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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 29	5:30pm	a Special Intention
Tues	June 30	7:30am	+Frank and Ottilia Lesikar
Wed	July 1	5:30pm	+Clinton Voelkel
Thur	July 2	7:30am	John-John and Gus Schultz (S.I.)
Fri	July 3	5:30pm	+Edgar Brandt
Sat	July 4	6:00pm	+Milton Drawe
Sun	July 5	8:00am	+John Meismer
Sun	July 5	10:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Society
Sun	July 5	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 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 28, 2020  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet . . ." (Matthew 10:41). So who exactly are these "prophets" Jesus is talking about? In the early Church, it was common for men and women to be commissioned by the Church as traveling prophets. Their calling was to visit other churches and speak God's word to them, just as Jesus sent out His disciples in today's Gospel. They were called prophets because they were recognized as being able to speak God's words under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It was considered an honor to welcome such a person into your home and care for him while he ministered to your church--as the woman in today's first reading cared for the Old Testament prophet Elisha.

As time went on, however, false prophets began to set themselves up in opposition to the local church leaders. Their presence and their messages caused division and confusion. Because it was fraught with controversy, the practice faded, and the official role of prophet fell to local bishops instead.

But that doesn't mean that ordinary prophets disappeared from the Church. In fact, they're all around us today. You may even be one! That's because a prophet is nothing more--and nothing less--than someone through whom the Holy Spirit speaks. That means that your spouse might be speaking prophetically when he or she encourages you to keep up with your prayer time. Or a child coming to you in the middle of the night might be hearing a prophetic message: *Time to deny yourself, take up your cross, and care for this little one.* And you may be a prophet when you tell a coworker about God's work in your life.

God is always speaking to us. He's always trying to get our attention. He's always asking us to welcome His messengers into our lives. Even the ones we least expect.

*"Holy Spirit, help me to hear you speaking through the people you will place in my path today."  
(from "The Word Among Us")*

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, His holy name."  
(cf. Psalm 103 (102): 1)*

### Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 2807.00 Envelopes  
\$ 613.00 Loose

### Donations Made Last Week

\$ 60.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges  
\$ 310.00 Capital Campaign Memorials  
\$ 25.00 Legacy Memorials  
\$ 25.00 A/C Donations

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

\$ 55,593.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

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

*The second collection next weekend will be for Paving the Way in support of St. Anthony Catholic 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 **\$1,214,244.51**. (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>.

There will be an **Altar Society Meeting** on Tuesday, July 7, at 1:30pm at Columbus Hall.

**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.

*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.

**Did you know?** We have a Lost and Found in the Church Office. If you have accidentally forgotten something in the church, please call the Church Office. We might have it!

The **Peter's Pence Collection**, which is supposed to be collected this 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!!

**CCE First Communion** is scheduled for July 11, 2020. Please contact Lorraine Novosad (733-3872) if you have any questions.

**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.

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