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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	Mar 23	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Tues	Mar 24	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Wed	Mar 25	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Thur	Mar 26	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Fri	Mar 27	+Matthew Theut
Sat	Mar 28	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Sun	Mar 29	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
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*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, March 22, 2020**  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

"I am about to create new heavens and a new earth" (Isaiah 65:17). For most of us, the word "new" stirs up some excitement. A new season, a new job, a new outfit--such things evoke feelings of anticipation and hope. In today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, God is promising the Israelites something truly new: a new creation! Isaiah's prophecy probably stirred up the same feelings of anticipation and excitement in the Israelites, who had been experiencing only defeat and destruction. It gave them hope that something better than their current struggles would eventually come to pass.

We are about halfway through Lent. Our Lenten sacrifices are meant to bear fruit in our lives and to give God the opportunity to do something new in us. So today, think about what "new" things are happening in and around you.

As you spent time in prayer, perhaps you are experiencing a new or deeper relationship with our Lord. You might find yourself feeling closer to him. Maybe new thoughts come to mind--kinder or more compassionate thoughts or a deeper understanding of scripture. Maybe you are beginning to hear some new things that God is saying to you personally. As you give alms, you may be experiencing a deeper trust in the Lord. Perhaps you are able to be more generous, without fear of not having enough for yourself, or you are experiencing less worry about your financing or your future.

Through repentance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you may have gained a new sense of having been forgiven. You may feel lighter after being released from the burden of guilt or shame. You may also find yourself more able to forgive others.

Remember, God has already made you a new creation through His son (2 Corinthians 5:17). So be expectant during the second half of Lent and look for more of the "new" that the Lord is producing in you. Believe that in the midst of your Lenten practices, His life is growing in you and new things are sprouting, even if you don't see them right away. Place your hope in the One who is always creating and re-creating, making all things new-- including you.

*"Father, help me to see the new life that You are producing in me."  
(from "The Word Among Us")*

*All events throughout the parish have been cancelled, including Public Masses, Station of the Cross, Adoration, Divine Mercy, confessions, the CDA Easter Egg Hunt, CCE, RCIA, Youth Group, and visits to the Nursing Home and Homebound, Spanish Prayer Group, and the Spanish Lenten Retreat, among others, until at least March 31.*

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

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

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 3735.00 Sunday Envelopes  
\$ 1166.00 Loose  
\$ 144.00 Rice Bowl

**Donations Made Last Week**

\$ 82.00 Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges  
\$ 75.00 Capital Campaign Memorials  
\$ 20.00 Legacy Memorials

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

\$ 54,933.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

**"Thank you for your generosity!"**

*Next weekend's second collection will be for the Rice Bowl.*

**"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.***

***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.***

***Please see the insert in this bulletin for the guidelines put in place by the Diocese of Victoria regarding Masses and events throughout the diocese. 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.***

**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 Catholic Daughters** would like to thank everyone who helped to make their Garage Sale a success again this year! Thank you to those who donated and those who shopped!! The proceeds will go towards new technology for SAS and a donation to the Capital Campaign.

**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. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket.

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

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In ALL CIRCUMSTANCES give thanks."  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*