

**St. Anthony Church**  
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**St. Anthony Catholic School**  
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**John O'Leary, Principal**

**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	Aug 31	5:30pm	Special Intention
Tues	Sept 1	7:30am	+Charles Besch
Wed	Sept 2	5:30pm	+Jodick and Celia Perry
Thur	Sept 3	7:30am	+Ruby Prasifka
Thur	Sept 3	8:15am	+Erwin Meyer
Fri	Sept 4	8:15am	the SAS Football Team
Fri	Sept 4	5:30pm	+Charley Robertson
Sat	Sept 5	6:00pm	Altar Society, Living & Deceased Members
Sun	Sept 6	8:00am	+Bernice Kahlden
Sun	Sept 6	10:00am	+Jamie Schindler
Sun	Sept 6	12:00noon	All Souls in Purgatory

*Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria through the end of September. 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, August 30, 2020**  
 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"God forbid, Lord!"* What a stunning reversal! You don't confess someone as "the Son of the living God" and then turn around and scold them (Matthew 16:16)! What could have triggered such a strong reaction from Peter? The news that Jesus was going to "suffer greatly . . . and be killed" by Jerusalem's religious leaders (16:21).

Of course, Peter had the purest of intentions when he rebuked Jesus; he couldn't bear the thought of his beloved Master and friend suffering such a horrible fate. But there may also have been a deeper motive in Peter's actions. Perhaps he was eager to preserve Jesus' image as an untouchable miracle worker so that he could be safe, too. If he could keep Jesus from the cross, he wouldn't have to face his own cross.

Peter had been with Jesus long enough to see that being a disciple meant risking people's scorn and misunderstanding. It meant pouring out his life to God for the sake of the people around him. If Jesus was destined for the cross, then Peter might have to accept a similar fate. Better to shield Jesus from harm so that he could shield himself as well. But Jesus would have none of it. So he told Peter that anyone who wanted to become like Him had to take up his cross and follow in His footsteps (Matthew 16:24).

It's tempting to keep Jesus at arm's length so that he can't get too close and ask too much of us. Jesus made it very clear: there is a cost of discipleship. It's not always easy to follow the Lord and obey His commandments. But the glory of knowing Jesus' love and the joy of sharing His mercy with people far outweigh any sacrifice we might have to make. Peter ultimately learned this, and so can we.

So take up your cross today. Try your best to follow in Jesus' path of self-giving love.

*"Lord, I don't want to keep You at a distance. Teach me how to give of myself as You did."  
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon	Aug 31	KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	Sept 1	Rosary led by SAS 7th Grade, 9:30am in Church Altar Society Meeting, Columbus Hall
Wed	Sept 2	CCE Parent/Teacher Meeting, 6:00pm in Church Youth Group, 6:30-7:45pm at St. Roch Hall in Mentz
Thurs	Sept 3	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Sept 4	SAS Mass prepared by the 6th grade, 8:15am in Church

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**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 2692.00	Envelopes
\$ 850.00	Loose
\$ 55.00	Picnic Meat Donations

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 360.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 490.00	Capital Campaign Memorials

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

\$ 56,163.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

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

*The second collection next weekend will be for Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America; and for Paving the Way in support of St. Anthony School.*

**"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 **\$1,205,825.06**. (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!

**CANONICAL BANNNS in Anticipation of  
 ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE  
 for the Diocese of Victoria in Texas**

After the proper period of formation and discernment, the following men have presented themselves to Bishop Brendan Cahill to be considered for Ordination as Permanent Deacons:

**John Glueck & Rusty Theut**

Before these candidates are called to the Order of the Diaconate by Bishop Cahill, the People of God are to be asked about their worthiness. Therefore, if you are aware of a reason why any of these men should not be ordained, you are asked to

please contact:

Deacon Chuck Glynn, Ed.D.  
 Director of Formation, Office of the Permanent Diaconate  
 Diocese of Victoria in Texas  
 979-253-9616 ~ cglynn@victoriadiocese.org

The names of those expressing concerns will not be shared with any of the candidates, though the nature of the concern may be shared with them as part of the discernment and evaluation process.

*Fr. Augustine will be available in his office from 2:00-3:00 on Sunday afternoons if you would like to receive Communion but are unable to attend Mass.  
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**CCE is looking for a Teacher/Facilitator for the First**

**Communion Prep (Year 1) Class.** The job would include organizing materials to be mailed out to students and tracking the work returned by the students. Call Lorraine Novosad with questions 733-3872.

**As we are getting closer to the ordination of our two newest deacons, now is a good time to invest in new matching vestments for the three deacons and Father.**

The cost to get all of the liturgical colors will be around \$13,300. If you would like to donate towards these vestments, you can drop your donation in the collection baskets or bring to the church office.

**Church Picnic Live Auction Items:**

**Indoor Electric Butterball Turkey Fryer (Marilyn Nelson)** \* Portrait Session and 16x20 Canvas Portrait (Tracey Lanham, Meadowlark Portraits) \* **Quarter Sheet Tres Leches Cake (Eddie and Chrissy Espinosa and Family, made by Chrissy)** \* 100 Jiggs-Bermuda Square Bales (Keith Kuhn and John Glueck) \* **Famous Glueck Hot Basket (John and Sandy Glueck)**

**Be an Amazing Parent!** The Diocese of Victoria's final online workshop, "Creating a Family Culture," will be on Wednesday, September 2, from 6:30-7:45pm. You can find more information and register at <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/amazing-parents>.

**The Picnic chairmen** will be meeting next week to decide who this year's picnic will look like. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact one of the chairmen and share your ideas! Rusty and Tracy Theut (732-4089) \* Steve and Virginia Anderson (733-6240) \* John and Sandy Glueck (732-1085)

Please keep the repose of the soul of **Victor Gerik** in your prayers. His funeral Mass was August 27.

*We welcome  
 Audrey Anne Glueck,  
 daughter of Jay and Randi Glueck,  
 who was Baptized this weekend,  
 into the Body of Christ!*



**LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS THIS WEEKEND :**

**(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)**  
 Weimar KC BBQ Chicken Dinner ~ August 30, 10:30-Sell Out

**Meat Donation Envelopes** can be found at the entrance of the church. Please use these envelopes to help defray the cost of the meal at our church picnic. Every little bit helps!