

St. Anthony Church

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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 6	+Arthur Moeller
Tues	April 7	Chrism Mass in Victoria
Wed	April 8	+Leroy Sebesta
Thur	April 9	+Charles Besch
Fri	April 10	Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
Sat	April 11	+John and Kathryn Krueger
Sun	April 12	+Jennifer, LJ, and Leroy Friedel
Sun	April 12	+Evelyn Neuendorff Douthitt
Sun	April 12	+Gilberto Hernandez

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 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” (Matthew 21:9). Today we join the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. We watch as they spread their coats and palm branches before Jesus, the humble king of Israel. We hold our own palms high and cry, “Hosanna!” to welcome our coming king.

And today Jesus comes, not clothed in regal robes or seated on a magnificent stallion, but riding on a lowly donkey. He enters Jerusalem and enters our hearts, not as a warrior, but as a servant king. He comes bringing peace, as a Messiah who will lay down His life for His people.

We know the answer to the question posed by the people of Jerusalem: “Who is this?” (Matthew 21:10). We know that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a brilliant teacher, more than a miracle worker. We know that He is the Son of God and our Lord. In the words of St. Andrew of Crete, monk, bishop, and hymn writer of the seventh and eighth centuries,

“Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives . . . Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches, or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish . . . Let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves.” (Sermon for Palm Sunday, Oratio 9).

During this holiest of weeks, let’s thank Jesus for His passion and death. Let’s lay down our lives like palms at His feet, in humble obedience. Let’s adore Him with songs of praise for His mercy.

“Blessed are You, Jesus! You have come to set us free.”
(from "The Word Among Us")

All events throughout the parish have been cancelled, including Public Masses, Station of the Cross, Adoration, Divine Mercy, confessions, CCE, RCIA, Youth Group, and visits to the Nursing Home and Homebound, and the Spanish Prayer Group, among others, until further notice.

The Church will remain open for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Last Weekend’s Collection

\$ 3270.00 Sunday Collection

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 100.00 A/C Donations

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 remember: Fridays during Lent are a time for abstaining from meat, fasting, and prayer for those who are able.

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.

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.

Please see the insert of this bulletin for the Liturgical Directives handed down to us by the Diocese of Victoria concerning Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum without a congregation and for times of St. Anthony's Live Stream Mass times.

Please follow the St. Anthony Church Facebook page, where you can find updated information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains to Catholics and our Church, 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.

The Altar Society is accepting donations for **Easter Lilies** to decorate the altar for Easter. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrances of the Church or go by the Church Office. Donations may be mailed.

Your financial contribution continues to be important during these times. Please drop your weekly contribution off at the parish office or hold them and drop them all at once in the collection basket when public Sunday Masses resume.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3