

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	Sept 12	5:30pm	+Gus and Emma Miksch
Tues	Sept 13	7:30am	+Dick Barton (in Chapel)
Wed	Sept 14	5:30pm	Special Intention (E)
Thurs	Sept 15	7:30am	+Johnnie and Emily Wagner (in Chapel)
Fri	Sept 16	8:15am	+Ernest M. Besch
Fri	Sept 16	5:30pm	+Penny Ramirez
Sat	Sept 17	6:00pm	a Special Intention
Sun	Sept 18	8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the KC's
Sun	Sept 18	10:00am	Shirley and John Isbell on their 44 th Anniversary
Sun	Sept 18	12:00noon	Alex Sanchez (Bday) and J. Dolores Hernandez (Bday)
Sun	Sept 18	6:00pm	Fred Strauss and Polly Ahrens



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

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.

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.

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Readings #924)

“He ran to his son” (Luke 15:20). What an image! You can picture Jesus’ listeners gasping at His description of a respected, wealthy landowner, advance in age, hiking up his robes and running to greet his wayward son! In the patriarchal culture of ancient Israel, it would have been humiliating for a father to do such a thing. The child should be the one coming to the father—humble and repentant—while the father stands firm, arms folded, waiting to see what his son has to say for himself. Any father acting as the father in the parable did would have brought scandal to himself and his family.

But “scandal” is a good way to describe Jesus’ parable of the prodigal son. Jesus told this story in response to a group of Pharisees who were scandalized by His practice of openly welcoming “sinners” (Luke 15:2). It’s as if Jesus were saying, *You think I’m a cause for scandal? Let me tell you a parable about my heavenly Father and the depths of His mercy!*

God’s mercy defies our fallen human logic. Whoever heard of a God who runs to welcome sinners before they have a chance to repent? Or a God who forgives sins that we think are unforgiveable? Or a God who rejoices over us even when we give Him very little reason to rejoice? But this is your God. His love is unfathomable and free-flowing. In a world powered by pride and selfishness, a world that urges retaliation for every single slight, it’s downright scandalous.

And it’s for *you*. Your heavenly Father loves you completely, and there’s nothing you can do to make Him stop loving you. There’s nothing you can do to make Him give up on you—or any of your loved ones.

So let God love you today. Let Him run to you and embrace you and shower you with His mercy. Even if it scandalizes you, let that mercy fill your heart and flow out to the people around you.

“Father, thank You for Your wondrous, scandalous love!”
(from “The Word Among Us”)

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Sept 12	Bible Study, 6:15pm in SAS Library
Tues	Sept 13	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Sept 14	CCE, 5:30pm in SAS building
Thurs	Sept 15	Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church. EVERYONE is welcome!
Fri	Sept 16	SAS Mass, Prepared by 5 th Grade

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 4849.00	Envelopes
\$ 2921.00	Loose
\$ 701.00	Black & Native American, CCC, & CUofA
\$ 329.00	Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 15.00	A/C Donations
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Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 70,865.00	(\$130,000 Needed)
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“Thank you for your generosity!”

Upcoming Men’s ACTS Retreats: There will be a Men’s ACTS Retreat leaving out of St. Anthony on September 22-25. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend the retreat, you can find registration forms at the entrance of church or at holyrosaryacts.com. There is also a sign up sheet if you’d like to pray for the retreatants and team while they are on Holy Ground.

Conversations About the Faith

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about your faith?

We invite you to join us for

“Conversation About the Faith”

on Mondays at 6:30pm in the Chapel,

beginning on September 19th.

The Rules and Regulations Governing St. Anthony’s

Parish Cemetery: Plantings on lots shall not be allowed without first obtaining written permission from the person in charge. Wooden crosses shall not be permitted. Jars, cans, old faded flowers, and other objects placed on graves are subject to removal without notice to owners. The cemetery is not responsible for any loss within the property. **Signs at the Cemetery Specifically State: Only 1 Bouquet per Grave.**

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 L Venghaus C/L C Kuhn	6:00 W & H Kramr C/L T Lilie
8:00 L & W Glueck, J Neal C/L T Lanham	8:00 T & K Watkins, J Neal C/L T Wostarek
10:00 T Schobel, M Ehlert, A Schobel C/L L Novosad	10:00 K Rubio, M Walla, C Crosby C/L N Nelson
12:00 A Lara, L Alvarez C/L C Espinosa	12:00 A Rosales, E Rosales C/L L Flores
TLC N Nelson, T Wostarek	TLC A Walling, 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

It’s that time again! Time to start thinking about this year’s Church Picnic!! Meat Donation envelopes can be found in the pews and at the entrance of the church. Donations will be used to offset the cost of the meat and sides at our picnic and can be dropped in collection basket or brought to the church office.

Auction Items: Stihl MS 171 Chain Saw with 5 Gallon Gas Can (Columbus Tire Center, Windshield Express, The Law Office of Paige Sciba, Hadley & Paige Sciba), **Location Portrait Session with 16x20 Canvas Portrait (Meadowlark Portraits, Tracey Lanham, Antique Cabinet with Mirror (Johanna Spatafora), Full-Body Bobcat Mount, Full-Body Duck Mount, and Whitetail Buck Neck Mount (Alejandro and Virginia Sanchez)**

*Please call Barbara Weishuhn (732-0224) or Tracey Lanham (512-665-2059) to list your live auction items!!

Planning has begun for our **2nd Annual Tamalada (Tamale-Making) Party!!** We will get together on Sat, Oct. 8, in the kitchen at Columbus Hall to make tamales for our Church Picnic. (More info to follow.) The Hispanic Ministry is also looking for donations of pork butt roasts, 2 lb bags of maseca, and butter for the tamales.

There will be no **Youth Group Meeting** this Wednesday, September 14.

Happenings around the Diocese:

(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)

Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown—September 11

St. Joseph Picnic, Inez—September 11

Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children--monthly meeting, Sept 13, 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall at Assumption Catholic Church in Ganado. For more information, contact Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.

St. Ignatius of Lovola Retreat—Sept 16-18 at Cedarbrake in Temple, TX. An introductory retreat about St. Ignatius and the Spiritual Exercises he taught to help each person know, love, and serve Christ more deeply.

Healing Hearts—Sept 17 at Cedarbrake in Temple, TX. One day retreat designed to begin the healing process for women who have suffered from any type of sexual trauma.

First Annual Hispanic Conference—Sept 24 at the Cathedral Center in Victoria.

Sts. Peter and Paul Picnic, Meversville—September 25

Holy Cross Fall Festival, Bay City—September 25

Queen of Peace Picnic, Sweet Home—Sept 25

Grief Ministry Weekend Retreat—Sept 30-Oct 2. Open to parents who have lost a child at any age. For more information, contact victoriadiocese.org/grief-support or Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.

St. Roch Picnic, Mentz—October 2

St. John Bazaar, Hungerford—Oct 2
