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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	Nov 22	5:30pm	+Louise Besch
Tues	Nov 23	7:30am	Evylina Zapalac
Wed	Nov 24	6:00pm	+Ruby Mae Litzmann
Thurs	Nov 25	8:00am	+Charles and Anita Neuendorff
Fri	Nov 26	5:30pm	Guadalupe & J. Dolores Hernandez on their Anniversary
Sat	Nov 27	6:00pm	+Ruby Berger
Sun	Nov 28	8:00am	Altar Society, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Nov 28	10:00am	+Aurora Gonzales
Sun	Nov 28	12:00noon	Alejandro and Virginia Sanchez on their Anniversary
Sun	Nov 28	6:00pm	+Celia Medrano

Please keep Fr. Augustine in your prayers as he travels to Ghana for a long-overdue visit to see his mom. He will return to us on December 11.

We would like to thank Fr. Eric Pitre for celebrating the Mass with us this weekend while Fr. Augustine is away.

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"My kingdom does not belong to this world" (John 18:36). Pilate must have been confused. He had asked Jesus point-blank, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:33). Jesus didn't answer him directly, but He made it clear that His kingdom wasn't what Pilate had been envisioning. Instead, He said this kingdom "is not here" and "does not belong to this world" (18:36).

So where is Jesus' kingdom, and what's it like? On today's feast of Christ the King, let's reflect on God's kingdom and how it compares with the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of the world values power, wealth, honor, and pleasure. These things are not bad in themselves, but we can easily make them idols. We can even fool ourselves into thinking that we are not going after them. But if they are the primary reason we get out of bed in the morning, and if we spend most of our time seeking them out, then we are probably too immersed in the kingdom of the world.

The kingdom of God, on the other hand, values sacrificial love, forgiveness, humility, and service. Such things are not always attractive because they come with a cost. Yet the reward is always greater—not only in this life, as we experience Jesus' abundant love and mercy, but also in the next, when we will see Him face-to-face and live in His joyful embrace forever.

Today as you worship the King of kings at Mass, think about what you most value and what you are most anxious to achieve. Then see if these things are more in line with God's kingdom or with the kingdom of the world. We are all tempted at times to straddle both kingdoms at the same time. But over and over again, we are faced with choices to serve one or the other. May we always choose to serve Jesus, our King and Lord!

*"Praise You, King of kings and Lord of lords!"
 (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	Nov 21	RCIA, after the 8:00am Mass
Mon-Fri		No School, SAS is out for Thanksgiving Break
Tues	Nov 23	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Nov 24	St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass
Thurs	Nov 25	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Mass will be said at 6:00pm Wednesday and 8:00am Thursdays
Sat-Sun		Fr. Eric will be here to celebrate the English Masses
Sun	Nov 28	No RCIA Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3231.00	Envelopes
\$ 1221.00	Loose
\$ 625.00	Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 172.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 15.00	Donations for A/C Fund

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 63,988.00 (\$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 **\$937,383.72**. (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!

2021 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA): St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2021 is **\$36,759**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$14,345 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$22,414. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

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 **TNT Quilters** meet to quilt every Tuesdays at 8:00am at the KC Hall. If you like to quilt, please come and join them!

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A & L Potter	6:00 A Cranek
C/L C Kuhn	C/L T Lilie
8:00 L & W Glueck, J Neal	8:00 K & K Glueck, J Rau
C/L S Glueck	C/L G Warschak
10:00 K Rubio, W & H Kramr	10:00 A Rodriguez, A & Ivan Hernandez
C/L S Hall	C/L T Theut
12:00 Ivett Hernandez, C. Martinez, A Lara	12:00 S Gonzales, A & M Garcia
C/L T Rosales	C/L M Ortiz
TLC N Nelson, S Gerik	TLC J & S Glueck

Come pray the Rosary before Mass with us!

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*Saturdays at 5:30pm
 Sundays at 7:30am
 Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

Apostleship of the Sea: CDA members are now collecting nonperishable items that they can fill and gift wrap for seaman who will be away from their families over the holidays. A list of suggested items can be found at the back of church. Your donation, either items or money, will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your gifts of love to the church office by November 30.

Congratulations to
DEACON JOHN & DEACON RUSTY
 on their one-year Anniversary to the Diaconate!

Help Wanted!! Fr. Robert at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake is looking for a church secretary. If you are interested, please call him at his office (979-234-2842).

The flowers on the altars this weekend were donated by the Altar Society for the Feast of Christ the King.

The Bethlehem Maternity Home serves women 18 to 30 years of age in crisis pregnancies by providing safe housing and life-affirming services in a Christian environment here in the Victoria Diocese. They are in need monetary donations for day-to-day items needed for the home, as well as for the mothers and babies. To donate online, go to www.victoriagabrielproject.org/maternity-home.

Happenings around the Diocese:

(go to victoriadiocese.org for more info)

***Raphael's Refuge**—November Mass and Holy Hour, Nov. 22 at 10:30am

***Taize' Prayer Service**—November 23, 7-8pm, in Amor Meus Prayer Room at Incarnate Word Convent.

***Solemn Vespers**—Nov. 28, 5:00pm, at Incarnate Word Convent Chapel. Followed by Benediction.

***Grief Ministry for Parents who have Lost Children**—Dec 14, 6:30-8pm at Assumption Parish Hall in Ganado. Call Pat Hoelscher (979-257-9984) for more info.

***Guided One-Day Silent Retreat**—"Our Lady of Guadalupe: Waiting with the Mother of the Word Incarnate." Dec 11, 9:30am-3:30pm. Guided by Fr. Gabriel Espinosa