

**St. Anthony Church**  
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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	Mar 16	5:30pm	+Michael Miksch
Tues	Mar 17	7:30am	+Myrtle Kotrla
Tues	Mar 17	8:15am	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Wed	Mar 18	5:30pm	+Leonard Wostarek
Thur	Mar 19	7:30am	+Valerie Guthman
Fri	Mar 20	8:15am	+Kevin Oppermann
Fri	Mar 20	5:30pm	+Ruby Prasifka
Sat	Mar 21	6:00pm	Colby Reck (S.I.)
Sun	Mar 22	8:00am	Deceased Loved Ones of the Neuendorff Family
Sun	Mar 22	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	Mar 22	12:00noon	All Souls in Purgatory

<b>Ministers serving this weekend</b>	
<b>6pm</b>	A. & L. Potter, A. Medrano
<b>C/L</b>	B. Besch
<b>EM</b>	B. & S. Berger, T. Potter
<b>8am</b>	
<b>C/L</b>	S. & B. Wolters, J. Trapp
<b>EM</b>	T. Wostarek
<b>EM</b>	T. Wostarek, S. Rhodes, J. Barta
<b>10am</b>	
<b>C/L</b>	Z. Kleimann, Thea Schobel, I. Awuah
<b>EM</b>	K. Kleimann
<b>EM</b>	K. Kleimann, R. Theut, N. Nelson
<b>12pm</b>	
<b>C/L</b>	R. Sanchez, L. Alvarez, M. Aguilar
<b>EM</b>	C. Gonzales
<b>EM</b>	P. & R. Tovar

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

*"Give me a drink" (John 4:7).* Jesus and His disciples had been walking all morning. Now the sun was high in the sky and burning down on them. They were hot, dusty, and thirsty. As Jesus sat down next to Jacob's well, He was probably looking forward to a cool drink of water.

But when He asked a Samaritan woman who had come to the well to give Him a drink, more was going on than Jesus just looking to quench His physical thirst. As St. Therese of Lisieux wrote, "When He said, 'Give Me drink,' it was the love of His poor creature that the Creator of the universe was seeking. He was thirsty for love."

We might wonder why. Why would Jesus desire the love of someone who was not only a Samaritan but who had a checkered past and was living with a man who wasn't her husband? Because that's who Jesus is. Like the Father and the Holy Spirit, Jesus loves each one of us. No matter who we are or what our sins, He who is love cannot help but seek after our love. He thirsts for all of us.

So how do we quench Jesus' thirst? By spending time with Him. Don't think of it as an obligation of duty, something you "owe" to God. Think of it instead as a time when you are letting Jesus get His fill of you. He loves you so much that He can't get enough of your undivided attention. He loves you so much that He wants you to put aside all the other demands in your life for a time, go to a quiet place, and sit with Him.

So give Jesus the "drink" He asks for. Even if you feel no different while you are praying, believe that you are delighting Jesus by your presence. Remember, He enjoys being with you! Believe too that as you sit with Him, He is giving you the "living water" that will fulfill your deepest needs and desires, the water that is "welling up to eternal life"(John 4:10, 14).

*"Jesus, may I thirst for you as You thirst for me."  
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon	Mar 16	"Wisdom" Bible Study, 6:15pm in SAS Library
Tues	Mar 17	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall TLC Bingo, 3:00pm
Wed	Mar 18	CDA Bingo, 3:00pm at Columbus Oaks English as a Second Language Class, 5:30-7:00pm, Room 104 CCE, 5:30pm RCIA, 6:00pm in Solansky Home Youth Group ("Being a Missionary Disciple of Christ), 6:15pm
Thurs	Mar 19	Rosary led by SAS 2nd Grade, 9:30am in Chapel CDA Rosary, 10:30am at The Oaks
Fri	Mar 20	SAS School Mass, 8:15am (5th Grade) Stations of the Cross, 6:00pm in Church Spanish Prayer Group, 7:00pm in SAS Cafeteria
Sun	Mar 22	Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Chapel

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 2643.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1192.00	Loose
\$ 132.00	Rice Bowl
\$ 316.00	Legacy Fund

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 10,300.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 130.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 10.00	Legacy Memorials
\$ 20.00	A/C Donation

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

\$ 54,933.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

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

*Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.*

**"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 **\$1,228,213.78**. (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!

**Registration Forms for the next Men's ACTS Retreat**

are in the back of the church. This retreat will be March 19-22 and leave out of St. Roch.

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

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

**Please keep our Catechumens in your prayers:**  
*Johnny Martinez, Crystal Leal, & Aaron Weishuhn*


**Ministers To Serve March 21 & 22**

3/21	6:00pm	<b>AS</b>	Z. Kuhn, L. & D. Riehl	3/22	10:00am	<b>AS</b>	T, A, & J. Schobel
		<b>C/L</b>	C. Kuhn			<b>C/L</b>	L. Walla
		<b>EM</b>	G. Elizondo, T. Stehling, D. Rios			<b>EM</b>	R. & T. Theut, J. O'Leary
		<b>FG</b>	D. Wagner, D. Rios			<b>FG</b>	Volunteer
3/22	8:00am	<b>AS</b>	J. & J. Rau, A. Cranek	3/22	12:00pm	<b>AS</b>	E. & J. Tovar, S. Gonzales
		<b>C/L</b>	M. Stavinoha			<b>C/L</b>	A. Trujillo
		<b>EM</b>	J. Hubel, RJ Jauernig, T. Lanham			<b>EM</b>	O. & L. Villalba
		<b>FG</b>	Volunteer				

Please keep  
**Rusty Theut and**  
**John Glueck**  
 in your prayers as they continue  
 their journey in the Diaconate  
 Program.

*Please remember: Fridays during Lent are a time for abstaining from meat, fasting, and prayer for those who are able.*

**Get in the Game! Men's Gathering**  
**Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria**  
*Featuring Bishop Cahill and Damon West*  
**Saturday, March 21st from 8am to noon**  
**Cathedral of our Lady of Victory in Victoria**  
**Register in one of three ways:**  
 1. Text 321-217-1117 with name, e-mail  
 2. E-mail jreyes@victoriadiocese.org with name, number  
 3. Visit www.victoriadiocese.org/get-in-the-game  
**Tickets are \$10. Breakfast included. Walk-ins welcome**



**The CDA Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am on the Tait Lawn. For ages 0-9 years. If inclement weather, the hunt will be in the SAS gym.

**The Altar Society** is accepting donations for **Easter Lilies** to decorate the altar for Easter. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrances of the Church or go by the Church Office. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket.

**The Emmaus Center** 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 appt or for information call (361) 212-0830.