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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. Feb. 1	5:30pm	+Ruth Kunz
Tues. Feb. 2	7:30am	+Louise Besch
Wed. Feb. 3	5:30pm	+Martha Stancik
Thurs. Feb. 4	7:30am	+Deceased Classmates of Bishop Forrest High School Class of 1966
Thurs. Feb. 4	8:15am	+Linda Schmidt
Fri. Feb. 5	8:15am	Special Intention
Fri. Feb. 5	5:30pm	Eva Mari Rodríguez on her 2nd birthday
Sat. Feb. 6	6:00pm	+Ramiro García
Sun. Feb. 7	8:00am	+Audrey Kouba
Sun. Feb. 7	10:00am	+David F. Steinhauser
Sun. Feb. 7	12:00noon	+Aurelia Hernández

*"And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name."  
 Psalm 106:47*

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? (Mark 1:24). Talk about bursting onto the scene! Of course, the demon possessing this man couldn't tolerate being around Jesus. But wouldn't it have been wiser to slink away rather than draw attention to himself?*

It happened a lot, in fact. Jesus would show up somewhere or reveal his glory in some way, and his presence would prompt resistance and sometimes even violent outbursts. This wasn't just true of demons. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus' announcement of the good news enraged enough people that they tried to push him off a cliff (*Luke 4:24-30*). Then, after only a few weeks of preaching and performing miracles. Jesus upset some Pharisees enough that they began plotting his murder (*Mark 3:6*). Not even his closest disciples were immune. Jesus' revelation of God's plan to save us through his cross upset Peter enough that he rebuked Jesus (*Matthew 16:22*).

In one way or another we have all reacted strongly against Jesus and his message of salvation. We all have pockets of darkness still lingering in our hearts. Maybe you refused to forgive someone. Maybe you knowingly chose sin in a tempting situation. Or maybe you denigrated a fellow believer who thinks differently than you do, Still, Jesus continues to love you and offer the grace you need to change. What was true in that synagogue in Capernaum is still true today: the darkness of sin can never overpower the light of Christ.

Don't be surprised if you experience some form of opposition to Jesus in your heart today-maybe in prayer or as you're trying to focus at Mass or as an opportunity to serve you family arises. Instead, take comfort from it. Trust that the light of Christ will not only expose your darkness; it can expel it as well.

*"Thank you, Jesus, for exposing my darkness- and for setting me free from it!"  
 (From "The Word Among Us")*

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**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!

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun	Jan 31	KC Fried Chicken Drive Thru Meal, serving starts at 11:00 until sold out Catholic Schools Week (January 31 – February 5)
Mon	Feb 1	CDA Meeting, after Mass in Church KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue	Feb 2	Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm at Columbus Hall
Wed	Feb 3	CCE (in person) in Church, after the 5:30pm Mass Youth Group, Mentz Hall, 6:30pm
Thurs	Feb 4	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church 24 Hour Adoration begins at 6:00pm in the church
Fri	Feb 5	SAS Mass (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5-8 <sup>th</sup> grades), 8:15am in Church SAS Early Dismissal, 12:00 noon. 24 Hour Adoration Ends at 5:00pm in the church

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 1407.00 Envelopes  
 \$ 1017.00 Loose  
 \$ 309.00 Church in Latin America

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

\$ 60,138.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

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

*Next week's second collection will be for the Paving the Way Fund.*

**"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 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.

**The next Women's ACTS Retreat** will be on March 4-7, 2021, leaving out of St. Michael, Weimar. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please see the church office for a registration form. There is also a prayer poster at the entrance of the church if you would like to pray for the team and retreatants while they are on Holy Ground.

<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	
<b><u>Jan. 31 &amp; Feb 1</u></b>	<b><u>Feb 6 &amp; 7</u></b>
<b><u>6pm</u></b> SAS Students	<b><u>6pm</u></b> Brenda Besch
<b><u>8am</u></b> SAS Students	<b><u>8am</u></b> Mary Stavinoha
<b><u>10am</u></b> SAS Students	<b><u>10am</u></b> Lorrie Walla
<b><u>12pm</u></b> Maria Ortiz	<b><u>12pm</u></b> Ma. Antonia Sánchez

**Don't forget to pick up your meals!! The KC's Fried Chicken Drive Thru Meal** is today at the Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving will start at 11:00 am until sold out. Tickets are not necessary.

**KC Gun Raffle** will be on Friday, February 5 (raffle only). You can get your tickets by calling the Columbus Hall (732-2220), Bob Tait (733-2003), or Craig Potter (733-7100).

**The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):**  
*With your family this week:*  
**Pray:** Pray the Angelus at noon each day this week  
**Eat:** Enjoy a picnic  
**Play:** Get back on track or stay on your track with your resolutions to grow closer to God

**Catholic School Week** begins this weekend! SAS would like to invite all parents and parishioners over to the school after each of the Masses this weekend for an Open House! God bless our school!

**A new Bible Study featuring St. Paul and his letters to the Ephesians** will begin Monday, February 8, 2021 in the church at 6:00pm (after Mass) and will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month. Come and learn how a murderer and denier of Christ became one of Jesus' most loyal apostles and an inspiration for all the ages. Call Lorraine Novosad for more information 979-733-3872.

**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.

**Do 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.