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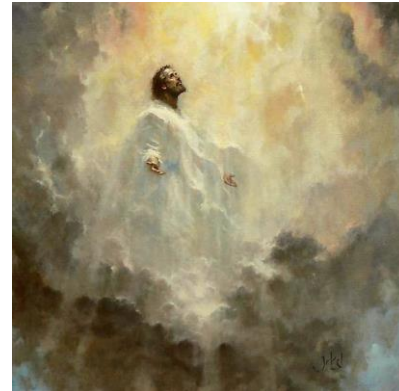
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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 8:15am during School Year
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish), 6:00pm (Youth Mass)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm & 15 min before the Evening Weekday Masses

Liturgies for the Week

Mon May 22 5:30pm +Whitney Kotrla
 Tues May 23 7:30am +Beth Motal Lewis (Chapel)
 Wed May 24 5:30pm Special Intentions (SAS Graduation Mass)
 Thurs May 25 7:30am +Dick Barton (Chapel)
 Thurs May 25 8:15am SAS 8th Grade Graduates
 Fri May 26 5:30pm +Jennifer Friedel
 Sat May 27 6:00pm +Edbert, Mark, and Tommy Henneke
 Sun May 28 8:00am +John and Josephine Meismer
 Sun May 28 10:00am +A Special Intention
 Sun May 28 12:00noon Eduardo Espinosa, Jr. (S.I.)
 Sun May 28 6:00pm People of the Parish



Sunday, May 21, 2023

The Ascension of the Lord / Readings #841

“You will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8). Today’s first reading describes the last time the apostles saw the risen Christ. Luke describes the scene in the very first chapter of his Book of Acts, but words along can’t capture the amazement and wonder the apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus “lifted up” into heaven (Acts 1:9). They were blessed indeed to have seen all that Jesus said and did, from the beginning of His ministry up to this dramatic moment.

But along with this privilege came a great responsibility. In His final instructions to His apostles, Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This was their new purpose in life, the very reason why Jesus had chosen them in the first place. Upon their eyewitness accounts would rest the faith of millions of believers—and the entire Church—through the centuries.

Of course, many other people have followed in the apostles’ footsteps by witnessing the Christ. They may not have seen Jesus firsthand, but they have experienced His presence and the power of His Holy Spirit in their lives. In fact, every person who calls himself a believer is also, by default, a witness to Christ.

Do you think of yourself as a witness? If you follow Jesus, you can’t help being one. You witness by the values that guide you, by the love you show others, and by your life of prayer. You witness when you share how God is working in your life or how He has forgiven you or answered a prayer.

Jesus’ final words at His Ascension weren’t just for His apostles; they are for you, too. So how might you witness to Jesus today? Every day presents a new opportunity—one that might just lead another person to a new or deeper love of the Lord.

“Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the way I can witness to You today.”
(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 May 21 Graduation Mass, 10:00am
 Tues May 23 TNT Quilters, 8:00am at the Columbus Hall
 Wed May 24 SAS Graduation Mass, 5:30pm
 Thurs May 25 Last Day of School for SAS
 Last SAS School Mass of the Year, 8:15am
 Early SAS Dismissal, 12:00 noon
 Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church
 Sun May 28 Divine Mercy, 3:00pm

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 1975.00 Envelopes
 \$ 1722.00 Loose
 \$ 990.66 Priests’ Retirement Fund Collection
 \$ 573.00 Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 100.00 Legacy Fund Memorials

“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.

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

Mark your calendar!!
 VBS will be June 26-30!!

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.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 E & K Lanham C/L Y Wagner	6:00 D & C Barten C/L T Lilie
8:00 A Cranek, K & K Glueck C/L S Glueck	8:00 J Rau, T & K Watkins C/L T Wostarek
10:00 M Ehlert, W & H Kramr C/L K Kleimann	10:00 K Rubio, A & I Hrndz C/L L Novosad
12:00 E & J Tovar, A Rdrgrz C/L M Ortiz	12:00 L Alvrz, A Lara, C Mrtzn C/L S Hernández
TLC T Wostarek, J O’Leary	TLC N Nelson, S Glueck

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
 2023 HIGH SCHOOL
 GRADUATES!!**

Please join us after the 10am for refreshments in the SAS Cafeteria

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

We welcome
Aubriella Ally Dominguez,
Sebastian Escamilla,
Ellie Martinez Garcia
Daniel Nava, &
Christopher Paul Wegenhoft,
*who were Baptized this weekend,
 into the Body of Christ!*

The flowers on the main altar this weekend were donated by the Altar Society in honor of our High School Graduates.

EWTN: EWTN delivers faith-filled content, thought-provoking content, dynamic speakers, Catholic news, discussions, and promotes the Catholic Faith. Visit their website ewtn.com.

Altar Servers Needed! We are always looking for prayerful hearts to help Father and the deacons on the altar. If your child would like to be trained to be an Altar Server (must have received First Communion), please contact the church office.

Happenings around the Diocese:
(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)
Chicken Fried Steak Dinner, Weimar KC—Sunday, May 21, 10am-1pm; St. Michael Family Center
Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, Hallettsville—May 28
Sacred Heart Spring Picnic, Flatonia—June 4