

St. Anthony Church
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Church Office: 635 Bonham Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 5:00 pm

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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	Jan 2	5:30pm	+Agnes & Stephen Laake
Tues	Jan 3	7:30am	+Jaqueline Goloby (in Chapel)
Wed	Jan 4	5:30pm	A.K. Kasmiersky (80 th Birthday)
Thurs	Jan 5	7:30am	+Beth Motal Lewis & Shelly Bowden (in Chapel)
Fri	Jan 6	8:15am	+Tommy Henneke
Fri	Jan 6	5:30pm	+Mary Brandt
Sat	Jan 7	6:00pm	Altar Society
Sun	Jan 8	8:00am	+Albert and Gladys Hoelscher
Sun	Jan 8	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	Jan 8	12:00am	People of the Parish
Sun	Jan 8	6:00pm	NO MASS

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God / Readings Begin at #802

“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God” (Luke 2:20). Today we celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God, the one who brought the Son of God into the world. And as much as we honor Mary today, we also honor Jesus, her diving Son.

At first glance, it may seem odd that today’s Gospel focuses on shepherds who cam to see the newborn Jesus and left praising God. But surely Mary would want us to join them in their songs of praise! In everything she did, Mary led people to glorify her Son for the salvation He would win for them.

In every age, Mary has sought to bring all people to Jesus and to urge them to praise and worship Him. In fact, it’s probably her greatest desire for us as we begin a new year. She knows that we have so many reasons to praise her Son. We can praise Him for becoming a man and teaching us to pray. We can adore Him for offering Himself on the cross to save us. We can glorify Him for giving us His Spirit and making us children of God. We can *never* run out of reasons to praise Jesus!

So make this your goal: to praise Jesus more in 2023. It’s not always easy to include praise in your daily prayer, especially if you’re not accustomed to it. You might not know what to say, but you can begin by thanking Jesus for your blessings. You can also praise Him for forgiving your sins. And you can rejoice in His faithfulness and unending love.

As you add praise to your prayer, you can always ask Mary, Mother of God and your Mother, for help. You can use the Magnificat, her own song of praise, as a model as you set out to magnify the Lord (Luke 1:46-55). And you can take comfort in knowing that Mary is praising Jesus right along with you—all year long!

“My soul proclaims Your greatness, Lord! My spirit rejoices in You, my Savior!”
(from “The Word Among Us”)

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*Come pray the
Rosary with us!
Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Saturdays at 5:30pm
Sundays at 7:30am
Sundays 11:20am in Spanish*

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, see the Church Office.

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.

The Emmaus Center in Victoria provides individual, marital and family counseling services from a Catholic perspective, regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race or age. To schedule an appointment or for info call (361) 212-0830.

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.

Calendar for the Week

Sun	Jan 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God No 6:00pm Youth Mass
Mon	Jan 2	Church Office Closed Conversations of Faith (RCIA), 6:15pm in Church Office
Tues	Jan 3	TNT Quilters, 8:00am at Columbus Hall Altar Society Meeting, 1:30pm in Chapel KC/CDA Christmas Party, 6:00pm at Columbus Hall
Wed	Jan 4	Back to School for SAS CCE, 5:30pm No Youth Group (meetings will begin again next week)
Thurs	Jan 5	24 Hour Adoration Begins, 6:00pm in Church
Fri	Jan 6	SAS Mass Prepared by 6 th Grade, 8:15am Mass at Columbus Oaks Nursing Home, 10:00am 24 Hour Adoration Ends, 5:00pm in Church
Sun	Jan 8	No Youth Mass at 6:00pm

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 4520.00	Envelopes
\$ 4033.00	Loose
\$ 8405.00	Christmas Collection

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 825.00	Legacy Fund Memorials
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“Thank you for your generosity!”

The second collection next weekend will be for the Legacy Fund.

2022 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA): St. Anthony’s DSA goal for 2022 is **\$39,388.00**. To date, parishioners have pledged \$19,765 towards the DSA, leaving a balance of \$19,623. 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.

If you would like to purchase **Catholic Life Insurance Sweepstakes** tickets, come by the church or the school office. Last year, this fundraiser brought in \$6,100 for SAS, so not only do you get a chance to win \$20,000, a Toyota Corolla, or a Roman Holiday, you’re also helping our school! Win-Win! Tickets are \$5 each.

January Altar Decorators: Jessie Rau, Theresa Hudec, Sharon Hall, Connie Elizondo, Ann Canik, Debra Rerich, Kara Kleimann, Haley Wolters, Patricia Lares Rodriguez

St. Anthony Church has pledged \$1200 to the Wellness Council of Colorado County to help fund a Mental Health Officer for our area. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the Sunday collection.

<u>Ministers serving this weekend</u>	<u>Ministers to serve next weekend</u>
6:00 A Medrano C/L T Lillie	6:00 L Venghaus C/L M Stavinoha
8:00 K & K Glueck, J Neal C/L T Wostarek	8:00 J Rau, L & W Glueck C/L S Glueck
10:00 M Ehlert, A & I Hndz C/L L Novosad	10:00 J Schobel, W & H Kramr C/L D Braden
12:00 S & S Gonzales, L Alvarez C/L N Gonzales	12:00 M, A, & A Garcia C/L S Hernandez
TLC None	TLC N Nelson, A Walling



Please pray for our Confirmation Students who will receive Confirmation on January 15: Madeline Aguilar, Carina Alonso, Lydia Benjamin, Ella Berger, Melanie Cabrera, Sophie Cantu, Madyson Carter, Samantha Duncan, Madalene Edmiston, Abigail Fisher, Annie Fuller, Molly Garcia, Maria Garcia, Avery Glueck, Lisbeth Gonzalez, Lisette Gonzalez, Helanie Hernandez, Armando Hernandez, Isabel Martinez, Aleks Medrano, Javier Mendoza, Jillian Miksch, Payton Pavlicek, Daniel Ramirez, Yecenia Rosales, Ella Schneider, William Schneider, Tommy Schobel, Justin Strauss, Luke Sunderman, Miriam Villalobos, Abby Wiggs, Sophia Wolters, and Raymond Wrobliski.

If you, or anyone you know, are able to **provide a meal for our C3YM youth group program**, we are in need of help! Our youth groups are held on Wednesday nights, from 6-8pm, and the meal would need to feed about 80 youth! Please contact Kat Robinson (979-732-4313) if you are able to help provide a meal, and spread the message to anyone else you think would be interested!

Thank you!! Thank you so much to those who generously donated to the CDA Christmas project, Apostleship of the Sea. This provided 63 filled shoe boxes Christmas wrapped by CDA members. We delivered last week to the Port of Houston where over 11,000 boxes have come in to the seafarer’s center. Again, THANK YOU & Happy New Year!

There will be no Youth Mass at 6:00pm on Sunday, Jan 8, as Fr. Augustine goes on a Priest Retreat next Sun. through Thurs.

We invite you to pick up a **church calendar** at the entrances of the church. These calendars are graciously donated by Henneke Funeral Home. One per family, please.

Happenings around the Diocese:
(Go to victoriadiocese.org for more info or see fliers on bulletin board)
Healing Mass—Thurs, Jan 12 at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake. Adoration at 6pm, Mass at 7pm, Healing Svc will follow Mass
Silent Retreat—Jan 26-29 at Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center, Weimar, TX; Spiritual Direction by Sisters of Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament; \$150 per person; registration deadline is Jan 11. Visit victoriadiocese.org for more info
2023 Men’s Conference—Feb 25 from 8am-4:30pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria. \$40 per person.
