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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. Mar 29	5:30pm	+Arthur Moeller
Tues. Mar 30		CHRISM MASS IN VICTORIA (no Mass at St. Anthony)
Wed. Mar 31	5:30 pm	+Vince & Idell Buxkamper
Thurs. Apr 1	6:00 pm	+Ernest Besch
Fri. Apr 2	3:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat. Apr 3	7:00pm	+Rusty, Gary & Jimmy Mikulenska
Sun. Apr 4	8:00am	+Jennifer, LJ, & Leroy Friedel
Sun. Apr 4	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun. Apr 4	12:00noon	Virginia Sanchez on her birthday

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

They began to salute him with “Hail, King of the Jews!” (Mark 15:18)

What comes to mind when you hear the word “royalty”? Perhaps you picture medieval kings and queens sitting on great thrones. Or you might think of the glamour of today’s royal families.

But what about Jesus? As Son of David, he came from a royal line of earthly kings and rulers. As the Son of God, he is King of the universe. But look how he is treated. He is denounced by the crowd, even though Pilate calls him a king (Mark 15:9, 12). He is mocked by the soldiers, who pretend to give him homage (15:16-20). And he is taunted by those who think that a real king would come down from the cross and save himself (15:29-32).

But this is exactly what royalty in the kingdom of God looks like: a king who empties himself and takes the form of a slave. (Philippians 2:7). A king who rides into Jerusalem not on a chariot but on a donkey (Mark 11:1-7). A king who willingly submits to spitting, lashing, and a brutal death to save his people.

As you go through Holy Week, keep Jesus’ kingship in mind. Today he sits at the right hand of the Father, reigning in glory. But He is also the servant King who loved you enough to die for you and who still loves you enough to forgive every sin.

This is God’s way of royalty. It’s your way as well, because through Jesus’ death and resurrection, you have become grafted into the family of God. You have royal blood running through your veins! Through the grace that Jesus won for you, you can live out this royal calling as he did: in love, in service, and in laying down your life for his people. As you walk this road, know that a “crown of righteousness” awaits you- and all who serve in Jesus’ royal household (2 Timothy 4:8).

“Jesus, you are my king. May I serve you every day of my life.”
From The Word Among Us

Lectors

March 27 & 28		April 3&4	
6pm	Brenda Besch	7pm	Christy Kuhn
8am	Jessie Rau	8am	Jessie Rau
10am	Sharon Hall	10am	Nancy Nelson
12pm	María Ortiz	12pm	Zenaida Sánchez

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

Calendar for the Week

Tues	Mar 30	*TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall *Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral *Preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph begins
Wed	Mar 31	*Confession 6:30-7:30 pm in Church *CCE after 5:30 Mass, in Church *Youth Group @ 6:30-7:45 in Mentz
Thurs	Apr 1	* Holy Thursday
Fri	Apr 2	*Good Friday Mass @ 3pm * Divine Mercy Novena Begins
Sat	Apr 3	Easter Vigil Mass @ 7pm
Sun	Apr 4	<i>Easter Sunday- !!HE IS RISEN!!</i>

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 2326.00	Envelopes
\$ 1112.00	Loose
\$ 30.00	Rice Bowl

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 50.00	A/C Donations
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Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 60,388.00	(\$130,000.00 Needed)
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“Thank you for your generosity!”

Next week’s second collection will be 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 **\$1,184,576.11**. (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 Altar Society is accepting donations for Easter Lilies to decorate the altars for Easter. To donate or to remember someone special, please use the envelopes at the entrances of the church or go by the rectory. You may put your envelope in the collection basket.

Please pick up a Divine Mercy Novena brochure at the entrance of the church. The Novena starts on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, which is the Sunday after Easter.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, please join us at 3:00pm, here in the church for an hour of Adoration. We will also pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a St. Joseph Rosary in honor of the Year of St. Joseph.

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.

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.

Lenten Confession Schedule (in addition to regularly scheduled Confessions) and **Mass Changes**

**** Tuesday, March 30-** No Mass Here, Chrism Mass At Cathedral in Victoria @10 am
****Wednesday March 31-** Confession 6:30-7:30 pm
****Thursday, April 1-** Holy Thursday, No morning Mass
****Friday April 2-** Good Friday- Passion @ 3 pm
****Saturday, April 3-** Easter Vigil- Mass @ 7pm
****Sunday, April 4-** Easter Sunday- **!!HE IS RISEN!!**

FYI:
Holy Thursday: No foot washing this year.
Good Friday: We will venerate the Cross with a profound bow.
Easter Vigil: We will have the Blessing of the Fire outdoors; it will be necessary to follow social distancing guidelines
Easter Sunday Mass: as usual

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate the ever-changing COVID territory.

The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):

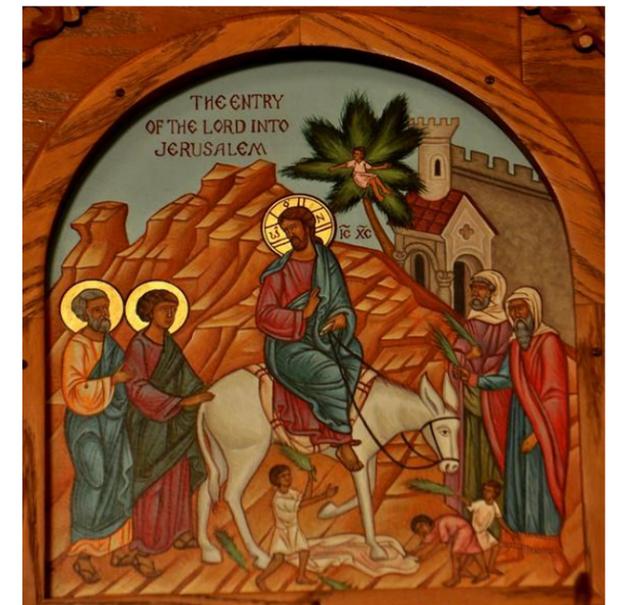
With your family this week:

Pray: Ask a young person in your family to lead a prayer.

Eat: Prepare for Good Friday and discuss ways you family can fast together.

Play: Make plans to see the wildflowers somewhere in our Diocese.

Do you have a thirst for learning more about your faith at home? We have a “library” in hallway next to the Chapel full of books for you to grow your faith. Come check it out! Honor system rules



Hosanna in the highest!