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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 13	5:30pm	+Thomas Victor Woodard III
Tues	July 14	7:30am	+Joe Potter
Wed	July 15	5:30pm	+Lewis Epps
Thur	July 16	7:30am	+Doris Neuendorff
Fri	July 17	5:30pm	+Steve Potter
Sat	July 18	6:00pm	+Msgr. Thomas Collins
Sun	July 19	8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the KC's
Sun	July 19	10:00am	+Gary Mikulenska
Sun	July 19	12:00noon	+Antonio Aguilar

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria through the end of July. 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 12, 2020
 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall indeed hear but not understand" (Matthew 13:14). Any parent can tell you what it's like to be heard but not understood: "In one ear and out the other" or "It's like talking to a brick wall." this is how it feels when they can't seem to connect with their children.

Jesus had a similar experience. Despite all His time teaching and performing miracles in Galilee, He had little to show for it. Of course, disciples like Peter and Mary Magdalene and the others had left everything to follow Him. They were trying to listen closely and put His teachings into practice. But what about the "large crowds" that He always attracted (Matthew 13:2)? they had seen the same miracles, but many of them didn't see His compassion as something worth imitating. They had heard Him talk about His Father's mercy, but many didn't seem to hear His words about loving their enemies.

Jesus' words make it clear that discipleship involves both receiving His miracles *and* it involves choosing to love Him back by trying to become more like Him. It involves making sure that our hearts are like the good soil in today's parables- listening intently and prayerfully to His words so that they can change our hearts.

Try to do just that today. Either before or after Mass, carve out fifteen minutes and focus on *hearing* Jesus speak to you. Find a quiet spot, choose one of the readings from today's Mass, and read it. Really read it. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you and help you understand what God is saying. When a word or phrase leaps out at you, let it sink into your heart like seed in good soil. Ask Jesus what He wants you to do about it. Then do it. Let His word bear fruit in Your life.

***"Thank you, Jesus, for sowing Your word in my heart.
 Help me to nurture it so that I can become more like You."
 (from "The Word Among Us")***

Calendar for the Week

Thurs	July 16	Food Pantry, Bagging starts at 9:00am
Fri	July 17	Food Pantry, Distribution starts at 10:00am

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3330.00	Envelopes
\$ 469.00	Loose
\$ 166.00	Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 1687.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 115.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 100.00	Legacy Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

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

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>.

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.

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.

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.

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. Dispensation has been granted through the end of July.

The Picnic chairmen have been meeting to make plans for this year's Picnic. We WILL have a picnic in one form or another. We are exploring options and researching what other parishes are doing. We assure you that there will be an auction of some sort regardless. Please start thinking of and gathering items. The raffle will also take place, so please consider donating. A final decision will be made after Labor Day on what type of picnic will take place. Feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Donations for the Church Picnic Raffle are now being taken through the end of July. Raffle envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church. Please drop your donation in the collection basket or bring to the church office. Contact Marilyn or Pat Bodungen at 732-2702. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

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

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

The flowers on the main altar this weekend were donated by the First Communicants, and the flowers on the side altar were donated by the Altar Society.

Congratulations to our First Communicants who received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion this weekend.