

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	July 25	5:30pm	+Ernie Rios
Tues	July 26	7:30am	+William Goodman
Wed	July 27	5:30pm	+W C and Regina Templeton
Thurs	July 28	7:30am	+Dick Barton
Fri	July 29	5:30pm	Christine and Stephen Moore (S.I.)
Sat	July 30	6:00pm	+John Elizondo
Sun	July 31	8:00am	+Jerry Mikeska and +Mary Hausner
Sun	July 31	10:00am	+John Huebel
Sun	July 31	12:00noon	+Leonor Leal Mendoza and +Floberth Lozano
Sun	July 31	6:00pm	+Judy Glueck

*Help us in wishing Fr. Nelson a
Happy Birthday on Tuesday
and
congratulating Deacon Charlie on the
Anniversary of his Ordination to the
Diaconate on Friday!*

For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 2:7)

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Readings #903)

“Father . . .” (Luke 11:2). Imagine the insider’s view that Jesus’ disciples must have had. They lived with Him; they ate and drank with Him. They saw His countless everyday interactions, most of which weren’t recorded in Scripture. But today’s Gospel gives us one that did.

Luke tells us that Jesus was praying, as He often did. The disciples must have observed Him because they asked, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). In response, Jesus gave them more than a set of words or a format or technique. He gave them an example and in invitation: to have a share in His own loving relationship with His Father.

How amazing that Jesus teaches the disciples to call God “Father” (Luke 11:2)! What a privilege to speak so directly and familiarly to God! The Hebrew Scriptures had referred to God as the father of the people of Israel or father of the king (Deuteronomy 32:6; 2 Samuel 7:14). But here, Jesus invites His disciples to call almighty God their own Father. Jesus likely used the word *Abba*, a word that expresses the bond of a child with his father. Amazing! Jesus gives them His own status as children of God and tells them to pray with the same childlike trust that He has (Luke 10:21).

Of course, this boldness didn’t come naturally to the disciples—and it doesn’t come naturally to us. So, Jesus gives all of us an insider’s view of the kind of Father we have. He is more merciful and generous than the best human father (Luke 6:36; 11:13). He is attentive to our needs and always ready to hear and answer our prayers (12:30; 11:10). How awesome that He welcomes us as His children!

Jesus wants to give you the courage to pray, “Father.” So, at Mass today, pray the Lord’s Prayer with gratitude and awe that God is *your* loving Father.

“Father! Thank You for making me Your child.”
(from “The Word Among Us”)

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.

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.

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 info call (361) 212-0830.

Calendar for the Week

Sun	July 24	Divine Mercy and Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
Tues	July 26	HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. NELSON!! TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall CCE Meeting with Chris Alvarez, 2-4:00pm in Library
Thurs	July 28	Contemporary Choir (Guitar) Practice, 6:30pm in Church EVERYONE is welcome!
Fri	July 29	Deacon Charlie’s Ordination Anniversary

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 3224.00 Envelopes
\$ 1321.00 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 115.00 A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 69,861.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

“Thank you for your generosity!”

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about your faith? We will start a new Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) class this September. Call the church office for more information!

The Diocese of Victoria will be hosting the 1st annual **Hispanic Conference** on September 24, 2022. More information to come soon. If you would like to make a contribution (monetary, time or talents), please contact Aldo Camacho (acamacho@victoriadiocese.org) or Chrissy in the Church Office.

A Prayer for Rain

O Mighty God, Your fingerprints are scattered across all of creation. Through each thing You have created, You show Your glory. Your caring and gentle nature are on display for all to see and experience. You open the heavens and bring the waters down from above. Lord, this very day we ask that You open the flood gates. Bring down nourishing rains, that the land may be quenched and bring forth much fruit. Amen.

(prayer found at connectusfund.org)

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 D & C Barten	6:00 L Potter
C/L Y Wagner	C/L C Kuhn
8:00 A Cranek, L & W Glueck	8:00 E & K Lanham, J Neal
C/L G Warschak	C/L T Lanham
10:00 K Rubio, M Walla, A Rosales	10:00 W & H Kramr, T Schobel
C/L L Walla	C/L L Novosad
12:00 E & J Tovar, Ivett Hndz	12:00 M, A, & A Garcia
C/L Ma E Sanchez	C/L L Flores
TLC D & G Warschak	TLC A Walling, T Lanham

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

Donations for the Church Picnic Raffle are now being taken through the end of July. Raffle envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church. Please drop your donation in the collection basket or bring to the church office. Contact Marilyn or Pat Bodungen at 732-2702. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

*Now enrolling *3K-8th Grade*

*Enrollment info available at
www.stanthonycolumbus.net
or call 979.732.5505*



**3K is now a FULL DAY program 8-3:00*

As you may have noticed, our bell system has not been working over the past week. We had the Verdin Bell Company come to service it, and it needs a new update. The system has been sent to Cincinnati to complete the software update and will be reinstalled within the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Jesus wants you!! Jesus says, "Let the little children come to Me," and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus reminds us that we are His hands, arms, mouth, feet . . . His body here on earth. There will be a meeting with Chris Alvarez from the Diocese of Victoria for anyone wishing to help out in any way with CCE this coming school year on July 26 from 2-4:00pm at SAS. We invite you to attend, even if you are still undecided.

Happenings around the Diocese:

(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)

Summer Fish Fry—Sts. Peter & Paul, Frelsburg, Fri, Aug 5, 5:30-8:00pm

Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children-- monthly meeting, Aug 9, 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Ganado. For more information, contact Deacon Larry 979-257-9984

Assumption Catholic Church Feast Day Picnic, Ganado—Aug 14

Assumption of Mary—Aug 15, 9am-2:30pm at Cedarbrake in Temple, TX. Spend the day reflecting on this beautiful solemnity of Mary, what her Assumption means, and how we are called to follow Jesus. \$45 (includes lunch).

Chicken Fried Steak Dinner Fundraiser for Queen of the Holy Rosary Church in Hostyn—Weimar KCs, Sun, Aug 21, Drive Thru Only at St. Michael Family Center. \$12 plate.

Hearts on Fire—Aug 26-27 at Cedarbrake in Temple, TX. Retreat for women, led by three women in the Spiritual Direction class. For more info email Hearts.on.fire37@gmail.com
