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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	Sept 14	5:30pm	+Linda Schmidt
Tues	Sept 15	7:30am	+Rev. Msgr. Gerard Cernoch
Wed	Sept 16	5:30pm	a Special Intention
Thur	Sept 17	7:30am	+Myrtle Kotrla
Thur	Sept 17	8:15am	+Edgar and Adeline Heintschel
Fri	Sept 18	8:15am	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Fri	Sept 18	5:30pm	+R.E. Tait, Sr.
Sat	Sept 19	6:00pm	+Ruby Berger
Sun	Sept 20	8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the KC's
Sun	Sept 20	10:00am	Karina Rubio (S.I.)
Sun	Sept 20	12:00noon	+Ciro Villalba

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria through the end of September. This is to protect the physical health of the vulnerable and the emotional needs of those who are uncomfortable with being physically present at this time.

Sunday, September 13, 2020
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight" (Sirach 27:30). Grudges. We've carried them. At some point, each of us has been hurt by a friend, family member, or coworker. We can feel wounded and hold onto our anger, to the point where it defines us as a victim. But our first reading tells us this in not a healthy response.

When Sirach wrote these words two thousand years ago, he was clued into something that modern psychologist are only now coming to understand. Withholding forgiveness affects our physical and mental health. It can elevate our blood pressure, disrupt our sleep, and weaken our immune system. It can decrease our ability to trust people and reinforce a negative mindset about life. Why would we "hug tight" to these things that harm us? Only forgiveness can help us loosen our grip. When we choose to forgive, even if the offender doesn't ask for forgiveness, we stop being that "wronged person." We overcome the stress and bitterness and negativity that were wrapped around us. Best of all, we open ourselves up to the Lord's healing.

God knows everything we've gone through: the ways we've been hurt and the ways we've hurt the people around us. He forgives us, like the master in today's Gospel. If we can let God's forgiveness soften our hearts and break through our guilt, shame, and sadness over the hurts we have caused, we will find the grace to act the same toward the people who have hurt us.

If you're struggling with a grudge or offense, bring it to God in prayer. Ask Him to help you release your hold on anger, even if you feel justified. Forgive the person who hurt you even if you can't physically reconcile with them. Let the act of forgiveness bring you peace and help you move on.

"Father, help me to let go of wrath and anger. I don't want to refuse mercy to anyone. Teach me how to forgive!"
(from "The Word Among Us")

Calendar for the Week

Sept 12 - 20	CCE Families: Pick up CCE Lessons in Church
Tues Sept 15	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
	Rosary led by SAS 5th Grade, 9:30am in Church
Wed Sept 16	Youth Group, 6:30-7:45pm at St. Roch Hall in Mentz
Thurs Sept 17	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri Sept 18	SAS Mass prepared by the 8th grade, 8:15amin Church

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4834.00	Envelopes
\$ 921.00	Loose
\$ 523.00	Black& Indian Missions, Catholic Communications Campaign, & The Catholic University of America
\$ 262.00	Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 447.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 191.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 10.00	Legacy Memorials
\$ 100.00	A/C Donations (Total Donated \$56,363; \$130,000 Needed)
\$ 110.00	Picnic Meat Donations (Total Donated: \$415)
\$ 140.00	Donations for new Liturgical Vestments (Total Donated: \$265; \$13,000 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 **\$1,201,598.23**. (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 BANNNS 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.

Fr. Augustine will be available in his office from 2:00-3:00 on Sunday afternoons if you would like to receive Communion but are unable to attend Mass. Dispensation has been extended through the end of September.

CHURCH PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS are now available at the back of church. Unlike in years past, they do not have your name on them. This has been done in order to keep people from congregating while looking for their envelope. **Please, take any envelope and sell or buy them.** Feel free to take more but we are asking every family to sell at least one packet. Please return your packet(s) in the Sunday collection, to the church office, or the drop box outside of the office with the money and filled-out tickets inside and your name on the outside. ***This year, more than ever, selling raffle tickets is essential as it is the only picnic event not affected by the COVID restrictions. So do your best to sell more than your one packet!***

Meat Donation Envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church. Please use these envelopes to help defray the cost of the meal at our church picnic. Every little bit helps!

You will be receiving an email in the next few days outlining the picnic details. If you don't have a current email listed with us, please contact Tracey in the office.

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by the Altar Society.

CCE: Registration is still open to all families with children in 1st - 8th grades. If you have already registered, please remember to pick up your family's packet at the back of the church. Packets are to be completed and returned the week of October 6th.

Starting this Wednesday, Jeff Cavins (creator of *The Bible Timeline*) will lead a live **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study, diving deeper into the Word of God. This bible study will continue weekly for 8 weeks. Sign up today at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery>.

Dear Friends of St. Anthony Parish,
 I would like to thank each of you for all your prayers, support, and love extended to me during my illness. I'm so blessed to have such friendships. God bless each of you and yours!
 ~ Geraldine Streckfuss