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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.	Jan. 25	5:30pm	+Frank & Ottilia Lesikar
Tues.	Jan. 26	7:30am	+Tommy Chovanec
Wed.	Jan. 27	5:30pm	+Helen Holub
Thurs.	Jan. 28	7:30am	+Mary Faichtinger
Thurs.	Jan. 28	8:15am	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Fri.	Jan. 29	8:15am	+Joyce Gordy
Fri.	Jan. 29	5:30pm	Special Intention (A.A.)
Sat.	Jan. 30	6:00pm	+Alton & Evelyn Huelsebusch
Sun.	Jan. 31	8:00am	Living and Deceased Members of the Poenitzsch & Kucherka Families
Sun.	Jan. 31	10:00am	+Keith Grafe
Sun.	Jan. 31	12:00noon	Samantha Hernández on her Birthday

Congratulations to
Father Nelson Gonzalez
 Nieto on the 17th
 Anniversary of his
 Ordination!

Sunday, January 24, 2021
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming... ” Repent and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:14,15). Today, as we near the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of God’s Word. How fitting, then, that the readings today look at the two proclaimers of God’s word: Jonah and Jesus. Both proclaimed God’s word, and both witnessed the power of that word to unite the people who heard it.

Although Jesus and Jonah were similar, their differences are even more significant. Unlike Jonah, Jesus was no reluctant prophet. On the contrary, he moved with determination from village to village in his desire to preach God’s word (Mark 1:38-39). Also, unlike Jonah, Jesus didn’t preach only repentance. He also announced that God’s time of redemption had finally come. In Jesus, we see the Word of God himself breaking into history and gathering all God’s children into one. As Jesus would later say, “Something greater than Jonah [is] here” (Matthew 12:41).

How amazing it must have been to see and hear Jesus, the Word of God, walking this Earth! But our celebration of God’s Word today reminds us that we have that same powerful Word available to us every time we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed at Mass. Jesus is always speaking to us.

So just as God’s word touches the hearts of people in Nineveh and Galilee, it can move us to repentance and faith. Just as Jesus’ words moved Simon and Andrew to leave their nets and follow him. They can move us to reorder our priorities and follow Jesus more closely. And just as Jesus’ words called both Jews and Gentiles into one Church, God’s word can bring us to unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As Pope Francis said when instituting Word of God Sunday, “The word of God unites believers and makes them one people” (Aperuit Illis, 4).

*“Lord, change us by your word, and make us one so that the world might believe.
 (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!

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Jan 24	Divine Mercy and hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
Mon	Jan 25	Bible Study (Wisdom Books), 6:00pm in Church
Wed	Jan 27	CCE (in person) in Church, after the 5:30pm Mass Youth Group, Mentz Hall, 6:30pm
Thurs	Jan 28	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church Pro-life Candlelight March, 6:30pm at DeLeon Plaza, Victoria, TX
Fri	Jan 29	SAS Mass (3 rd , 5-8 th grades), 8:15am in Church
Sun	Jan 31	Catholic Schools Week (January 31 – February 5) KC Fried Chicken Drive Thru Meal, serving starts at 11:00 until sold out

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 2725.00	Envelopes
\$ 1131.00	Loose
\$ 600.00	On-line Giving through Diocese of Victoria

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 135.00	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 745.00	Capital Campaign Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 60,138.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

“Thank you for your generosity!”

Next week’s second collection will be the Church in Latin America.

“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 **\$1,184,576.11**. (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!

If you made a memorial or donation towards the Christmas poinsettias, the Altar Society would like to invite you to take one home to enjoy.

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.

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 have moved.

<u>Lectors</u>	
<u>Jan. 23 & 24</u>	<u>Jan. 31 & Feb 1</u>
<u>6pm</u> Brenda Besch	<u>6pm</u> SAS Students
<u>8am</u> Mary Stavino	<u>8am</u> SAS Students
<u>10am</u> Sharon Hall	<u>10am</u> SAS Students
<u>12pm</u> Teresa Rosales	<u>12pm</u> Maria Ortiz

*“Follow me and
 I will make you
 fishers of men.”*
Matthew 4:19

The Columbus KC’s will have a Fried Chicken Drive Thru Meal on Sunday, January 31st 2021, at the Columbus Hall. Plate cost is \$10. Serving will start at 11:00 am until sold out. Tickets are not necessary.

KC Gun Raffle will be on Friday, February 5 (raffle only). You can get your tickets by calling the Columbus Hall (732-2220), Bob Tait (733-2003), or Craig Potter (733-7100).

The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):
With your family this week:
Pray: Pray a Rosary for the end to abortion.
Eat: Enjoy a special treat this week!
Play: Participate in the virtual 5K benefiting the Bethlehem Maternity Home!

Catholic School Week begins next Sunday, January 31, and goes through Friday, February 5. Instead of one opening Mass as we’ve done in the past, SAS students are asked to attend any of the three English Masses (to allow for social distancing due to COVID). There will be an Open House after each of the Masses, which will be open for everyone. Please visit the school to see your child’s classroom, or if you are thinking about sending your child to SAS and have any questions!! God bless our school!

The Rules and Regulations Governing St. Anthony’s Parish Cemetery: Plantings on lots shall not be allowed without first obtaining written permission from the person in charge. Wooden crosses shall not be permitted. Jars, cans, old faded flowers, and other objects placed on graves are subject to removal without notice to owners. The cemetery is not responsible for any loss within the property. **Signs at the Cemetery Specifically State: Only 1 Bouquet per Grave.**
