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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
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	June 22	5:30pm	Father's Day Novena #5
Tues	June 23	7:30am	Father's Day Novena #6
Wed	June 24	5:30pm	Father's Day Novena #7
Thur	June 25	7:30am	Father's Day Novena #8
Fri	June 26	5:30pm	Father's Day Novena #9
Sat	June 27	6:00pm	+Martha Bodungen
Sun	June 28	8:00am	+Felix and Loreda Buxkemper
Sun	June 28	10:00am	+Marshall Windham
Sun	June 28	12:00noon	+Teodora Rosales

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria through the end of June. 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, June 21, 2020
 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph" (Jeremiah 20:11). Jeremiah was not having a good week. He had been arrested, beaten, and thrown into prison. Then, having been released, he pronounces an oracle of destruction against Jerusalem and offers a bitter prayer accusing the Lord of "seducing" him into this dangerous ministry (Jeremiah 20:7). And he prays for the chance to see his enemies' downfall--and to savor it (20:12)! Today's reading is not what Jesus had in mind when He said, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). We have only to think of Jesus' words of forgiveness on the cross to see how He really wants His people to respond to persecution and enmity.

It's comforting to know that even a great prophet like Jeremiah had bad days. It gives us some perspective on our own lives. Who among us hasn't wished vengeance on someone who has hurt us? We know we shouldn't, we know it's wrong, but sometimes we find it very hard to resist the pull toward resentment and revenge. The truth is, change takes time, and we have to keep working at it. We have to keep checking our thoughts, examining our motives, and holding our tongues until we develop the virtues that mirror Jesus' perfect, unconditional love. We also have to keep pressing in to stay close to the Lord so that His love continues to shape our hearts.

But remember this: you are not alone! You are part of a Church filled with saints, both famous and obscure, who show that change is possible. You also have friends you can turn to for support when you need it. And most important--and most reassuring--you have the Holy Spirit, who is always ready to remind you of Jesus' love and to give you His grace and encouragement.

Jeremiah had far more good days than bad days because he never gave up. Neither should we.

*"Lord, teach me how to love everyone, even the people who are making my life difficult."
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

Happy Father's Day!

We wish all our fathers, both living and deceased, a very Happy Father's Day! We thank you and we love you. May God richly bless you for your tender loving care, and grant you all the grace you need to make it in this life and in the life to come.

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3463.00	Envelopes
\$ 1081.00	Loose
\$ 436.00	Legacy Fund
\$ 440.00	Online Giving through the Diocese of Victoria Website

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 235.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 210.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 45.00	Legacy Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 55,368.00 (\$130,000.00 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 **\$1,214,244.51**. (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!

The church office now has a lock box (found on the wall outside the office doors). Please feel free to drop collection envelopes or other correspondence in this box if the office is closed.

Retrouvaille Weekend 2020: Hope for Marriages

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 31 through Aug. 2, 2020. For more information, contact John & Jenny at 361-580-2770, or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org>.

The Emmaus Center in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective. The counseling staff devotes themselves to assisting those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for information call (361) 212-0830.

We are allowed to have Public Masses again, but if you are elderly, in poor health, or don't feel comfortable attending, please remember that Dispensation has been granted through the end of June. Fr. Augustine will also be available in his office from 2:00-4:00 on Sunday afternoons if you would like to receive Communion but are unable to attend Mass.

Please keep
Rusty Theut and
John Glueck
 in your prayers as they continue their journey
 in the Diaconate Program.

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by the Altar Society in loving memory and in honor of all our fathers and father figures.

Congratulations to Kaden William Glueck, who made his First Holy Communion on Friday evening.

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 that you are leaving.

The ***Peter's Pence Collection,*** which is supposed to be collected next weekend, has been postponed by the Diocese until October 4, 2020, due to the COVID pandemic.

Attention Youth!! There will be a High School Youth Gathering at Splashway on Wednesday, July 1. Free entry if you RSVP to Jonathan!!
