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**Church Office: 635 Bonham; Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-3:30pm**

**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	Dec 28	5:30pm	+R.L. Schuck
Tues	Dec 29	7:30am	+Trinidad Rosales
Wed	Dec 30	5:30pm	+Charles Moeller
Thur	Dec 31	6:00pm	+Fr. Placidus Endler
Thur	Dec 31	8:00pm	People of the Parish (Spanish)
Fri	Jan 1	8:00am	+Agnes Laake and Stephen Laake
Fri	Jan 1	12:00noon	+Encarnacion and Savina Sanchez
Sat	Jan 2	6:00pm	+Mary Brandt
Sun	Jan 3	8:00am	+Audrey Kouba
Sun	Jan 3	10:00am	+Evelyn Neuendorff Douthitt
Sun	Jan 3	12:00noon	+Teodora Rosales

<b><u>Lectors</u></b>	
<b><u>Dec. 26 &amp; 27</u></b>	<b><u>Jan. 2 &amp; 3</u></b>
<b><u>6pm</u></b> Tracy Lilie	<b><u>6pm</u></b> Brenda Besch
<b><u>8am</u></b> Gail Warschak	<b><u>8am</u></b> Thomas Wostarek
<b><u>10am</u></b> Lorrie Walla	<b><u>10am</u></b> Lorraine Novosad
<b><u>12pm</u></b> Teresa Rosales	<b><u>12pm</u></b> Maria Ortiz

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

*"Put on love" (Colossians 3:14). Everyone knows that family life is a combination of happiness and sadness, with a lot of the ordinary in between. But what about the Holy Family? Surely there was nothing but peace and happiness?*

Not really. Life wasn't always a bed of roses for them. Remember Joseph's initial plan to divorce Mary to protect her from shame when her pregnancy was discovered (Matthew 1:19)? Or Mary having to give birth in a stable (Luke 2:1-7)? Or what about Mary and Joseph losing track of their son on the way home from Jerusalem (2:44)? They also had to deal with Herod's murderous rage, a secret flight to Egypt, resettlement in Nazareth, and Joseph's early death. All of these occasions, and more besides, could have filled them with anxious, fearful thoughts. In similar circumstances, we certainly would have felt tempted to wish for an easier life.

But whatever Mary and Joseph and Jesus thought about their struggles, one thing is clear. They never gave up. In their faithfulness and trust—and even more so, in their commitment to love one another—they show us how to weather the storms of life.

Love. That's what makes a holy family. Not the sentimental love of songs and movies but the strong relentless, stubborn love of God. The divine love that the Spirit pours into our hearts (Romans 5:5). The selfless love that bears all things, hopes all things, and forgives all things. The pure love of a God who became one of us and died to save us.

No family has a perfect life. Every family faces hardships of one sort or another. But every family also has a heavenly Father who loves them and delights in teaching them how to love each other. So on this feast of the Holy Family, let's pray for our families, and for every family on earth. May we all learn to "put on love" (Colossians 3:14)!

*"Father, pour out your merciful, healing love on every family today."  
 (From "The Word Among Us")*

**CCE Families:**  
**Return and Pickup**  
**Lessons in your Family**  
**Envelope at the entrance**  
**of the church. We will**  
**return to face-to-face**  
**teaching on January 6, in**  
**the Church following the**  
**5:30 evening Mass.**

**Masses:** If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see Tracey in the Church Office

**Prayer Chain:** If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey or Chrissy in the Church Office.

**Calendar for the Week**

Sun	Dec 27	Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
Tues	Dec 29	TNT Quilters, 8:00 am at Columbus Hall
Thurs	Dec 31	Church Office Closed New Year's Eve Masses: 6:00pm, 8:00pm (Spanish) New Year's Adoration, 11:00-12:00 midnight
Fri	Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed New Year's Day Masses: 8:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish)

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 1703.00	Envelopes
\$ 2344.00	Loose

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 1510.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 210.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 65.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
\$ 350.00	New Liturgical Vestments

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

\$ 59,088.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

**Donations for New Liturgical Vestments**

\$ 13,000.00 (\$13,000 Needed—WE DID IT! THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!

**"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 **\$1,188,848.92.** (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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER**  
**ST. ANTHONY CHURCH AND**  
**SCHOOL IN YOUR END OF**  
**YEAR DONATIONS.**

**2020 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA):** St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2020 is **\$35,600.** To date, parishioners have pledged \$17,830.00 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$17,890.00 We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

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.**

<i>New Year's Mass Schedule: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation</i>	
New Year's Eve Adoration	6:00pm, 8:00pm (Spanish) 11:00pm - Midnight
New Year's Day	8:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish)

**CCE** will resume "in person" classes beginning on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, after the 5:30pm Mass in the Church. There are registration forms at the entrance of the church for any new students.

**The Surviving Divorce** group will meet on Thursdays at 7pm, starting on January 7, 2021, at the Cathedral Center of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria. **Surviving Divorce** was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. **Call the church office for carpooling options.** Sign up and get more information at <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/survivingdivorce>.

**January Altar Decorators:** Mary Jane Schobel, Kristen Heffley, Barbara Machinsky, Laurie Machinsky, Betty Beyer, Lyndsey Schobel, Gail Heffley, Alison Korell, and Patty Sedlacek

**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 Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):**  
 With your family this week:  
*Pray:* Jesus, have mercy on us.  
*Blessed Mother,* pray for us.  
*Eat:* Pray before AND after your meal.  
*Play:* Break out a board game!

*Best wishes to you and yours and  
 Happy New Year's!  
 May your 2021 be better than 2020!*