

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

Mon	Sept 6	5:30pm	+Sue Gassmann
Tues	Sept 7	7:30 am	+Erwin Meyer
Wed	Sept 8	5:30 pm	+Whitney Kotrla
Thurs	Sept 9	7:30 am	People of the Parish
Fri	Sept 10	8:15am	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Fri	Sept 10	10:00am	+Hedwig Jendry (TLC)
Fri	Sept 10	5:30 pm	Jennifer, LJ, and Leroy Friedel
Sat	Sept 11	6:00pm	Special Intention (J)
Sun	Sept 12	8:00am	+Rosemary Peters
Sun	Sept 12	10:00am	+Aurora Gonzales
Sun	Sept 13	12:00noon	Adan Alvarez, Jr. (S.I.)
Sun	Sept 13	6:00pm	Matthew and Courtney Thuesem (S.I.)

*“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”
 (Proverbs 22:6)*

There will be a CCE Parent/Teacher Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6:30pm in the church.

CCE will begin on Sept. 15.

Sunday, September 5, 2021
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He put His finger into the man’s ear” (Mark 7:33). If Jesus’ actions in today’s Gospel reading seem odd to you, you’re probably not alone. It’s not every day that you see someone placing his fingers in a man’s ears or touching his tongue. But then again, this is the One who told His disciples to eat His body and drink His blood, who touched a man with leprosy, and who put mud on another man’s eyes.

If you want to know what’s behind all of this, it can probably be summed up in one word: intimacy. Not the romantic or sentimental kind of intimacy, but the compassionate kind. It’s the intimacy of a God who loves His people, a God who humbles Himself to enter into our wounded, muddled, messy lives so that He can offer His healing and salvation.

By touching this man’s ears and tongue, Jesus singled out the parts of his body that had kept him trapped in isolation. He showed that He knew exactly what the man needed and that He wasn’t afraid to deal with it. And through that physical touch, Jesus brought life back to him. The man was no longer trapped in silence. Now he could hear his loved ones’ words. Now he could speak to them and share his heart with them.

Jesus is very close to you as well. He knows you better even than you know yourself. He sees the ways in which you have become isolated—whether through sin or fear or anxiety or sickness. Just as He sighed when He touched the deaf man, Jesus knows your pain and wants to set you free. So He asks you to let down your guard and allow Him to come into your heart and heal whatever is hurting. Today, Jesus will come to you in a very physical, personal way in the Eucharist. As you receive Him, open your heart. Let Him enter the silence and messiness inside you so that He can set you free.

*“Jesus, I welcome You into my heart. Come, Lord, with Your healing touch.”
 (from The Word Among Us)*

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.

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!

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.

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Sept 5	Ministerio Hispano Drive Thru Fajita Plates at SAS Cafeteria Breezeway
Mon	Sept 6	LABOR DAY—No School and Church Office Closed
Tues	Sept 7	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Rosary led by SAS 7 th Grade, in Chapel Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm at Columbus Hall KC Meeting, 6:30pm at Columbus Hall
Wed	Sept 8	KC Fried Chicken Tender Drive Thru, 5:00pm until sold out at Columbus Hall St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass CCE Parent/Teacher Meeting, 6:30pm in Church Youth Group, 6:30-8:00pm in SAS Cafeteria
Fri	Sept 10	SAS Mass prepared by the 5 th Grade, 8:15am Mass at TLC, 10:00am SAS Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
Sun	Sept 12	Grandparents Day

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 3247.00	Envelopes
\$ 3458.00	Loose

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 75.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 10.00	Capital Campaign Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 62,388.00 (\$130,000 Needed)

“Thank you for your generosity!”

The second collection next weekend is 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 **\$952,165.17**. (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!

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEKEND :

(see bulletin board in back of church for more info)
 Sacred Heart (Hallettsville), St. John (Fayetteville), & St. Mary (Nada)

The Columbus Ministerial Alliance, Inc. is looking for volunteers to represent St. Anthony on its committee. The purpose of the alliance is to demonstrate God’s love by meeting the physical needs of people in our community. If interested, call Deacon Charlie (733-4379).

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 J & J Rau C/L J Rau	6:00 J Schindler, S Youens C/L C Kuhn
8:00 L & W Glueck, K Lanham C/L T Wostarek	8:00 T & K Watkins, J Neal C/L G Warschak
10:00 Z Kleimann, A & Ivan Hernandez C/L K Kleimann	10:00 H & T Schobel, A Rosales C/L K Kleimann
12:00 Ivett Hernandez, M Aguilar, S Gonzales C/L Ma Ortiz	12:00 A Lara, C Martinez, & L Alvarez C/L Ma. A Sanchez
TLC J & S Glueck	TLC R & T Theut

***Volunteers needed for CCE (monitor classrooms and distribute material).
 Call or text Lorraine Novosad (979)733-3872.***

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.

High School Youth Group will begin this Wednesday, Sept 8, from 6:30-8:00pm in the SAS Cafeteria. Come at 6:00pm for a meal, provided at each Wednesday youth night! Registration can be completed online by using this QR code, or you may pick up a registration form at the entrance of the church or in the church office. Please make check for registration payment to “St. Anthony” and send forms and payment to Wednesday Youth Group with your teen. If you have any questions, call Danette Cantu (979-758-4653), or Tracy Theut (733-4089).



The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):

*With your family this week:
Pray: Pray today for those who have no one to pray for them.
Eat: Remember to pray before and after each meal.
Play: Get outside and play!*

Surviving Divorce: The Diocese of Victoria’s Divorce Support Group will meet on Thursdays at 7pm starting on Sept. 9, at the Cathedral Center at OLV in Victoria. This group is open to the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. Call 361-573-0828 x2265 to register and for more info. Call the church office for carpooling options.

Please keep the repose of the soul of **Antonio Garcia**. May he rest in peace and may his family be comforted by the promise of eternal life.

The flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by Agustin and Monica Santillano for the daughter Abigail’s quinceanera.