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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	Sept 7	5:30pm	for the Election
Tues	Sept 8	7:30am	+Whitney Kotrla
Wed	Sept 9	5:30pm	Daniel and Lexxus Zika (S.I.)
Thur	Sept 10	7:30am	+Maria Guadalupe Garcia
Thur	Sept 10	8:15am	John O'Leary (S.I.)
Fri	Sept 11	8:15am	a Special Intention
Fri	Sept 11	5:30pm	+Jennifer, LJ, and Leroy Friedel
Sat	Sept 12	6:00pm	+Dick Barton
Sun	Sept 13	8:00am	+Audrey Kouba
Sun	Sept 13	10:00am	+JoHelen Schobel
Sun	Sept 13	12:00noon	Elena Sanchez & Jose Tapia (S.I.)

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, September 6, 2020
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You . . . I have appointed watchman" (Ezekiel 33:7). Just as God appointed Ezekiel as a watchman for "the house of Israel," so has He appointed parents to watch over their own "house," their family (Ezekiel 33:7). Like a prophet, their role is to hear from God, to encourage their children, to warn them about sin, and to help them live in a way that pleases the Lord. This call isn't limited to parents either. God wants all of us to be looking out for each other.

Being a watchman can feel overwhelming. The very word *watch* means "to guard and protect." In the case of parents especially, God has entrusted them with their children's physical welfare and their eternal welfare. How can anyone ever live up to such expectations? Through intercession. Parents know they cannot control every aspect of their children's lives. There are limits to their influence, especially as their children mature and strike out on their own. But there is no limit to the power of prayer!

Interceding for your family is not a waste of time. You may have a very long list if you include your brothers and sisters and your grandchildren. Still, make it a point to pray for each of them by name, and be specific about the intention you are praying for. Then offer a prayer for everyone: "Lord, protect and guide my family. Bless them and protect them from evil. Fill them with Your peace and Your love."

How powerful are the prayers of a watchman? Just ask Jesus. On the night before He died, He prayed for the strength to endure the cross. He prayed for the protection of His apostles. He prayed for all of us (John 17:1-26). Two thousand year later, His prayers are still being answered. So imitate Jesus, the great Watchman of His Church. Commit your family to the care of your heavenly Father. God will never let you down.

"Lord, help me to watch over my family. I trust in Your protection."
(from "The Word Among Us")

Calendar for the Week

Tues	Sept 8	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 6th Grade, 9:30am in Church
Wed	Sept 9	Youth Group, 6:30-7:45pm at St. Roch Hall in Mentz
Thurs	Sept 10	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Sept 11	SAS Mass prepared by the 5th grade, 8:15amin Church SAS Early Dismissal, 1:15pm

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 1184.00	Envelopes
\$ 1138.00	Loose
\$ 300.00	Online Giving through Diocese of Victoria Website
\$ 125.00	Picnic Meat Donations (Total Donated: \$305)

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 1095.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 235.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 100.00	A/C Donations
\$ 125.00	Donations for new Liturgical Vestments

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 56,263.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)
"Thank you for your generosity!"
The second collection next weekend will be for the Legacy Fund.

"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 **\$1,201,598.23.** (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. Dispensation has been extended through the end of September.

After much thought and prayer, the Picnic Committee

has decided on a plan for this year's picnic. Due to social distancing rules, it's been determined that an in-person event is not prudent. So we plan to have an abbreviated lineup of events to include: a drive through dinner, raffle, and on-line auction. Our wonderful priests will also still be making their cakes and asking for donations. More details will be forthcoming.

The flowers on the altar

this weekend were donated in loving memory of Victor Gerik by Bernadette Gerik and Family.

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!

Do you have **aluminum cans** that need to be recycled? The school collects cans in the trailer in the parking lot across from the school gym. **To date, those recycled cans have raised \$5,475.10 to go towards the loan for the new school building.**

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one,

living or deceased, please see Tracey in the Church Office.

First Communion pictures are ready for pick up in the church office.

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.

Thank you to the SAS Jr. High for folding the bulletins this week!

Prayer Chain: If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey in the Church Office. This ministry gives so much comfort to those asking for prayer.