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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 April 27	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Tues April 28	People of the Parish & an end of COVID-19
Wed April 29	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Thur April 30	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Fri May 1	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Sat May 2	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Sun May 3	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Sun May 3	Ricardo and Maria Gonzalez & Family (S.I.)
Sun May 3	All Souls in Purgatory

*St. Anthony, pray for us.*

*St. Roch, patron saint against contagious diseases, pray for us.*

*St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, pray for us.*

*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Sunday, April 26, 2020  
Third Sunday of Easter

"Hear these words!" (Acts 2:14). Have you ever heard the word *kerygma*? It's a Greek word that means "the proclamation." The Church uses this word to describe the core message that Peter and the apostles preached after Jesus' resurrection. Today's first reading--from Peter's Pentecost sermon--is one clear example of the Church's *kerygma*, the key events that are at the heart of our faith:

\*Jesus worked "mighty deeds, wonders, and signs" while He was on the earth (Acts 2:22). The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus healing people, raising the dead, calming storms, casting out demons. All these miracles showed that Jesus was no ordinary man.

\*Jesus was "delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). Jesus' death was not just a travesty of justice or an accident of fate. No, it was part of God's plan. Jesus went to His death willingly, an innocent victim of the sin that was in the world, so that He could deliver us from that sin.

\*"God raised Him us" (Acts 2:24). Jesus is now risen from the dead. He broke the chains of death and revealed the promise of resurrection--both for Himself and for everyone who comes to Him.

\*Having ascended to heaven, Jesus has poured out "the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33). Because of that Spirit, every one of us can experience God's life and love active within them. We can know forgiveness of our every sin, we can be filled with the hope of eternal life, and we can receive the power to live a new life here and now.

This *kerygma* is not just a set of truths to be believed. It's the story of our redemption. It's a series of promises that we can *experience*: Physical and spiritual healing. Forgiveness. Eternal life. The Holy Spirit.

This is your heritage. This is everything Jesus died to secure for you. This is how much He loves you and treasures you.

*"Jesus, I am astounded at Your love and generosity--toward me!"*  
(from "The Word Among Us")

*"I set the Lord ever before me;  
with Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed."  
(Psalm 16:8)*

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 1320.00 Sunday Collection

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 110.00 Capital Campaign Pledges & Donations

\$ 135.00 Capital Campaign Memorials

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

\$ 55,168.00 (\$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 **\$1,224,921.44**. (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 would like to have a Mass said for a loved one,**

living or deceased, please see Tracey in the Church Office.

*Please keep our nation, our community, and our families in your prayers during this time of uncertainty. And stay home as much as possible, if not to protect yourself, then to protect your loved ones, the elderly, and those in fragile health that this virus could affect the hardest.*

**Mother's Day Novena** cards and donation envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church. Fr.

Augustine and Fr. Nelson continue to say Masses daily even though they are not public, so if you would like to remember someone special during the Mother's Day Novena, please fill out the donation card and mail to the church office or leave on the Communion Rail.

*Your financial contribution continues to be important during these times. The Diocese has created a page on its website that will allow you to give electronically. Go to [victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations](http://victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations), click on St. Anthony, Columbus, and enter your payment information. You can choose a credit, debit, or checking account, and if you would like it to be a one-time gift or a recurring donation. Or, if you would prefer, you may also drop your weekly contribution in the mail or hold them and drop them all at once in the collection basket when public Sunday Masses resume. Thank you for your generosity!*

*Please follow the St. Anthony Church Facebook page or check out the church website ([www.stanthonycolumbustx.net](http://www.stanthonycolumbustx.net)). Both will give you updated information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains to Catholics and our parish, and you can watch a Live Stream of Father Augustine saying the Mass every weekend.*

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Please keep our Catechumens in your prayers:  
*Johnny Martinez,  
Crystal Leal,  
& Aaron Weishuhn*

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

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;  
make our hearts burn while You speak to us.  
(cf. Luke 24:32)*