

**St. Anthony Church**  
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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	Sept 20	5:30pm	+Raymond Zajicek
Tues	Sept 21	7:30 am	+Charles Besch
Wed	Sept 22	5:30 pm	+Frank and Otilia Lesikar
Thurs	Sept 23	7:30 am	People of the Parish
Fri	Sept 24	8:15am	Special Intention
Fri	Sept 24	5:30 pm	+Amanda Meyer
Sat	Sept 25	6:00pm	+Jimmy Mikulenska
Sun	Sept 26	8:00am	+Josephine Meismer
Sun	Sept 26	10:00am	Altar Society, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Sept 26	12:00noon	Cipri Hernandez (S.I.)
Sun	Sept 26	6:00pm	+Linda Schmidt

*Today is Catechetical Sunday in which we pray for and thank everyone who takes the time to teach our children about God: teachers, parents, grandparents, and anyone who "lets the children come to me." Thank you for all you do!*

*"If anyone wants to be first, he shall be the last of all and the minister to all."*  
*(Mark 9:34)*

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Catechetical Sunday**

*"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives Me" (Mark 9:37).* The disciples were caught red-handed, and they knew it. Jesus had asked them what they were arguing about, and they had no choice but to tell Him: they were caught up in a heated debate about which of them was the greatest disciple. In reply, Jesus told them to focus on being servants, not on becoming great. This probably wasn't the first time He had said something like this to them, and it surely wouldn't be the last!

But then instead of going deeper into His teaching about serving, He pivoted to the theme of receiving a child in His name. So why did Jesus change the subject?

He didn't. He just had a different definition of service than the disciples did—and probably a different definition than we do. Like the disciples, we might think of service in terms of quantity and impact. But that's not how Jesus sees it. If you lead a Bible study with fifty people and your neighbor leads one with five people, that doesn't necessarily make you a better servant. If you are spending all your free time helping out in numerous parish ministries and your neighbor is able to give up only one extra hour a week, that doesn't automatically mean you're more of a servant.

What makes you a servant? Your willingness to welcome Jesus no matter how He comes to you. If you're willing to "waste" your time with a child or any other vulnerable person, you're a servant. If you're willing to imitate Jesus' humility as He washed His disciples' feet, you're a servant. If you're willing to imitate His compassion as He stood up for a woman caught in adultery, you're a servant.

Jesus promised that those who become "the last of all and the servant of all" are the "first" (Mark 9:34). May we all learn how to live in the humility and lowliness of Christ.

*"Jesus, give me the heart of a servant. Give me Your heart of love."  
 (from The Word Among Us)*

**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.

**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**

Mon	Sept 20	Bible Study, 6:15pm in SAS Library
Tues	Sept 21	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, in Chapel
Wed	Sept 22	St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass CCE, 5:30pm-7:00pm in SAS Building
Thurs	Sept 23	Surviving Divorce Support Group Meeting, 7:00pm in Victoria
Fri	Sept 24	SAS Mass prepared by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade, 8:15am
Sun	Sept 26	Priesthood Sunday KC Fried Chicken Drive Thru Dinner, 11:00am at KC Hall Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 3902.00	Envelopes
\$ 1154.00	Loose
\$ 698.00	Legacy Fund

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 1375.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 320.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 50.00	A/C Donations

**Donations for New A/C in the Church**

\$ 62,563.00 (\$130,000 Needed)  
**"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 **\$947,251.34**. (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.

**The Coordinator of Pastoral Care at the Office of Safe Environment at the Diocese of Victoria** is Shannon Thomas, LMSW, who replaced Vicki Pyatt. See the insert in this bulletin for all updated Safe Environment information. The information can also be found on the bulletin at the back of church and in the church office.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
<b>6:00</b> A & L Potter <b>C/L</b> Y Wagner	<b>6:00</b> A Medrano, A Cranek <b>C/L</b> M Stavionha
<b>8:00</b> J Trapp, K & K Glueck <b>C/L</b> S Glueck	<b>8:00</b> J & J Rau, E Lanham <b>C/L</b> J Rau
<b>10:00</b> K Rubio, A Heffley, M Ehlert <b>C/L</b> S Hall	<b>10:00</b> W & H Kramr, D Barten <b>C/L</b> L Novosad
<b>12:00</b> E & J Tovar, M Aguilar <b>C/L</b> V Sanchez	<b>12:00</b> M & A Garcia, and I Hernandez <b>C/L</b> T Rosales
<b>TLC</b> T Wostarek, J Huebel	<b>TLC</b> N Nelson, J O'Leary

*Our Church Picnic will be on October 10!!  
 Remember to get your meat donations in and call the Live Auction Committee to list your auction item(s)!!  
 It takes all of us to make our picnic a success!*

**CHURCH PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS** are now available at the back of church. Like last year, they do not have your name on them. **Please, take any envelope and sell or buy them.** Feel free to take more but we are asking every family to sell at least one packet. Please return your packet(s) in the Sunday collection, to the church office, or the drop box outside of the office with the money and filled-out tickets inside and your name on the outside.

**The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):**

*With your family this week:  
 Pray: Sing your favorite church song on the way to Mass.  
 Eat: Fast from one snack or meal this week & offer the sacrifice to someone in your family.  
 Play: Collect items or make a donation to an organization that helps those with illnesses.*

**The Columbus KCs** will have a fried chicken drive thru meal next Sunday, Sept. 26, at Columbus Hall. Plates cost \$11 and proceeds will benefit the SAS Equipment Fund. Serving will start at 11:00am. Tickets can be purchased from any SAS family or in the school office. (The CDA will also have desserts for sale!!)

*We welcome  
 Peyton Rose Zavala,  
 daughter of Luis and Melanie Zavala,  
 who was Baptized this weekend,  
 into the Body of Christ!*



**Mark your calendars!!** Elizabeth Kelly, author and national speaker, will lead a 3 day **Jesus Approaches Women's Retreat** on Oct. 1-3 at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. Space is limited, so register early at [www.victoriadiocese.org/women-retreat](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/women-retreat).

**Raphael's Refuge** is celebrating the Feast of the Archangels on Sept. 29 with two events. We will have confessions at 11:15A.M. followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:05. Father Felix Twumasi will preside. At 6:00 in the evening, Deacon Charlie will lead us in a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome.