

**St. Anthony Church**  
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**St. Anthony Catholic School**  
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**John O'Leary, Principal**

**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	Oct 26	5:30pm	+Albert Halfmann
Tues	Oct 27	7:30am	+Lester and Nora Schobel
Wed	Oct 28	5:30pm	Daniel and Lexxus Zika
Thur	Oct 29	7:30am	+Charles Besch
Thur	Oct 29	8:15am	+Matthew Theut
Fri	Oct 30	8:15am	Adan Rodriguez & Armando Hernandez (S.I.)
Fri	Oct 30	5:30pm	+Margie Polach Halfmann
Sat	Oct 31	4:30pm	+Michael Miksch
Sun	Nov 1	8:00am	+Nottie and Emma Schneider
Sun	Nov 1	10:00am	+Josephine Guenther
Sun	Nov 1	12:00noon	All Souls in Purgatory

*"Let the hearts that seek  
the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord  
and His strength;  
constantly seek His face."  
(Cf. Ps 105 (104): 3-4)*

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Love the Lord . . . Love your neighbor" (Matthew 22:37, 39).* What a rough day! From the start, Jesus had to contend with groups of religious leaders trying to trip Him up. First came the chief priests and scribes, then some Pharisees, followed by some Sadducees, followed by even more Pharisees. And all the while, Jesus was trying to preach to the people--including the "blind and the lame"--who had gathered around Him (Matthew 21:14).

How ironic! Jesus faced a parade of dignitaries trying to trap Him instead of asking how they could better care for the people surrounding Him. Their very actions showed how blind they were to what it really meant to love God (Jesus) or their neighbor (the people). Of course, we shouldn't single them out as especially evil or misguided. We can all point to times when we have overlooked opportunities to love, even when they are staring us in the face.

Why would that be? Part of the reason is that we may have a narrow definition of Jesus' command to love. We might tend to reduce love God to attending mass or getting our prayer times in--walled-of situations that are limited in time and not very demanding. As for loving our neighbor, we can fall into the trap of deciding for ourselves who our "neighbor" is. Maybe he's our husband but not the coworker who rubs us the wrong way. Maybe she's our sister but not the in-law who is always offering her advice, whether we want it or not. Jesus came to expose the indifference that lies at the heart of our failures to love. But He didn't stop there. He also overcame it as only He could: by pouring Himself out in love for us. May we take up His example and pour ourselves out as well.

**"Jesus, teach me to love all by neighbors."**  
*(from "The Word Among Us")*

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**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**The Church Office has a new email address: sec.stanthony@gmail.com.**  
You can also email the office to make sure that we have your current email address on file.

**All Souls Day Novena**  
**Envelopes** can be found at the entrance of the church.

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

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun	Oct 25	Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
Tues	Oct 27	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 8th grade, 9:30am in Church
Wed	Oct 28	Youth Group, 6:30-7:45pm (Depression) at St. Roch Hall in Mentz
Thurs	Oct 29	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Oct 23	SAS Mass prepared by the 6th grade, 8:15am in Church
Sat	Oct 31	SAS Halloween Carnival PLEASE NOTE: THE SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME HAS CHANGED TO 4:30pm to give everyone a chance to walk over to the SAS gym for the Carnival's Live Auction.

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 2369.00	Envelopes
\$ 1052.00	Loose
\$ 505.00	World Mission Sunday Collection
\$ 640.00	Online Giving through Diocese of Victoria

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 45.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 350.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 250.00	Legacy Memorials

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

\$ 58,688.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

**Donations for New Liturgical Vestments**

\$ 3,825.00 (\$13,000 Needed)

**"Thank you for your generosity!"**

*The second collection next weekend will be Paving the Way in support of St. Anthony School.*

**"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 **\$1,197,359.95**. (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!

**CANONICAL BANNS in Anticipation of ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE for the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

After the proper period of formation and discernment, the following men have presented themselves to Bishop Brendan Cahill to be considered for Ordination as Permanent Deacons:

**John Glueck & Rusty Theut**

Before these candidates are called to the Order of the Diaconate by Bishop Cahill, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. Therefore, if you are aware of a reason why any of these men should not be ordained, you are asked to please contact:

Deacon Chuck Glynn, Ed.D.

Director of Formation, Office of the Permanent Diaconate  
Diocese of Victoria in Texas  
979-253-9616 ~ cglynn@victoriadiocese.org

The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.

The SAS Halloween Carnival is next Saturday on the SAS school grounds!! That evening's Mass will be at 4:30pm so that everyone can make it to the carnival afterwards to enjoy

**GOBLIN BURGERS** (drive thru available) \*  
**LIVE AUCTION in the gym** (phone bidding is available upon request) \* **Online SILENT AUCTION** \*  
**COSTUME CONTEST \* MOVIE ON THE STREET \* TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL \* RAFFLE TICKETS and MORE!!**

You can visit the auction website ([auctria.com/auction/sashalloweencarnival.com](http://auctria.com/auction/sashalloweencarnival.com)) to see the live auction items, buy raffle tickets, and bid on the silent auction!!

**The flowers on Mary's altar** this weekend are donated by Donald and Gail Warschak in honor of her parent's 55th Wedding Anniversary (A.K. and Janice Kasmiersky).

**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.

Do you have **aluminum cans** that need to be recycled? The school collects cans in the trailer in the parking lot across from the school gym. **To date, those recycled cans have raised \$5,475.10 to go towards the loan for the new school building.**

**LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEKEND :**  
(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Fall Festival ~ Wharton  
Andrew Altar Society Turkey Dinner ~ Hillje