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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	Jan 11	5:30pm	+Dennis Dusek
Tues	Jan 12	7:30am	+Victor Gerik
Wed	Jan 13	5:30pm	+Rosemary Peters
Thur	Jan 14	7:30am	a Special Intention
Thur	Jan 14	8:15am	Bishop Brendan Cahill (S.I.)
Fri	Jan 15	8:15am	+Daniel Krueger
Fri	Jan 15	5:30pm	+Gloria Rocha Scheel
Sat	Jan 16	6:00pm	+Rusty Mikulenska
Sun	Jan 17	8:00am	KCs, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	Jan 17	10:00am	+Jurline Huebel
Sun	Jan 17	12:00noon	+Margarita Saldana

*“I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*  
*Mark 1:8*

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
The Baptism of the Lord

*“You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11).* Psychologists agree it’s important to hear words that affirm us. Not empty compliments, but heartfelt words of love and appreciation. Such words can help us know that the person speaking to us respects and honors us. Affirmations like these can improve our relationships and solidify our commitment to each other.

It’s interesting, then, that one of the few times we hear the voice of God in the Scriptures—directly, not through a prophet or vision—comes in today’s Gospel. God the Father tells Jesus, “You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11). God was pleased that Jesus was taking this first step in His ministry, and He said so. Right there, in front of John and His disciples, He revealed Jesus’ identity and His fatherly love for His Son.

You need affirmation like that, too. Every day. And it’s available to you when you pray and worship God. As you acknowledge who He is, you also acknowledge who you are in relation to Him. You open your ears to hear what He thinks about you. You begin to understand that you’re His beloved child. That He appreciates your efforts to put aside your concerns to follow Him.

The people in your life need it as well—and some of them need it from you. It’s not about saying something just to make them feel good. It’s being alert to opportunities—especially unexpected ones—to point out something that you appreciate about them: their efforts to lead a Bible study. Their patient response to an unkind sibling. Their generosity and kindness. Tell them you are glad they are your brother or sister in Christ. Every time you do, you shine a light on the bigger picture of their lives.

Let God tell you He loves you, how He is pleased with you. Then go and do the same for your neighbor.

*“Father, thank you for loving me!”*  
*(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**

Mon	Jan 11	Bible Study (Wisdom Books), 6:00pm in Church
Tues	Jan 12	TNT Quilters, 8:00 am at Columbus Hall
Wed	Jan 13	CCE (in person) in Church, after the 5:30pm Mass Youth Group, Mentz Hall, 6:30pm
Thurs	Jan 14	SAS Mass for ECH, 1st, 2nd, & 4th grades, 8:15am in Church
Fri	Jan 15	SAS Mass (3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5-8 <sup>th</sup> grades), 8:15am in Church

**Last Weekend’s Collection**

\$ 5454.00	Envelopes
\$ 1465.00	Loose
\$ 1207.00	Solemnity of Mary
\$ 394.00	Paving the Way

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 2593.66	Capital Campaign Donations
\$ 20.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 60.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
\$ 500.00	A/C Donations

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

\$ 60,088.00 (\$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 **\$1,188,848.92.** (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!

**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.

**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.

**Lectors**

<b><u>Jan. 9 &amp; 10</u></b>		<b><u>Jan. 16 &amp; 17</u></b>	
<b><u>6pm</u></b>	Christy Kuhn	<b><u>6pm</u></b>	Tracy Lillie
<b><u>8am</u></b>	Sandy Glueck	<b><u>8am</u></b>	Jessie Rau
<b><u>10am</u></b>	Nancy Nelson	<b><u>10am</u></b>	Kara Kleimann
<b><u>12pm</u></b>	Ma. Antonia Sanchez	<b><u>12pm</u></b>	Virginia Sanchez

**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).

**FACE-2-FACE CCE** \*is back! Beginning January 6th, CCE will meet in the church after the 5:30 pm Mass from 6:00 to 7:00. For children who are not registered already, forms are in the church entrance. Return the form to the office or bring to CCE. Registration fees at this time will be a free-will offering. Our first session for 2021 will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Parents are invited to join us for this session. Masks and social distancing will be required as well as hand sanitizing on entering the church. Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

\*1st Communion/Reconciliation class may be delayed until we can set up a separate classroom. Please continue your lessons at home.

**The Year of the Family (Diocese of Victoria):**

*With your family this week:*

**Pray:** Pray the Hail Mary for all moms.

**Eat:** Take pictures while making a meal together.

**Play:** Celebrate Jesus' baptism in a fun way!

**The flowers on the altar** this weekend where donated by the Altar Society in honor of our newly Confirmed!

**Thank you to the SAS Jr. High** for folding the bulletins this week!

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.**