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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 April 17 5:30pm Donna Culton (S.I.)
 Tues April 18 7:30am +Lester and Nora Schobel (Chapel)
 Wed April 19 5:30pm +Albert and Gladys Hoelscher
 Thurs April 20 7:30am For all Job-Seekers (Chapel)
 Thurs April 20 10:15am +Shelly Bowden (5th grade Classroom Mass)
 Fri April 21 8:15am +Gus and Elenora Schobel
 Fri April 21 5:30pm In Thanksgiving for a Special Intention
 Sat April 22 6:00pm The People of the Parish
 Sun April 23 8:00am +Mary Ellen Prause
 Sun April 23 10:00am +Julie Ruffeno Prochter
 Sun April 23 12:00noon +Elida Amaya and +Juan Alberto Medrano Pruneda
 Sun April 23 6:00pm +Kathryn Krueger



Sunday, April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle A / Readings #828

“. . . praising God and enjoying favor with all the people” (Acts 2:47). What a beautiful vision! The first believers’ experience of the Spirit was so life-changing that they felt compelled to come together to worship the Lord and love one another as family.

But this ideal situation didn’t last long. Only a short time later, prejudice and tribalism crept in, leading some to neglect the needs of the poorer widows among them (Acts 6:1). Later, some members of this mostly Jewish Christian community began telling Gentiles—falsely—that they had to be circumcised if they wanted to “be saved” (15:1). This attempt to treat Gentiles as second-class citizens caused “no little discussion” among the believers (15:2).

Stories like these might make us wonder, *If the first Christians couldn’t live together, what hope does our Church have?*

But today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Today we celebrate the good news that God is *always* ready to forgive and to heal divisions. Take the early Church, for example. By all counts, it should not have lasted more than a decade or two. But in fact, it not only survived but continued to grow and spread. That’s because God’s mercy, poured out at every Eucharist and every time His people gathered together, softened believers’ hearts and moved them to resolve their conflicts peacefully and lovingly. What a powerful testament to a God whose merciful love triumphs over every imaginable obstacle!

Even today, God’s mercy continues to flow. Every division and conflict can be overcome as we come together to worship Him, confess our need for Him, and strive to make love our aim. Every sin can be washed away and every relationship restored! Jesus, our merciful Savior, is always ready to help us love one another.

“Lord, Jesus Christ, merciful Son of God, draw Your people together in love!”
(from “The Word Among Us”)

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see 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.

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.

Calendar for the Week

Sun Apr 16 Divine Mercy Sunday
 Divine Mercy and Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
 Mon Apr 17 Bible Study, 6:15pm in SAS Library
 Conversations of Faith (RCIA), 6:30pm in Church Office
 Tues Apr 18 TNT Quilters, 8:00am at the Columbus Hall
 Wed Apr 19 CCE, 5:30pm
 Youth Group, 6pm in Cafeteria
 Thurs Apr 20 SAS 5th Grade Classroom Mass, 10:15am
 Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church
 Fri Apr 21 SAS School Mass Prepared by 1st Grade, 8:15am
 Sat Apr 22 Quinceanera 11am (Edith Nieto)

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 2670.00 Envelopes
 \$ 685.00 Loose
 \$ 7851.00 Easter Collection
 \$ 1727.00 Seminarians in the Diocese of Victoria
 \$ 1162.00 Holy Land
 \$ 1029.00 Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 140.00 Legacy Fund Memorials
“Thank you for your generosity!”

Retrouvaille Weekend— Does your marriage need a tune up? Or even a major overhaul? If so, Retrouvaille can help. The next Diocese of Victoria weekend is July 28-30. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org

We welcome
Brynlynn Marie Shifflett,
 daughter of Blake and Lindsay Schifflert,
 who was Baptized this weekend,
 into the Body of Christ!

The Diocese of Victoria is now taking applications for **Camp David (Jr. High and Elementary Retreats) and Rocky Mountain High (High School).** Deadline for the Camp David Retreats is May 12 and May 19 for the Rocky Mountain High Retreat. See victoriadiocese.org or the church office for more information. Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A Medrano, L Venghaus C/L Y Wagner	6:00 C & K Crosby, A Frnka C/L M Stavinoha
8:00 T & K Watkins, J Neal C/L S Glueck	8:00 J Rau, L & W Glueck C/L J Rau
10:00 M Ehlert, W & H Kramr C/L L Novosad	10:00 J Schobel, A & I Hrndz C/L N Nelson
12:00 M, A, & A Garcia C/L Ma E Sanchez	12:00 E & J Tovar, L Alvarez C/L C Espinosa
TLC S Glueck, C Durbin	TLC S Gerik, T Theut

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

Confirmation pictures can be picked up in the church office!

We are so pleased to tell you that Bishop Brendan Cahill has announced that **Fr. James Dvorak** will be the new priest here at St. Anthony and St. Roch beginning in June!! Please keep Fr. James, Fr. Nelson, Fr. Augustine, and all priests in your prayers.



Mother’s Day Novena—Cards and donation envelopes for the Mother’s Day Novena can be found at the entrance of the church. The Novena will begin Mother’s Day weekend and through the following nine Masses.

SAS Drive Thru Chicken Spaghetti Dinner—Thursday, April 27. Plates can be picked up in the church parking lot from 5-7pm, and will include chicken spaghetti, corn, salad, and garlic bread. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased from a 7th grader, or in th church and school offices. Sponsored by the 7th grade (proceeds will benefit their class trip in 2024).

The Columbus Community Hospital Gift Shop is taking orders for beautiful flower arrangements for Mother’s Day. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church.

Congratulations to
Hunter & Lynden Tesch
 who were married this weekend!
 May the Lord bless their life together.

Happenings around the Diocese:

(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)
San Luis Catholic Church Annual Jamaica, Yorktown—April 23
Holy Rosary, Hostyn—Mayfest, May 7
Camp David—for Junior High students entering 6th grade through exiting 8th grade. Session 1: June 11-13, Session 2: June 14-16
Camp David Elementary Day—June 14 (for students entering 3rd grade through students exiting 5th grade)
Rocky Mountain High Retreat—retreat for High School students. July 1-9 at Sonlight Christian Camp in Pagosa Springs, CO
Retrouvaille Weekend—Weekend for married couples. July 28-30 in Victoria. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org