

**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	Dec 5	5:30pm	+Elton Litzmann
Tues	Dec 6	7:30am	+Marcelline Steinhauer (in Chapel)
Wed	Dec 7	6:00pm	A Very Special Intention
Thurs	Dec 8	8:15am	+W.E. Darilek (in Church)
Fri	Dec 9	8:15am	+John Huebel
Fri	Dec 9	10:00am	The People of the Parish (TLC)
Fri	Dec 9	5:30pm	+Anna and Carl Foulz
Sat	Dec 10	6:00pm	+Edbert, Mark, and Tommy Henneke
Sun	Dec 11	8:00am	+Kassidy Patterson
Sun	Dec 11	10:00am	+Gilbert and Audrey Kouba
Sun	Dec 11	12:00am	Ruben & Araceli Hernandez (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary), and +Noe Penaloza
Sun	Dec 11	6:00pm	+Lester and Nora Schobel

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Advent / Readings #786**

*“The ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). John the Baptist was enjoying great success in convincing people to respond to his call to repentance. People from all around Israel, and from every walk of life, were coming out to be washed clean of their sins and to recommit themselves to the law of the Lord. But things didn’t go so smoothly when some Pharisees and Sadducees showed up. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance,” John challenged them (Matthew 3:8). Don’t come just for a washing. Actually change your life.*

For John, repentance without change was like cutting off one branch of a tree when plenty of other branches are still bearing bad fruit. You need to take an “ax” to the entire root system that feeds all the branches (Matthew 3:10). You need to ask the Lord to cut away the foundational attitudes and root sins that keep feeding all the other sins.

What are these roots? They differ with each person. Maybe they include long-standing resentments, positions of pride and self-sufficiency and prejudice, selfish desires, or a lack of compassion. Whatever they are, we have to trust that as we ask the Lord to cut away these roots, we’ll find freedom and a greater ability to change.

God wants to give us a new way of thinking and acting. He wants to replace our foolishness with His wisdom. He wants to give us insights into His love and all that He can do in our hearts. And He wants to give us strength to obey His commands. But we have to come to Him and confess our need.

At Mass today, you will be invited to cry out, “Lord, have mercy.” But you will also ask Jesus, “Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.” Jesus loves to forgive your sins, but He longs to heal your soul—your “roots”—even more. So welcome Him in. Ask His Spirit to keep making you into a new creation.

**“Come, Lord, teach me to bear fruit in keeping with my repentance.”**  
*(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**

Mon	Dec 5	“Conversations of the Faith,” (RCIA) 6:30pm in Chapel CDA Meeting, 6:30pm in SAS Cafeteria KC Meeting, 6:30pm at Columbus Hall
Tues	Dec 6	Altar Society Christmas Party, 2:00pm at Pilsner’s Cafe
Wed	Dec 7	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION VIGIL MASS, 6:00pm CCE, 5:30pm in SAS building Youth Group, 6:00pm in Cafeteria
Thur	Dec 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS, 8:15am in Church Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church
Fri	Dec 9	SAS Mass Prepared by the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, 8:15am in Church Mass at TLC, 10:00am
Sun	Dec 11	Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade, begins at 11:00am in front of the Church

**Last Weekend’s Collection**

\$ 3655.00 Envelopes  
 \$ 1814.00 Loose

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 215.00 Legacy Fund Memorials

**“Thank you for your generosity!”**

*The second collection next weekend will be for the Religious Retirement Fund and for Paving the Way.*

**Did you know?** You can make your Sunday Donations online by visiting [www.victoriadiocese.org](http://www.victoriadiocese.org) and clicking on the “Parish Donations” tab? This can be used for the regular Sunday Collections and the Diocesan Second Collections.

**2022 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):** St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2022 is **\$39,388.00**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$19,765 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$19,623. 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.

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.

<b><u>Parish Advent Confession Schedule:</u></b>	
Monday, Dec 12	4:00-5:00pm & 6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, Dec 14	4:00-5:00pm & 6:30-8:00pm
Thursday, Dec 15	9:00-10:00am
Friday, Dec 16	4:00-5:00pm & 6:30-7:30pm
Saturday, Dec 17	4:00-5:00pm

<b><u>Ministers serving this weekend</u></b>		<b><u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u></b>	
<b>6:00</b>	A Medrano	<b>6:00</b>	A Frnka
<b>C/L</b>	M Stavinoaha	<b>C/L</b>	B Besch
<b>8:00</b>	E & K Lanham, J Rau	<b>8:00</b>	A Cranek, T & K Watkins
<b>C/L</b>	J Rau	<b>C/L</b>	S Glueck
<b>10:00</b>	M Ehlert, A & I Hrndz	<b>10:00</b>	W & H Kramr, M Walla
<b>C/L</b>	K Kleimann	<b>C/L</b>	N Nelson
<b>12:00</b>	M, A, & A Garcia	<b>12:00</b>	E & J Tovar, A Lara
<b>C/L</b>	Ma. Ortiz	<b>C/L</b>	Ma. A Sanchez
<b>TLC</b>	S Glueck, T Glueck	<b>TLC</b>	T Wostarek, J O’Leary

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

Please return your **Angel Tree** gifts to the church office by Thursday, December 15. Gifts should be wrapped with the angel tag securely attached. This ministry brings so much light and hope to children in our area that are in foster care, so thank you for your generosity!

**The Altar Society** is accepting donations for **poinsettia plants** to decorate the altars for Christmas. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrance of the church. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket or bring it to the church office.

This Thursday is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, and Mass on Thursday will be at 8:15am.

**If you have donations for the Gabriel Project Maternity Home**, the deadline to bring them to the office is Wednesday, December 7. The donations will be brought to Victoria on Thursday morning.

**Next Sunday, to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe** there will be procession around the church block starting at 11:00am in the front of the church. Everyone is welcome!

**The Columbus Community Choir** will perform its annual Christmas Cantata next Sunday, December 11, at 4:00pm in the Columbus High School Auditorium.

**EWTN:** EWTN delivers faith-filled content, thought-provoking content, dynamic speakers, Catholic news, discussions, and promotes the Catholic Faith. Visit their website [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com).

**Happenings around the Diocese:**  
*(Go to [victoriadiocese.org](http://victoriadiocese.org) for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)*  
**Exposition of Sacred Relics**—Monday, December 5, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard, 6:30pm. See [treasuresofthechurch.com](http://treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information.  
**Community Choir Christmas Cantata**—December 11, 4:00pm at CHS Auditorium  
**Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children--** monthly meeting, Dec 13, 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  
**World Youth Day, Lisbon**—July 31-August 10, 2023. A group from the Diocese of Victoria will be going, led by Bishop Brendan Cahill. For more information contact LeAnn Brand at 833-910-1545 or [LeAnn@lpjp.org](mailto:LeAnn@lpjp.org).