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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Jan 4	5:30pm	Communion Service (Deacon John)
Tues	Jan 5	7:30am	Communion Service (Deacon Rusty)
Wed	Jan 6	5:30pm	+Evelyn Krueger
Thur	Jan 7	7:30am	+James and Barbara Helfrich
Thur	Jan 7	8:15am	Samuel Gonzales (7 th Birthday)
Fri	Jan 8	8:15am	+John Krueger
Fri	Jan 8	5:30pm	Rusty Theut & John Glueck, in thanksgiving For their Ordination
Sat	Jan 9	6:00pm	+Gary Mikulenka
Sun	Jan 10	8:00am	+Kathryn Krueger
Sun	Jan 10	10:00am	Chuck and Sharon Hall (50 th Anniversary)
Sun	Jan 10	12:00noon	+Gerardo Alvarez

Sunday, January 3, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord

Rise up in Splendor! (Isaiah 60:1). Today we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, Gentiles from the East who came seeking the King of the Jews. Their arrival in Bethlehem is the fulfillment of today's first reading, in which the glory of God draws people of every nation to Jerusalem.

But look closely, and you'll find something surprising: "Your light has come," the reading says, and "the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1, *emphasis added.*) It's Jerusalem itself, the symbol of God's chosen people that is attracting the Gentiles, not a sudden blaze of glory coming from the Heavens. It's the shining witness of a people who have bound themselves to the Lord and to each other. That's where the nations will find the glory of God.

Imagine that! We ourselves- the people of God working and praying together, loving, and forgiving one another- we can be the manifestation of God's glory to the world. If you light one candle on a darkened, moonless night, you may be able to see it from a few feet away. But if you bring hundreds of people together and give each of them a lighted candle, you might see their brightness from a mile away. Bring enough people together, and you'd see the light from outer space! That's God's vision for us. He wants us to put aside selfish, sinful, or prideful attitudes so that we can love each other- and so be his light. He wants us to follow him, not just because it's good for us, but because he knows a life of discipleship brings us closer together and makes us shine out to the world even more brightly.

So, join the Magi and bow before the infant Christ today. But as you do, pray for the Church. Pray for your parish. Pray for the domestic church that is your family. Ask the Holy Spirit to keep purifying you and all of God's people, so that together we can shine more brightly and draw more people to him.

"Jesus, teach us to love each other so that we can fill the world with you glory!"
(From "The Word Among Us")

PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. ANTHONY
CHURCH AND
SCHOOL IN YOUR
END OF YEAR
DONATIONS.

CCE Families:

Return and Pickup Lessons in your Family Envelope at the entrance of the church. We will return to face-to-face teaching on January 6, in the Church following the 5:30 evening Mass.

Masses: If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see Tracey in 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.

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Jan 4	CDA meeting in Church, 6:30pm
Tues	Jan 5	TNT Quilters, 8:00 am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Jan 6	CCE (in person) in Church, after the 5:30pm Mass Youth Group, Mentz Hall, 6:30pm
Thurs	Jan 7	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Jan 8	SAS Mass prepared by the 7th grade, 8:15am in Church Confession for our Confirmation Candidates, 4:00-5:00pm in Church
Sat	Jan 9	Confirmation Practice, 9:00am in Church Confirmation Mass, 10:00 am

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 1636.00	Envelopes
\$ 1577.00	Loose
\$ 6995.00	Christmas

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 30.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 200.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 165.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
\$ 500.00	A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 59,588.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

Donations for New Liturgical Vestments

\$ 13,000.00 (\$13,000 Needed—WE DID IT! THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!

"Thank you for your generosity!"

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. Construction of our beautiful school is complete, but we still have a loan with the Diocese, which to date totals **\$1,188,848.92.** (The loan started at \$1,300,214.50, with an interest rate of 4%.) If you would like to make a donation, please see Tracey in the church office. No gift is too small! Thank you!

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 that you have moved.

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

<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Jan. 2 & 3</u>	<u>Jan. 9 & 10</u>
<u>6pm</u> Brenda Besch	<u>6pm</u> Christy Kuhn
<u>8am</u> Thomas Wostarek	<u>8am</u> Sandy Glueck
<u>10am</u> Lorraine Novosad	<u>10am</u> Kara Kleimann
<u>12pm</u> Maria Oriz	<u>12pm</u> Ma. Antonia Sanchez

*"We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."
 (Matthew 2:2)*

KC Gun Raffle will be on Friday, February 5 (raffle only). You can get your tickets by calling the Columbus Hall (732-2220), Bob Tait (732-5294), or Craig Potter (733-7100).

FACE-2-FACE CCE *is back! Beginning January 6th, CCE will meet in the church after the 5:30 pm Mass from 6:00 to 7:00. For children who are not registered already, forms are in the church entrance. Return the form to the office or bring to CCE. Registration fees at this time will be a free-will offering. Our first session for 2021 will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Parents are invited to join us for this session. Masks and social distancing will be required as well as hand sanitizing on entering the church. Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

*1st Communion/Reconciliation class may be delayed until we can set up a separate classroom. Please continue your lessons at home.

The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):

*With your family this week:
 Pray: Pray the Angelus.
 Eat: Make a St. Basil's cake.
 Play: Pick a patron saint for your family*

The Surviving Divorce group will meet on Thursdays at 7pm, starting on January 7, 2021, at the Cathedral Center of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. **Call the church office for carpooling options.** Sign up and get more information at <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/survivingdivorce>.

Did you know? We have a Lost and Found in the Church Office. If you have accidentally forgotten something in the church, please call the Church Office. We might have it!