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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	Nov 29	5:30pm	+Erwin Meyer
Tues	Nov 30	7:30am	+Dick Barton
Wed	Dec 1	5:30pm	+Ann Voelkel
Thurs	Dec 2	7:30am	+Gus and Elenora Schobel
Fri	Dec 3	8:15am	a Special Intention
Fri	Dec 3	5:30pm	+Rev. Placidus Endler
Sat	Dec 4	6:00pm	+Felix and Loreda Buxkemper
Sun	Dec 5	8:00am	+Elton Litzmann
Sun	Dec 5	10:00am	CDA (70 Years of Service at St. Anthony)
Sun	Dec 5	12:00noon	+Noe Penalosa
Sun	Dec 5	6:00pm	Leonardo Emanuel Tapia

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from . . . the anxieties of daily life” (Luke 21:34). Jesus’ warning about anxiety is one of the best pieces of advice we could receive right now. We have all heard the statistic that people are more likely to feel worried or depressed during the month of December than at any other time of the year. The “anxieties of daily life” seem amplified as the holidays approach, and all the emphasis on parties and family gatherings can make some people feel more stressed or isolated. It’s not surprising to find our hearts feeling a little “drowsy” as we begin the season of Advent (Luke 21:34)!

But Advent isn’t meant to be a season of anxiety. It’s meant to be a season of expectation and hope. The Lord is near! He is coming to establish His kingdom! For all the warnings Jesus gives in today’s Gospel, and for all the dark and foreboding images of the end that He portrays, His promise outweighs them all: “Your redemption is at hand” (Luke 21:28).

So Jesus warns us to guard our hearts so that we can experience our “redemption” more deeply this Advent. He warns us so much that it keeps us from turning to Him in prayer to talking with Him during the day. He knows that if we keep Him at a distance, for whatever reason, we run the risk of becoming spiritually drowsy—dull to His Spirit and unable to sense His presence.

There is so much that your heavenly Father wants to give you during this time of grace: inner healing, a deeper sense of peace or joy, a powerful encounter with His mercy, and wisdom and guidance for your life. If you can spend just a few minutes each day with the Mass readings, you’ll be opening your heart to these gifts even more.

Don’t let Advent slip away. Your redemption is at hand. Stay awake so that you can receive it!

“Jesus, help me to seek You this Advent!”
(from “The Word Among Us”)

Please keep Fr. Augustine in your prayers as he travels to Ghana for a long-overdue visit to see his mom. He will return to us on December 11.

We would like to thank Fr. Eric Pitre for celebrating the Mass with us this weekend while Fr. Augustine is away.

* **Masses:** 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.

* **EWTN:** EWTN delivers faith-filled content, thought-provoking content, dynamic speakers, Catholic news, discussions, and promotes the Catholic Faith. Visit their website ewtn.com.

* **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	Nov 28	No RCIA Divine Mercy and Hour of Adoration, 3:00pm in Church
Tues	Nov 30	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall SAS 5 th Grade Leading the Rosary
Wed	Dec 1	St. Joseph Rosary, after the 5:30pm Mass CCE, 5:30pm-7:00pm in SAS Building Youth Group, 6:30pm in SAS Cafeteria
Thurs	Dec 2	24 Hour Adoration Begins at 6:00pm in Church
Fri	Dec 3	SAS Mass Prepared by the 8 th Grade, 8:15am 24 Hour Adoration Ends at 5:00pm in Church
Sun	Dec 5	CDA 70 th Anniversary Meal and Meeting, SAS Cafeteria

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 2328.00	Envelopes
\$ 2393.00	Loose
\$ 949.00	Campaign for Human Development

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 10.00	Capital Campaign Donations
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Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 63,988.00	(\$130,000 Needed)
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“Thank you for your generosity!”

The second collection next weekend will be for Paving the Way in support of St. Anthony School.

“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 **\$937,383.72**. (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!

2021 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA): St. Anthony's DSA goal for 2021 is **\$36,759**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$14,345 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$22,414. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Donations can be mailed directly to the Diocese or brought to the church office. No gift is too small and we earnestly thank you for your generosity.

Help Wanted!! Fr. Robert at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake is looking for a church secretary. If you are interested, please call him at his office (979-234-2842).

December Altar Decorators: Sandy Glueck, Tracey Lanham, Randi Glueck, Kathryn Haluska, Ronni Neal, Nicki Maertz, Paula Frnka, Peggy Castillo, & Haley Glueck

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A Cranek C/L T Lillie	6:00 J Schindler, S Youens C/L Y Wagner
8:00 K & K Glueck, K Watkins C/L G Warschak	8:00 L & W Glueck, K Lanham C/L T Wostarek
10:00 A Rodriguez, A & Ivan Hernandez C/L T Theut	10:00 D & C Barten, M Walla C/L L Walla
12:00 S Gonzales, A & M Garcia C/L M Ortiz	12:00 E & J Tovar, Ivett Hernandez C/L Ma. A Sanchez
TLC J & S Glueck	TLC J O’Leary, RJ Jauernig

Come pray the Rosary before Mass with us!

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Saturdays at 5:30pm
Sundays at 7:30am
Sundays 11:20am in Spanish

The Altar Society is accepting donations for **poinsettia plants** to decorate the altars for Christmas. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrance of the church. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket or bring it to the church office.

Join us in praying an
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ROSARY NOVENA
beginning on Friday, December 5, through Saturday, December 11. The Rosary will begin at 7:00pm each night in the Church.

The Altar Society Christmas Party will be December 7 at 11:00am at the Columbus Hall. CATERED plates are \$7 each. Contact Bernice Motal with questions (979-484-9470) or RSVP by November 30 to Kathy Marusik (732-7281).

Apostleship of the Sea: CDA members are now collecting nonperishable items that they can fill and gift wrap for seaman who will be away from their families over the holidays. A list of suggested items can be found at the back of church. Your donation, either items or money, will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your gifts of love to the church office by November 30.

The church has purchased new permanent missal books! This will alleviate having to replace the missalettes throughout the year. Each book includes the readings for Cycles A, B, and C and a songbook in the front. The books will be kept in the church, but if you would like to purchase one to have for yourself at home, you can purchase one in the church office for \$20.

Happenings around the Diocese:
(go to victoriadiocese.org for more info)

- ***Solemn Vespers**—Nov. 28, 5:00pm, at Incarnate Word Convent Chapel. Followed by Benediction.
- ***Grief Ministry for Parents who have Lost Children**—Dec 14, 6:30-8pm at Assumption Parish Hall in Ganado. Call Pat Hoelscher (979-257-9984) for more info.
- ***Ministry to Men Workshop**—Dec 4, Chancery Office in Victoria. See the insert in today’s bulletin for more info.
- ***Guided One-Day Silent Retreat**—“Our Lady of Guadalupe: Waiting with the Mother of the Word Incarnate.” Dec 11, 9:30am-3:30pm. Guided by Fr. Gabriel Espinosa