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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	Aug 17	5:30pm	+Clinton Voelkel
Tues	Aug 18	7:30am	Joyce Templeton (S.I.)
Wed	Aug 19	5:30pm	+Dennis Dusek
Thur	Aug 20	7:30am	Special Intention
Thur	Aug 20	8:15am	Guadalupe Hernandez (S.I.)
Fri	Aug 21	8:15am	SAS Staff and Faculty
Fri	Aug 21	5:30pm	People in Chronic Pain
Sat	Aug 22	6:00pm	+Gary Mikulenska
Sun	Aug 23	8:00am	+Albert Kaiser
Sun	Aug 23	10:00am	+Claude and Glorine Venghaus
Sun	Aug 23	12:00noon	+Crescencio Cruz

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria through the end of August. 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, August 16, 2020
 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). All of today's readings tell us that God's salvation is meant for everyone. The prophet Isaiah speaks of foreigners who will join themselves to the Lord (56:6). The psalmist declares, "May the peoples praise You, O God" (Psalm 67:6). Jesus praises a Canaanite woman's faith (Matthew 15:28). And Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, proclaims that God wants to "have mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32).

For the Jewish people in today's first reading, this must have been difficult to accept. They had just returned from exile to discover foreigners living in their holy city, Jerusalem. Their covenant told them that they were set apart as a holy people chosen by God. So how could "impure" Gentiles be living on their land? They forgot that God had chosen them by His grace, not just for their own sake, but to bring His light to every nation.

This call became increasingly clear in the early Church. Initially, all of Jesus' followers were Jewish. But as Gentiles came to believe in the Lord, the Jewish Christians began to understand that God's plan of salvation was far bigger than they had expected. Learning to live and work and pray alongside Gentiles could not have been easy. But they, like us, had to allow God's grace to help them love each other. The result? The diverse, beautiful, sometimes messy Church we know today.

Jesus wants His Church to be a house of prayer for all nations so that every person can belong to His family. He sees people who are searching for hope, meaning, and a place to meet God, and He is asking us to draw them in, to be the loving, welcoming face of the Church. May we always be open to everyone who is seeking the Lord, and through us, may God's grace flow out to the entire world!

*"Jesus, help me to show everyone the love that You have given me."
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

Calendar for the Week

Wed	Aug 19	Youth Group, 6:30pm at St. Roch Hall in Mentz
Thurs	Aug 20	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Aug 21	SAS Mass prepared by the 8th grade, 8:15am in Church
Sun	Aug 23	CDA Chicken Fried Steak Drive Thru Dinner Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 2898.00 Envelopes
 \$ 850.00 Loose
 \$ 259.00 Legacy Fund

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 958.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
 \$ 55.00 Capital Campaign Memorials
 \$ 100.00 A/C Donation

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 56,163.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

"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 **\$1,205,825.06**. (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!

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

Be an Amazing Parent! The Diocese of Victoria is taking registration for three online workshops with local leaders to help give you the tools you need to be an amazing parent in today's challenging world. The first workshop, "Marriage: The Core of Parenting" with Fr. Gary Janak and Justin and Laura Reyes, will be this Wednesday, August 19, from 6:30-7:45pm. You can find more information and register for the workshops at <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/amazing-parents>.

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

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 August.

Last Call for Church Picnic Raffle Donations!! Please get your raffle donation in by Monday! Drop your donation in the collection basket or bring to the church office (Raffle envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church). Contact Marilyn or Pat Bodungen at 732-2702. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

CCE is looking for a Teacher/Facilitator for the First Communion Prep (Year 1) Class. The job would include organizing materials to be mailed out to students and tracking the work returned by the students. There will be a teacher meeting on Wednesday, August 26, in the church at 6:00pm. Call Lorraine Novosad with questions 733-3872.

To allow for social distancing, **SAS will have two morning Masses this year.** On Thursdays at 8:15, the early childhood classes (3K, 4K, and 5K), 1st, 2nd, and 4th graders will attend Mass. On Friday, 3rd, 5th, and the Junior High will go. Everyone is invited to attend these Masses as well. Father will continue to say the 7:30am Thursday Mass and the 5:30pm Friday Mass.

The CDA will be having a drive-thru dinner fundraiser (chicken fried steak and all the trimmings) on Sunday, August 23, from 11:00am - 1:30pm at the SAS Cafeteria breezeway. You can get your Meal Tickets and Raffle Tickets from any CDA member or in the church office.

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by the Altar Society for the Feast of the Assumption.

*"With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption."
 Psalm 130 (129): 7*