

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 18	5:30pm	A Special Intention
Tues	July 19	7:30am	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Wed	July 20	5:30pm	+Dan Streckfuss
Thurs	July 21	7:30am	+Hedwig Jendry
Fri	July 22	5:30pm	+Maria Reyna
Sat	July 23	6:00pm	+Elo Evanicky
Sun	July 24	8:00am	+Kenny Neuendorff
Sun	July 24	10:00am	+Gilbert Kouba
Sun	July 24	12:00noon	Jasiel Hernandez (Bday), +Sofia Alondra Sanchez
Sun	July 24	6:00pm	+Lester and Nora Schobel

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Readings #900)

"The Lord appeared to Abraham" (Genesis 18:1). Isn't it mysterious? Genesis 18:1 tells us that "the Lord appeared to Abraham." But then, Abraham sees "three men" (18:2). The visitors are later identified as angels, but one seems to be the Lord Himself (18:20-22). It's hard to know exactly what Abraham saw and at what point he realized that he was in the presence of almighty God.

Here's another mystery: this same Lord will be with everyone gathered at every mass today. We will hear His voice in the readings and see Him in the unlikely appearance of bread and wine. So let's take a look at how Abraham responded to God's presence to see how we can respond today.

First, Abraham gave God his *full attention*. He stopped what he was doing and "ran" to meet God (Genesis 18:2). As Mass begins, you can imitate Abraham as you try to put aside distractions and be attentive to the Lord.

Next, he *bowed down*. While this might have been a traditional greeting, it also showed that Abraham recognized his visitors' dignity. Imagine yourself bowing low as you pray the Gloria and praise God in the responsorial psalm.

Then, Abraham offered to God *the best he had*—fine flour and a choice steer. When the gifts are brought to the altar, you can offer your life to the Lord. Give Him your love and fidelity.

Finally, Abraham *waited on his guests*. That's something you can do after Holy Communion, as you pray quietly in adoration. Enjoy your time with the Lord and listen to Him.

So when you come to Mass, remember Abraham. Let the mysterious, surprising presence of God fill you with reverence and generosity. Offer Him your attention, your worship, the best of who you are. As you do, you'll come to see Him more and more clearly. Just like Abraham.

"Lord, You reveal Yourself to me in mystery. Help me to respond to You wholeheartedly!"
(from "The Word Among Us")

*Help us in Congratulating
Fr. Augustine on the
24th Anniversary of his Ordination to the
Priesthood on Monday
and
Deacon Bennie on the
21st Anniversary of his Ordination to the
Diaconate on Thursday!*

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)

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

Mon	July 18	Fr. Augustine's Ordination Anniversary (24 years)
Tues	July 19	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Thurs	July 21	Deacon Bennie's Ordination Anniversary (21 years) Contemporary Choir (Guitar) Practice, 6:30pm in Church EVERYONE is welcome!
Sun	July 24	Divine Mercy and Adoration, 3:00pm in Church

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 2952.00	Envelopes
\$ 3652.00	Loose Pence
\$ 549.00	Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 290.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
\$ 140.00	A/C Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 69,746.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

Did you know? You can make your Sunday Donations online by visiting www.victoriadiocese.org and clicking on the "Parish Donations" tab? This can be used for the regular Sunday Collections and the Diocesan Second Collections.

Do you have a thirst for learning more about your faith at home? We have a "library" in the hallway next to the Chapel full of books for you to grow your faith. Come check it out! Honor system rules.

Congratulations to
Lauren Trapp & Travis Summers
who were married this weekend!
May the Lord bless their life together.



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!

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.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 E & K Lanham C/L T Lillie	6:00 D & C Barten C/L Y Wagner
8:00 K & K Glueck, J Neal C/L T Wostarek	8:00 A Cranek, L & W Glueck C/L G Warschak
10:00 A Rodriguez, A & I Hrdz C/L N Nelson	10:00 K Rubio, M Walla, A Rosales C/L L Walla
12:00 A Lara, L Alvarez, S Gonzales C/L V Sanchez	12:00 E & J Tovar, Ivett Hndz C/L Ma E Sanchez
TLC J O'Leary, RJ Jauernig	TLC D & G Warschak

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*

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.

Do you have **aluminum cans** (please, no glass or food cans) that need to be recycled? The school collects cans in the trailer in the parking lot across from the school gym.

Happenings around the Diocese:

- (Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)*
- *Being a Catholic Family**—July 23, 9am-2:30pm, at Cedarbrake in Temple, TX. A day of wisdom, reflection, and help to strengthen your family; find out how being a Catholic family is doable and rewarding. \$45 (includes lunch)
- *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**—August 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