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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 13	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Tues	April 14	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Wed	April 15	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Thur	April 16	People of the Parish & an end to COVID-19
Fri	April 17	+Dorothy Tasch
Sat	April 18	+Jimmy, Rusty, and Gary Mikulenska
Sun	April 19	Living and Deceased Members of the KCs
Sun	April 19	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	April 19	+Elida Amaya

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 12, 2020
Easter Sunday

"They did not yet understand" (John 20:9). Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Sin is defeated, and death has lost its sting! The long years of waiting and hoping have finally come to an end.

You would think that the Gospel reading for today would reflect all the joy embedded in these truths. But that's not what we hear. Rather, we hear a tale of panic, misunderstanding, and incomplete faith. Mary Magdalene thinks Jesus' corpse has been stolen. Peter is stunned by the empty tomb. And John? He begins to believe, but he still leaves the scene unsatisfied. Where is the joy? What about the victory that Jesus has promised?

It's on the threshold, just about to break through. One more thing still had to happen. The disciples still have to *meet* the risen Lord. Over the next few days in the daily readings, we'll see Mary Magdalene, the apostles, the Emmaus disciples, and Peter all have personal encounters with Jesus. And when they do--that's when the joy comes in.

Today, we will sing "Alleluia" before the Gospel reading. And we will hear how "on this day . . . above all" it is right and just to praise Jesus "more gloriously" than at any other time of the year (Preface I of Easter). But don't limit your rejoicing based on your having *heard* the good news proclaimed in the Gospel. Instead, imagine how great, how deep, and how glorious your rejoicing will be as you come to meet the risen Lord and can finally receive Holy Communion again. Imagine what will happen as you come seeking a personal encounter with Him, and encounter with His love and grace.

Christ is risen--for *you*. He has overcome sin--for *you*. He has opened heaven--for *you*. Take hold of these gifts by taking hold of Jesus. Then watch as your heart is filled with joy.

*"Lord, I don't want to be satisfied with just hearing about You. On this day above all others, let me meet You."
(from "The Word Among Us")*

Happy Easter!! May Jesus' Resurrection renew our faith, bolster our confidence, and guide our hearts to trust in our Living God, even as we're going through so many struggles and amid such uncertainty.

May God always be with you!

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4265.00 Sunday Collection
\$ 46.00 Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 540.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 260.00 Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 10.00 Legacy Fund Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 55,033.00 (\$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 **\$1,228,213.78**. (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.

The Emmaus Center 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 appt or for information call (361) 212-0830. Virtual Sessions are now available as well to aid in "Social Distancing."

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, 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). 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.

If you are elderly and homebound and are worried about going to the grocery store, you can call Mark Potter with your list and he'll do the shopping and deliver it to your home. Call him with details. (979)220-3108.

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.

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