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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	May 8	5:30pm	+Antonio Garcia
Tues	May 9	7:30am	Zachary Smith (S.I.) (Chapel)
Wed	May 10	5:30pm	+Elton and Ruby Mae Litzmann and a Special Intention
Thurs	May 11	7:30am	Cynthia Medina (S.I.) (Chapel)
Thurs	May 11	10:15am	Lucas Smith (S.I.)
Fri	May 12	8:15am	Lyndy Larkin (S.I.)
Fri	May 12	5:30pm	+Celia Perry
Sat	May 13	6:00pm	Mother Day Novena, Mass #1
Sun	May 14	8:00am	Mother Day Novena, Mass #2
Sun	May 14	10:00am	Mother Day Novena, Mass #3
Sun	May 14	12:00noon	Mother Day Novena, Mass #4
Sun	May 14	6:00pm	Mother Day Novena, Mass #5

Sunday, May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter, / Readings #835

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places” (John 14:2). What’s your dream home? Maybe it’s a beachfront villa or a cabin on a picturesque mountainside. Maybe it’s a castle high on a hill or a modern apartment in a bustling city. Each of us has a different picture of what is ideal.

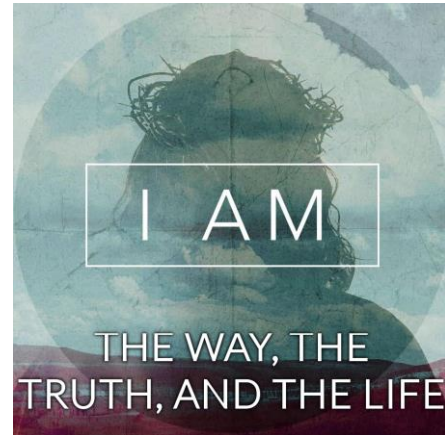
When Jesus told His disciples that He was returning to the Father in today’s Gospel, He said He was going to prepare a place for them. And just as it is with our dream homes, those heavenly abodes aren’t one size fits all. In fact, there’s one that is made just for you!

Does this mean each one of us gets our own personal “dream home” in heaven? Yes and no. Heaven isn’t a resort filled with personalized vacation homes. But it is very real, and it’s a place where each of us receives the deep rest and refreshment we need. The *Catechism* tells us that heaven is “the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (1024). That means that Jesus has each of us in mind as He prepares to bring us to our perfect dwelling place. He knows us through and through. He knows our deepest yearnings. He knows that makes for our ultimate happiness. And He is preparing a place suited just for us.

But that “place” is so much more than a dwelling. It’s where we will find God Himself, the One who quenches every thirst and satisfies every longing. Nothing that we currently experience could add to the happiness we will know when we see the Lord, our God, face-to-face! We will be with Him fully and without hinderance. Our eyes will be opened to the beauty and holiness and power of God, and that vision will take our breath away.

Jesus promised to take us to Himself so that where He is, there we also may be (John 14:3). In His presence, everything is fulfilled. And that makes heaven infinitely better than a dream home!

“Lord, thank You for preparing a place for me!”
(from “The Word Among Us”)



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

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.

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 info call (361) 212-0830.

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

Sun	May 7	CCE First Communion, 10:00am Mass
Mon	May 8	Bible Study, 6:15pm
Tues	May 9	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at the Columbus Hall Spanish Prayer Group, 7:00pm
Wed	May 10	KC’s Fried Catfish Drive-Thru Dinner, 5:00pm at Columbus Hall CCE, 5:30pm
Thurs	May 11	SAS 2 nd Grade Classroom Mass, 10:15am in Church Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church
Fri	May 12	SAS School Mass Prepared by 6 th Grade, 8:15am
Sat	May 13	Quinceanera, 10:00am in Church (Yasmin Arriaga)

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 5242.00	Envelopes
\$ 2662.00	Loose
\$ 740.00	Home Missions Second Collection

“Thank you for your generosity!”

The second collection next weekend will be for the Retired and Special Needs Priests of the Diocese of Victoria and the Legacy Fund.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental Health illnesses are brain disorders that are biologically based problems. Understand the science and recognize that those suffering from mental health disorders are not at fault. Medication and therapy can help. **FREE** online mental health screening at screening.mhanational.org/. **For Local Resources: www.wellness.gcv.org. Call or text the Crisis Hotline at 988** *The Health and Wellness Council of Greater Colorado Valley.*

Retrouvaille Weekend— Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? If so, Retrouvaille can help. The next Diocese of Victoria weekend is July 28-30. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org

The flowers on the altars this weekend were donated by the Altar Society in honor of our First Communicants.

The Diocese of Victoria is now taking applications for **Camp David (Jr. High and Elementary Retreats) and Rocky Mountain High (High School).** Deadline for the Camp David Retreats is May 12 and May 19 for the Rocky Mountain High Retreat. See victoriadiocese.org or the church office for more information. Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 C & K Crosby C/L M Stavinoha	6:00 L Venghaus C/L C Kuhn
8:00 J Neal, K & K Glueck C/L G Warschak	8:00 J Rau, L & W Glueck C/L J Rau
10:00 K Rubio, A & I Hrndz C/L CCE First Communicants	10:00 A Heffley, M & E Walla C/L N Nelson
12:00 S & S Gonzales, I Hrndz C/L N Gonzales	12:00 M, A, & A Garcia C/L T Rosales
TLC D & G Warschak	TLC S Gerik, T Lanham

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

*Mark your calendar!!
VBS will be June 26-30!!*

Mother’s Day Novena—Cards and donation envelopes for the Mother’s Day Novena can be found at the entrance of the church. The Novena will begin Mother’s Day weekend and through the following nine Masses.

*SAS Registration for the
2023-24 School Year
is now open! See the school office for
necessary paperwork.*

The Columbus KC’s will have a Fried Catfish Drive Thru Meal with french fries and cole slaw on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$14. Serving will start at 5:00pm until sold out. Tickets are not necessary. CDA will have desserts available for purchase.

We will be having Mass with refreshments afterwards to honor the **2023 High School Graduates** at the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 21. If you have a Senior that would like to participate, please call the church office.

Do you have **aluminum cans** (please, no glass or food cans) that need to be recycled? The school collects cans in the trailer in the parking lot across from the school gym.

Happenings around the Diocese:
(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)

Holy Rosary, Hostyn—Mayfest, May 7
Strength For The Journey—will have their monthly support meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall of Assumption Catholic Church in Gandado. If you are a parent whose child has died, please join us. For more information contact Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.

Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, Hallettsville—May 28
Camp David—for Junior High students entering 6th grade through exiting 8th grade. Session 1: June 11-13, Session 2: June 14-16
Camp David Elementary Day—June 14 (for students entering 3rd grade through students exiting 5th grade)

Rocky Mountain High Retreat—retreat for High School students. July 1-9 at Sonlight Christian Camp in Pagosa Springs, CO
Retrouvaille Weekend—Weekend for married couples. July 28-30 in Victoria. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org