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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
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	July 20	5:30pm	Mark Clifton (S.I.)
Tues	July 21	7:30am	+Geraldine Avery
Wed	July 22	5:30pm	+Johnnie and Emily Wagner
Thur	July 23	7:30am	+Claude and Glorine Venghaus
Fri	July 24	5:30pm	+Antonio Rosas
Sat	July 25	6:00pm	+John Elizondo
Sun	July 26	8:00am	+Audrey Kouba
Sun	July 26	10:00am	+Keith Grafe and Mildred Skutca
Sun	July 26	12:00noon	+Teodora Rosales

Bishop Cahill has extended dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for Catholics in the Diocese of Victoria through the end of July. This is to protect the physical health of the vulnerable and the emotional needs of those who are uncomfortable with being physically present at this time.

Sunday, July 19, 2020
 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven is like . . ." (Matthew 13:31, 33). In His parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus confirms what we already know to be true: evil exists in the world. We see evidence of it all around us. Sometimes it even seems as if evil is winning out. Will the weeds eventually choke out the wheat and overrun the field of God's kingdom?

Jesus assures us that it will not. In the end, the angels of God will sort the good from the bad, and evil will be destroyed forever (Matthew 13:41). The fact is, by His death and resurrection, Jesus has already won the victory over evil. Someday God's kingdom will reign over all the earth.

Meanwhile, how can we hasten its coming? It's significant that after telling the first parable about the weeds and the wheat, Jesus tells two more parables about the kingdom of heaven. It's like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large bush (Matthew 13:31-32). It's like a little yeast that leavens a whole loaf of bread (13:33). These are hopeful images! God's kingdom isn't static. It begins in many small ways and then grows and grows.

You have a part to play in its growth! With every prayer, with every act of faith, with every good deed, you help to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. Making time for prayer, worshipping at Mass, helping the poor, sharing your faith, reaching out to a friend in need, speaking out in defense of life--in these ways and more, you can participate in growing God's kingdom. Yes, they can seem like small things. But so are the mustard seed and that little pinch of yeast.

So don't get discouraged by the evil you see, and don't give up hope. Believe that your small acts of faithfulness really do make a difference. And taken together with other believers, they become a mighty force in choking out the weeds of this world.

"Lord, may Your kingdom come!"
(from "The Word Among Us")

*"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness,
 for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
 but the Spirit Himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."*

Romans 8:26

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4460.00	Envelopes
\$ 460.00	Loose
\$ 264.00	Legacy Fund
\$ 965.00	Online Giving through Diocese of Victoria Website

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 285.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 175.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 300.00	Legacy Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 55,693.00 (\$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 **\$1,210,040.48**. (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 are leaving.

Please keep
Rusty Theut and John Glueck
 in your prayers as they continue their journey
 in the Diaconate Program.

The CDA will be having a drive-thru dinner fundraiser

(chicken fried steak and all the trimmings) on Sunday, August 23, from 11:00am - 1:30pm at the SAS Cafeteria breezeway. You can get your Meal Tickets and Raffle Tickets from any CDA member or in the church office.

Congratulations to
Indalecio Valentin Espinosa,
who made his First Holy Communion on Friday evening.

Fr. Augustine will also be available in his office from 2:00-4:00 on Sunday afternoons if you would like to receive Communion but are unable to attend Mass. Dispensation has been granted through the end of July.

The Picnic chairmen have been meeting to make plans for this year's Picnic. We WILL have a picnic in one form or another. We are exploring options and researching what other parishes are doing. We assure you that there will be an auction of some sort regardless. Please start thinking of and gathering items. The raffle will also take place, so please consider donating. A final decision will be made after Labor Day on what type of picnic will take place. Feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Donations for the Church Picnic Raffle are now being taken through the end of July. Raffle envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church. Please drop your donation in the collection basket or bring to the church office. Contact Marilyn or Pat Bodungen at 732-2702. Thank you so much for your continued 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 \$5,287.10 to go towards the loan for the new school building.**

Please keep the repose of the soul of **Les Bunge** in your prayers. He passed away on July 10.

The flowers on the main altar this weekend were donated in honor of Carina Alonso's Quinceanera.

The flowers on St. Joseph's altar this weekend were donated by Miss Pete Mikulenska in memory of Msgr. Thomas Collins and Gary Mikulenska.