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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	Dec 27	5:30pm	+Charles Squyres
Tues	Dec 28	7:30am	+Linda Schmidt
Wed	Dec 29	5:30pm	+Hedwig Jendry
Thurs	Dec 30	7:30am	Jose Trinidad Rosales
Fri	Dec 31	6:00pm	Deacon John on his Birthday
Sat	Jan 1	8:00am	+Joyce Gordy
Sat	Jan 1	10:00am	+Encarnacion and Savina Sanchez (Spanish)
Sat	Jan 1	6:00pm	Miss Pete Mikulenska (S.I.) (Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sun	Jan 2	8:00am	Evyline Zapalac
Sun	Jan 2	10:00am	Deacon Rusty and Tracy Theut (S.I.)
Sun	Jan 2	12:00noon	Samuel Gonzales & Ana Maria Sanchez on their Birthdays

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

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family (Readings: #799)

"Put on love" (Colossians 3:14). A wise man once joked, "It's called Holy Matrimony because so many holy martyrs are made there!" When you add children into the mix, the opportunities for "martyrdom" rise exponentially.

Jokes aside, the Holy Family was holy because each member decided to "put on love"—to sacrifice their own preferences and give of themselves to one another. Whether it was Mary and Joseph's patience in the face of anxiety or misunderstanding or Jesus' humble, obedient return to Nazareth, their holiness shone through their care for one another (Luke 2:48-49, 51).

As you celebrate the Holy Family today, know that you grow in holiness *through* your vocation to family life, not in spite of it. God designed us to be part of a family, whether as a spouse, parent, or child. That means you can become holy as you imitate the Holy Family in your own family.

Even more, you are called to build a "civilization of love," as St. John Paul II said in his *Letter to Families* (13). It's a civilization that starts with that foundational building block of the family and reaches outward. It grows as each member gives themselves to God and, then in love, give of themselves to other people. John Paul said that when we're faithful to our vocation, whether as a married person or as a single person, priest, or religious, our witness of love affects everyone around us.

So take some time today to reflect on how your family can help you grow in holiness. Think about how you can put on the virtues St. Paul describes in today's second reading, and over them all, love (Colossians 3:12-14). And then allow yourself to dream of how your decisions to love might just change civilization.

*"Mary and Joseph, pray that your son, Jesus,
will help me to be holy in the vocation He has given me."
(from "The Word Among Us")*

Masses: If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see 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

Sun	Dec 26	No RCIA, Chaplet/Adoration, or Youth Mass
Fri	Dec 31	Church Office Closed Solemnity of Mary Vigil/New Year's Eve Mass: 6:00pm New Year's Adoration, 11:00pm-Midnight
Sat	Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Day Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am (Spanish)
Sun	Jan 2	No RCIA, Chaplet/Adoration, or Youth Mass

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3306.00 Envelopes
\$ 1659.00 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 35.00 Capital Campaign Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 65,248.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

Next week's second collection will be for the Paving the Way Fund in support of St. Anthony Catholic School.

We are happy and grateful to report that last week St. Anthony's Church sold the land that Mrs. Mary Hausner had generously donated to the church in her will. As a result, we were able to pay to the Diocese the remaining balance of our loan that was for the building of our beautiful new school.

With gratitude to Mrs. Mary Hausner and to everyone who has supported, in so many ways, our new school building for the children!

*Please remember
St. Anthony Church and School
in your end of year donations.*

The Rules and Regulations Governing St. Anthony's

Parish Cemetery: Plantings on lots shall not be allowed without first obtaining written permission from the person in charge. Wooden crosses shall not be permitted. Jars, cans, old faded flowers, and other objects placed on graves are subject to removal without notice to owners. The cemetery is not responsible for any loss within the property. Signs at the Cemetery Specifically State: Only 1 Bouquet per Grave.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A Medrano C/L C Kuhn	6:00 A & L Potter C/L B Besch
8:00 S, B, & A Wolters C/L G Warschak	8:00 K & K Glueck, J Neal C/L T Wostarek
10:00 A Rosales, W & H Kramr C/L N Nelson	10:00 K Rubio, A Heffley, M Ehler C/L L Novosad
12:00 E & J Tovar, Ivett Hernandez C/L M Ortiz	12:00 Ivett Hernandez, A Lara, L Alvarez C/L Ma A Sanchez
TLC J Huebel, T Wostarek	TLC S Gerik, N Nelson

*Please keep Alex Sanchez,
Oralia Sanchez, Jesus Leal,
Lainzy Schindler, Tom
Sherman, and Web Sherman
in your prayers as they
continue their journey
through the RCIA program.*

Please continue praying for our Confirmation

Candidates as they complete the process of initiation into our Christian Community on January 9: *Lily Alvarez, Nicholas Brown, Leydi Camacho, Joshua Duncan, Blaine Ellis, Alley Fitzgerald, Carrie Fuller, Chase Glueck, Jesse Gonzales, Samantha Gonzales, Ivett Hernandez, Eddie Huerta, James Janak, Sean Korell, Agustin Lara, Karlee Mathis, Logan Mazac, Audrey Potter, Juan Rangel, Arturo Rosales, Karina Rubio, Cullen Russell, Esmeralda Sanchez, Devon Schmidt, Lainey Schobel, Cason Sunderman, Dawson Tello, Natalie Tello, Jayden Trapp, Ally Tribe, Kase Weishuhn, Colby Williams, & Reid Williams.*

Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Mass Times

New Years Eve	Mass 6:00pm, Adoration 11:00-midnight
New Years Day	8:00am, 10:00am (Spanish)

There will be no Youth Mass at 6:00pm on Sunday Jan 2.

Thank you so much to those who generously donated to the CDA Christmas project, Apostleship of the Sea. Last week, the CDA delivered 41 filled Christmas boxes to the Port Houston where about 7,000 boxes have already come in to the seafarer's center. Again, THANK YOU and Merry Christmas! ~Gloria Ruether

There will be an Altar Society Meeting on January 4 at 1:30pm in the Chapel.

Please pick up your **church calendar** at the entrances of the church. These calendars are graciously donated by Henneke Funeral Home.

Happenings around the Diocese:

(go to victoriadiocese.org for more info)

***Feast of the Holy Innocents at Raphael's Refuge—** December 28. Rosary at 10:15 and Mass at 11:00am. Potluck to follow. Dress warmly, chapel doesn't have heat.
***Holy Family, Wharton, Holy Heifer 2nd Chance Raffle—**January 15 after the evening Mass (need not be present to win). For more information, see flier on bulletin board at entrance of the church.

*The star of Bethlehem is a star in the
darkness of night even today.
-St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)*