

**St. Anthony Church**  
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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	Jan 18	5:30pm	In Thanksgiving for a Special Intention
Tues	Jan 19	7:30am	+Ruby Prasifka
Wed	Jan 20	5:30pm	+LJ Friedel
Thur	Jan 21	7:30am	Joyce Templeton (S.I.)
Thur	Jan 21	8:15am	+Nora Schobel
Fri	Jan 22	8:15am	+Charles Besch
Fri	Jan 22	5:30pm	Gregory and Susan Bohuslav (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Sat	Jan 23	6:00pm	+Margie Polach Halfmann
Sun	Jan 24	8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the Altar Society
Sun	Jan 24	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	Jan 24	12:00noon	+Aurora Gonzales

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**  
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*What are you looking for? (John 1:38).* Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, but he knew that John wasn't the Messiah- and that's who he was looking for. Today, let's reflect on this Gospel passage to give us insight into our own searching and finding.

*What are you looking for?" (John 1:38).* Have you ever asked yourself that question? We all experience a longing at times- and we might not even know why. We may try to satisfy that inner ache with something fleeting, and it may satisfy us for a long time. But the longing always returns, because what we are looking for can't be found outside of us. We are searching for God.

*"Come and you will see" (John 1:39).* We have to be willing to take a step in faith and accept this invitation from Jesus to spend some time with Him. Jesus might be inviting us to speak with him in Eucharistic Adoration or to delve more deeply into the Scriptures. He might want us to find a brother or sister in Christ to guide and accompany us. But if we don't take that first step, we won't be able to "see" Him.

*"We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41).* Andrew was so excited when he met Jesus that he found his brother, Simon, and told him the good news. That's the joy we too feel when we turn to Jesus and experience his love and mercy. We realize, once again, that only He can truly fulfill us.

We will all experience longings from time to time and feel tempted to satisfy them in all the wrong places. What "wrong places" do you tend to go to? Do these quick fixes really satisfy? Today, ask the Holy Spirit to prompt you to go to the Lord when you're feeling those yearnings. Only by making a conscious effort to "come and see" Jesus will you finally find what you have been looking for all along.

*"Jesus, help me to see that only you can satisfy the deepest desires of my heart."  
 (From "The Word Among Us")*

*"Here I am,  
 Lord;  
 I come to do  
 Your Will."  
 (Psalm 40)*

**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**

Mon	Jan 18	Bible Study (Wisdom Books), 6:00pm in Church
Tues	Jan 19	TNT Quilters, 8:00 am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Jan 20	CCE (in person) in Church, after the 5:30pm Mass Youth Group, Mentz Hall, 6:30pm
Thurs	Jan 21	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Jan 22	SAS Mass (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5-8 <sup>th</sup> grades), 8:15am in Church
Sat	Jan 23	RIGHT TO LIFE WALK, meet at Windshield Express across from Schobel's at 1:00pm
Sun	Jan 24	Divine Mercy and hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 3508.00	Envelopes
\$ 283.00	Loose
\$ 192.00	Legacy Fund

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 5140.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 1120.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 85.00	Legacy Fund Memorials

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

\$ 60,088.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

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

*Next week's second collection will be the Church in Latin America.*

**"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 **\$1,188,848.92**. (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!

**If you made a memorial or donation towards the Christmas poinsettias,** the Altar Society would like to invite you to take one home with you sometime through the week (please wait until after the 12:00noon Spanish Mass so the altar can remain full for the Sunday Masses).

<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	
<b><u>Jan. 16 &amp; 17</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 23 &amp; 24</u></b>
<b><u>6pm</u></b> Tracy Lilie	<b><u>6pm</u></b> Brenda Besch
<b><u>8am</u></b> Jessie Rau	<b><u>8am</u></b> Mary Stavinoha
<b><u>10am</u></b> Kara Kleimann	<b><u>10am</u></b> Sharon Hall
<b><u>12pm</u></b> Virginia Sanchez	<b><u>12pm</u></b> Teresa Rosales

**There have been some phone scams** occurring where it appears a priest is asking a parishioner to go buy gift cards for him for one reason or another. Please be assured that Fr. Augustine and Fr. Nelson would **NEVER** ask this of you via text. Please do not respond if you receive this kind of text message, and let the church office know about it so we can inform the Diocese.

*"Speak, for Your servant  
 is listening."  
 (1 Samuel 3:10)*

**The Altar Society** has mailed letters informing the parishioners of the functions of the society, which we are all members of. Annual dues are \$5.00 and there is a \$5.00 flower fund donation. You may mail your payment or drop it in the collection basket.

**The Columbus KC's will have a Fried Chicken Drive Thru Meal** on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, 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:** Pick a litany to pray daily this week*

***Eat:** Write down a family recipe that you enjoy and share it with someone.*

***Play:** Get ready for the Right to Life Walk!*

**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 of a washing machine, an upright freezer, and a new HVAC system for the house, or 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](http://www.victoriagabrielproject.org/maternity-home).

**The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services** was once again incredibly grateful for the generous donations our parish put forth for the Angel Tree gifts. Please see the insert with the thank you note they sent to the church.