

St. Anthony Church
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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 8:15am during School Year
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon (Spanish), 6:00pm (Youth Mass)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm & 15 min before the Evening Weekday Masses

Liturgies for the Week

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| Mon | Sept 5 | 5:30pm | +Laura Zatopek |
| Tues | Sept 6 | 7:30am | +Shelly Bowden (in Chapel) |
| Wed | Sept 7 | 5:30pm | John O'Leary (Bday) |
| Thurs | Sept 8 | 7:30am | +Whitney Kotrla (in Chapel) |
| Fri | Sept 9 | 10:00am | The People of the Parish (TLC) |
| Fri | Sept 9 | 5:30pm | +Jamie Schindler |
| Sat | Sept 10 | 6:00pm | +Jennifer, LJ, and Leroy Friedel |
| Sun | Sept 11 | 8:00am | a Special Intention |
| Sun | Sept 11 | 10:00am | Matthew and Courtney Thuesem (Anniversary) |
| Sun | Sept 11 | 12:00noon | +Ana Dolores Leal Mendoza, +Luis Antonio Leal, Pablo and Rosa Tovar (51 st Anniversary) |
| Sun | Sept 11 | 6:00pm | +Charles and Anita Neuendorff |

Come pray the Rosary with us!
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Saturdays at 5:30pm
Sundays at 7:30am
Sundays 11:20am in Spanish

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Readings #921)

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost? (Luke 14:28. Have you heard of the National Monument of Scotland? If not, that's surprising. It was never finished. Planned as a replica of the Parthenon in Athens, the project ran out of funds shortly after its six ton foundation stone was laid. It's now known as "Edinburgh's Disgrace." Its unfinished pillars stand as a sobering tribute to poor planning.

That sounds a lot like the builders Jesus describes in today's Gospel. Who would build a tower without first calculating the money needed to complete it? Jesus asks. It seems obvious. But Jesus wasn't talking only about the cost of construction. He was talking about the cost of discipleship.

Jesus wanted the people to understand what following him would mean. Becoming his disciple would change how they prayed, where they lived, and what their future held. Following Jesus would require them to take up their cross, and he wanted them to choose it with eyes wide-open. Jesus loved them. He didn't want them to end up like those Edinburgh builders, unable to finish what they had started.

In some ways, we're all a bit like that unfinished monument: works in progress? But the good news is that we can finish. We just need to keep on choosing to follow Jesus. Jesus tells us that our journey will require more than our own natural resources- not to discourage- not to discourage us, but to point us to God, the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Jesus says, "Come, follow me." He knows the challenges you will face, and he doesn't want you to give up when you realize it costs you more than you expected. He has all the grace you need to resist temptation. His love will strengthen you on your path toward heaven. And he has deep pockets, overflowing with mercy, to help you choose him day after day.

"Lord, I need the riches of your grace today!"
(from "The Word Among Us")

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see 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.

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.

The Emmaus Center in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective, regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for info call (361) 212-0830.

Calendar for the Week

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| Mon | Sept 5 | Labor Day—Church Office closed NO SCHOOL |
| Tues | Sept 6 | TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm in Chapel KC Meeting, 6:00pm at Columbus Hall |
| Wed | Sept 7 | CCE, 5:30pm in SAS building Youth Group, 6:00pm in SAS Cafeteria Safe Environment Training for new volunteers, 6:00pm in SAS Library |
| Thurs | Sept 8 | Contemporary Choir Practice, 6:30pm in Church EVERYONE is welcome! |
| Fri | Sept 9 | NO SCHOOL (Colorado County Fair) Mass at TLC, 10:00am |
| Sat | Sept 10 | Fr. Gabriel's 25 th Ordination Anniversary Celebration, 10:00am Mass in New Taiton |

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 2767.00 Envelopes
 \$ 1502.00 Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 60.00 A/C Donations

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 70,850.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

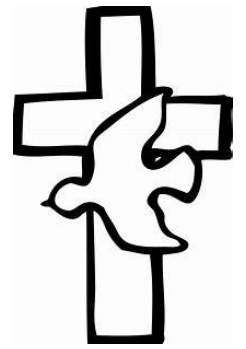
The second collection next weekend will be for the Legacy Fund.

CCE WILL BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY! Classes will be from 5:30 to 7:00 in the SAS school building (enter on Live Oak Street. PLEASE register BEFORE the first day of classes. Registration forms can be found at the entrance of the church or in the church office. Please return the registration forms to the church office.

2022-23 High School Youth Group registration forms are now available!! They can be found in the back of the church or on the C3YM Facebook page. Please bring completed forms and registration fee on the first Youth Group night (Sept 7 at 6:00pm in the SAS Cafeteria), or to Kat's office. Please continue praying for our youth and this ministry!

Upcoming Men's ACTS Retreats: There will be a Men's ACTS Retreat leaving out of St. Anthony on September 22-25. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend the retreat, you can find registration forms at the entrance of church or at holyrosaryacts.com. There is also a sign up sheet if you'd like to pray for the retreatants and team while they are on Holy Ground.

| <u>Ministers serving this weekend</u> | <u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u> |
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| 6:00 A Medrano C/L M Stavinoha | 6:00 L Venghaus C/L C Kuhn |
| 8:00 A Cranek, K & K Glueck C/L S Glueck | 8:00 E & K Lanham, L Glueck C/L T Lanham |
| 10:00 A Heffley, D & C Barten C/L T Theut | 10:00 T Schobel, M Ehlert, A Schobel C/L K Kleimann |
| 12:00 Ivett Hndz, A Rodrz, C Mrtz C/L Ma E Sanchez | 12:00 A Lara, L Alvarez C/L C Espinosa |
| TLC S Glueck, T Lanham | TLC N Nelson, T Wostarek |



It's that time again! Time to start thinking about this year's Church Picnic!! Meat Donation envelopes can be found in the pews and at the entrance of the church. Donations will be used to offset the cost of the meat and sides at our picnic and can either be dropped in collection basket or brought to the church office.

*Please call Barbara Weishuhn or Tracey Lanham to list your live auction items!!

Planning has begun for our **2nd Annual Tamalada (Tamale-Making) Party!!** We will get together on Sat, Oct. 8, in the kitchen at Columbus Hall to make tamales for our Church Picnic. (More info to follow.) The Hispanic Ministry is also looking for donations of pork butt roasts, 2 lb bags of maseca, and butter for the tamales.

Fr. Gabriel's 25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration, New Taiton—Sat, Sept 10, Mass will be at 10:00am at St. John Nepomucene in New Taiton, with a reception/lunch immediately following in the parish hall. Please RSVP to 979-543-6985

Happenings around the Diocese:

(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)

Sacred Heart Picnic, Hallettsville—September 4

St. Mary Festival, Nada—September 4

St. John the Baptist Labor Day Feast, Fayetteville—September 4

St. John Bosco Festival, Vanderbilt TX—Sept 4 at Trinity Family Center

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Holy Cross Festival, Yorktown—September 11

St. Joseph Picnic, Inez—September 11

Grief Ministry for Parents who have lost children--monthly meeting, Sept 13, 6:30-8:00pm in the parish hall at Assumption Catholic Church in Ganado. For more information, contact Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.

First Annual Hispanic Conference—Sept 24 at the Cathedral Center in Victoria.

Grief Ministry Weekend Retreat—Sept 30-Oct 2. Open to parents who have lost a child at any age. For more information, contact victoriadiocese.org/grief-support or Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.

*"You formed my inmost being, You knit me
 in my mother's womb"*

(Psalm 139:13)

Please pray for Gabriel Project