

**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	July 6	5:30pm	+Dan Streckfuss
Tues	July 7	7:30am	+Henry Schneider
Wed	July 8	5:30pm	+Barbara Helfrich
Thur	July 9	7:30am	+Jurline Huebel
Fri	July 10	5:30pm	+Elton and Ruby Mae Litzmann
Sat	July 11	11:00am	The First Communicants (S.I.)
Sat	July 11	6:00pm	+Ella Matzke
Sun	July 12	8:00am	a Special Intention
Sun	July 12	10:00am	+Gladys Hoelscher
Sun	July 12	12:00noon	+Gilberto Hernandez

*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, July 5, 2020**  
 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"We are not debtors to the flesh" (Romans 8:12).* Whether it's a mortgage, a loan from a family member, credit cards, or something else, most of us have some experience of being debtors. We feel the burden of knowing our creditors have some degree of power over us. At times it can feel like having a heavy yoke tied to our shoulders. We also know how freeing it is to be released from a debt. Making that final payment feels so good that we just want to celebrate!

In today's second reading, St. Paul uses this image of indebtedness to encourage us: "We are not debtors to the flesh" (Romans 8:12). The flesh--that part of you that is attracted to sin--has no more power over you. Because you have been baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, you have died and risen with Him. You have died to sin and no longer owe it any allegiance. Raised up with Christ, you now have a way out when temptation arises.

Think how wonderful it feels to walk through a temptation and come out on the other side unharmed. Or think about how comforting it is to know that you don't have to be bound by guilt or destined to repeat your past sins. Of course, this is easier said than done. We know how strong our fallen desires can be, especially when it comes to habitual sins that have woven their way into our lives. But Paul is announcing a truth that can sustain us if we should fall into sin, just as it can inspire us in the midst of temptation.

So if you lose a battle here or there, you can pray, "Lord, You know how weak I am, but I believe that this sin does not define me. Thank you, Jesus, for abolishing my debt to the flesh!" Jesus has broken the yoke of sin. So take up His yoke--the yoke of faith and trust--and let Him give you rest (Matthew 11:29). Let His good news wash over you today: you are not bound to sin. You don't owe it anything!

*"All praise to You, Jesus, for setting me free from the flesh!"*  
*(from "The Word Among Us")*

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon	July 6	KC Meeting, 6:30pm
Tues	July 7	Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm at Columbus Hall
Fri	July 10	First Reconciliation for CCE Students who will be receiving First Communion, 6:00pm in Church
Sat	July 11	First Communion for CCE Students, 11:00am

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**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 3175.00 Envelopes  
 \$ 1085.00 Loose

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 67.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges  
 \$ 485.00 Capital Campaign Memorials  
 \$ 145.00 Legacy Memorials  
 \$ 100.00 A/C Donations

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

\$ 55,693.00 (\$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 **\$1,210,040.48**. (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.

**St. Anthony is in charge of the Food Pantry** next week (July 16 and 17). We are looking for volunteers to help out on Thursday and Friday. Call Dennis Wagner 732-2422 with questions.

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***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 July. 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!

**Church Picnic Update:** We know that a lot of you are concerned with the status of our Church Picnic. The picnic chairmen have met and are discussing options. At this point WE ARE NOT CANCELLING, but the picnic might "look" a little different than it has in years past.

**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.

Please keep the repose of the soul of **Elrose Baumgart** in your prayers. She passed away on June 24, 2020.

**LOCAL CHURCH PICNICS THIS WEEKEND :**

(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)  
 Weimar KC BBQ Chicken Dinner ~ June 28

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by the Altar Society.