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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	Aug 30	5:30pm	Deceased Classmates of Bishop Forest Class of 1966
Tues	Aug 31	7:30 am	Irma Rangel (S.I.)
Wed	Sept 1	5:30 pm	Armando Hernandez & Emanuel Rosales (S.I.)
Thurs	Sept 2	7:30 am	+Audrey Ann Kouba
Fri	Sept 3	8:15am	+Joyce Gordy
Fri	Sept 3	5:30 pm	Special Intention (L)
Sat	Sept 4	6:00pm	+Leon Berger
Sun	Sept 5	8:00am	+Laura Zatopek
Sun	Sept 5	10:00am	+Jodick and Celia Perry
Sun	Sept 5	12:00noon	+Aurelia Hernandez
Sun	Sept 5	6:00pm	+Ruby Prasifka

Sunday, August 29, 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:8). Given their strict attention to hand washing, these Pharisees and scribes would probably feel right at home in our pandemic-conscious world! Of course, they were concerned about religious purity, not personal hygiene, but we can all relate to how meticulous they were.

Still, Jesus rightly called their purity practices what they were: “human tradition” (Mark 7:8). Nowhere in Scripture does God command His people to be so rigorous in cleansing themselves or their household items. Instead, what began as a precaution among priests gradually morphed into a litmus test for every Israelite. If you didn’t wash your hands just so, you were impure. It meant your faith was defective—or worse, *you* were defective.

Litmus tests can make things clear and simple, but the Pharisees were using them in the wrong way. To determine what was pure and impure, they needed to focus on what was lurking in their own hearts, not what was contaminating them from the outside. As Jesus warned them, it is “the things that come out from within”—our own sinful inclinations—that defile us (Mark 7:15).

Our rules for hand washing today are aimed toward preventing disease, but we can easily fall into the same habit as these Pharisees did. We can focus more on what’s on the “outside”—the culture or the actions of other people—rather than facing the sinful desires of our hearts. After all, it’s painful to see just how capable we are of falling into sin. It’s easier just to apply a litmus test to the sins of the people around us.

Jesus came to save us from sin, and we can count on Him to give us the grace to deal with whatever is “within” us. Today, ask the Lord to search your heart. Ask Him to help you see ways in which you are susceptible to sin—and ask Him to keep cleansing you.

“Jesus, purify my heart today!”
(from The Word Among Us)

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

There will be a CCE Parent/Teacher Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6:30pm in the church.

CCE will begin on Sept. 15.

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.

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!

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	Aug 29	KC “Red Raven & Blue Denim” Dance, 2-7pm at Columbus Hall
Tues	Aug 31	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 8 th Grade, in Chapel
Wed	Sept 1	St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass
Thurs	Sept 2	24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm
Fri	Sept 3	SAS Mass prepared by the 6 th grade, 8:15am Mass at TLC, 10:00am 24 Hour Adoration Ends, 5:00pm
Sun	Sept 5	Ministerio Hispano Drive Thru Fajita Plates at SAS Cafeteria Breezeway

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 3107.00 Envelopes
 \$ 1407.00 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 135.00 Capital Campaign Donations
 \$ 245.00 Capital Campaign Memorials
 \$ 20.00 Legacy Memorials
 \$ 50.00 A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 62,388.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

“Thank you for your generosity!”

The second collection next weekend is for the “Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign, and the Catholic University of America” and for Paving the Way.

“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 **\$952,165.17**. (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!

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.

September Altar Decorators: Katharine Henneke, Sandra Henneke, Casey Henneke, Patsy Walla, Tracy Olivarez, Laura Walla, Denise Krc, Darlene Bertsch, Dora Rios

<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 J & J Rau C/L J Rau	8:00 L & W Glueck, K Lanham C/L T Wostarek
10:00 M Ehlert, D Barten, & A Rodriguez C/L L Walla	10:00 Z Kleimann, A & Ivan Hernandez C/L K Kleimann
12:00 M & A Garcia, L Alvarez C/L T Rosales	12:00 Ivett Hernandez, M Aguilar, S Gonzales C/L Ma Ortiz
TLC RJ Jauernig, S Gerik	TLC J & S Glueck

Volunteers needed for CCE (monitor classrooms and distribute material). Call or text Lorraine Novosad (979)733-3872.

TODAY!! The KCs are hosting a “Red Ravens & Blue Denim Battle Dance” on Sunday, August 29, from 2pm to 7pm at the Columbus Hall. KCs will be serving hamburger and fried chicken gizzards with gravy all afternoon. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of music, fun, and dancing to continuous Polka and Country music!

The St. Anthony Hispanic Ministry will be hosting a drive-thru Beef and Chicken Fajitas plate on Sunday, September 5, after each Mass (8am, 10am, and 12noon) in the SAS Cafeteria breezeway. The plates will come with rice, beans, and salsa. The cost is \$11. Drinks and desserts will also be available for purchase.

The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):

With your family this week:

Pray: Pray for an increase in vocations.

Eat: At the table, ask each person what God wants them to be or do.

Play: Complete a vocations scavenger hunt. . . can you find anyone in your family or community who has become a priest or religious?

It’s that time again! Time to start thinking about this year’s Church Picnic!! Meat Donation envelopes can be found in the pews and at the entrance of the church. Donations will be used to offset the cost of the meat and sides at our picnic and can either be dropped in collection basket or brought to the church office.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: To allow for all of our parishioners to be able to attend the Church Picnic on October 10, the Mass times for that Sunday have been changed to 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am (Spanish). There will be no 6:00pm Youth Mass that evening.

St. Anthony’s 24 Hour Adoration is on the First Friday of every month (beginning at 6:00pm on Thursday). The Blessed Sacrament is never to be left alone, so we are asking you to prayerfully consider becoming one of the faithful who spends an hour with our Lord. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Our next Adoration will be September 2 and 3.

Help Wanted!! SAS is looking for someone to help clean after school for two hours daily at \$8.50 an hour. Please contact the school office at 732-5505 if interested.