, and promotes the Catholic Faith. Visit their website ewtn.com.

If you are new to the parish, please register your family in the church office or fill out a form from the back of church and drop in the collection basket. Please let your previous parish know.

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Jan 2	No RCIA or 6:00pm Sunday Youth Mass
Mon	Jan 3	CDA Meeting, 6:30pm KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	Jan 4	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm in Chapel
Wed	Jan 5	SAS Classes Resume CCE, 5:30pm-7:00pm in SAS Building Youth Group, 6:30pm in SAS Cafeteria
Thurs	Jan 6	24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm in Church
Fri	Jan 7	SAS School Mass, prepared by 5 th Grade, 8:15am 24 Hour Adoration Ends, 5:00pm in Church Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00pm in Church
Sun	Jan 9	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Cahill, 10:00am

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 2797.00	Envelopes
\$ 1242.00	Loose
\$ 13,346.00	Christmas Collection

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 130.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 270.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
\$ 650.00	A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 65,898.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

Next week's second collection will be for the Legacy Fund.

2021 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA): St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2021 is **\$36,759**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$14,345 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$22,414. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

Help Wanted!! Fr. Robert at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake is looking for a bilingual church secretary. If you are interested, please call him at his office (979-234-2842).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gilbert Kouba**, who passed away on Dec 21. May his soul rest in the perfect peace of our Lord.

The Emmaus Center in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective, regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for information call (361) 212-0830.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A & L Potter C/L B Besch	6:00 J & J Rau C/L J Rau
8:00 K & K Glueck, J Neal C/L T Wostarek	8:00 T & K Watkins, L Glueck C/L S Glueck
10:00 K Rubio, A Heffley, M Ehlert C/L L Novosad	10:00 Confirmation Class C/L Confirmation Class
12:00 Ivett Hernandez, A Lara, C/L L Alvarez Ma A Sanchez	12:00 C Martinez, M & A Garcia C/L V Sanchez
TLC S Gerik, N Nelson	TLC J Huebel, T Wostarek

Please keep
Alex Sanchez, Oralia Sanchez,
Jesus Leal, Lainzy Schindler,
Tom Sherman, and
Web Sherman
 in your prayers as they continue their journey
 through the RCIA program.

Please continue praying for our Confirmation

Candidates as they complete the process of initiation into our Christian Community on January 9: *Lily Alvarez, Nicholas Brown, Leydi Camacho, Joshua Duncan, Blaine Ellis, Alley Fitzgerald, Carrie Fuller, Chase Glueck, Jesse Gonzales, Samantha Gonzales, Ivett Hernandez, Eddie Huerta, James Janak, Sean Korell, Agustin Lara, Karlee Mathis, Logan Mazac, Audrey Potter, Juan Rangel, Arturo Rosales, Karina Rubio, Cullen Russell, Esmeralda Sanchez, Devon Schmidt, Lainey Schobel, Cason Sunderman, Dawson Tello, Natalie Tello, Jayden Trapp, Ally Tribe, Kase Weishuhn, Colby Williams, & Reid Williams.*

The Bethlehem Maternity Home serves women 18 to 30 years of age in crisis pregnancies by providing safe housing and life-affirming services in a Christian environment here in the Victoria Diocese. They are in need monetary donations for day-to-day items needed for the home, as well as for the mothers and babies. To donate online, go to www.victoriagabrielproject.org/maternity-home.

January Altar Decorators: Tammy Neuendorff, Kelsy Boluslav, Jackie Gerik, Mildred Squyres, Joy Estrada, Judy Weaver, and Liska Pilsner

Mark your Calendars!! Our Columbus Walk for Life will be on Saturday, January 22, beginning at 1:00pm. More information to come.

It's not too late to get your CATHOLIC LIFE INSURANCE SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS!! All proceeds from the sale of these tickets will benefit St. Anthony School. The Grand Prize includes the choice of a 2022 Ford F-150 Truck, or a 2022 Ford Focus, or a \$20,000 Prepaid Visa Card!! In addition, each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid Visa Card winner!! Buy your ticket from a SAS family, the school office, or the church office!

Happenings around the Diocese:

(go to victoriadiocese.org for more info)

***Holy Family, Wharton, Holy Heifer 2nd Chance**

Raffle—January 15 after the evening Mass (need not be present to win). For more information, see flier on bulletin board at entrance of the church.

***What's Your Role as a Catholic Man?**—Sat, March 5, from 8am-4:30pm at Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. Registration opens on Dec. 8 (victoriadiocese.org/men).