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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 30	+Arthur Moeller
Tues	Mar 31	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Wed	Apr 1	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Thur	Apr 2	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Fri	Apr 3	People of the Parish/an end to COVID-19
Sat	Apr 4	+Edbert & Mark Henneke
Sun	Apr 5	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 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43).*

*From a homily by Pope Francis:* "We all have within us some areas, some parts of our heart that are not alive, that are a little dead . . . But if we become very attached to these tombs and guard them within us and do not will that our whole heart rise again to life, we become corrupted and our soul begins to give off, as Martha says, an 'odor' (see John 11:39), the stench of a person who is attached to sin. And Lent has something to do with this. Because all of us . . . can hear what Jesus said to Lazarus: 'He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"' (11:43).

"Today I invite you to think for a moment: Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? . . . Let us think: what part of the heart can be corrupted because of my attachment to sin, one sin or another? And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as He said to Lazarus, 'Come out!' That all our soul might be healed, might be raised by the love of Jesus, by the power of Jesus. He is capable of forgiving us. We all need it! All of us. We are all sinners, but we must be careful not to become corrupt! Sinners we may be, but He forgives us. Let us hear that voice of Jesus who, by the power of God, says to us, 'Come out! Leave that tomb you have within you. Come out. I give you life, I give you happiness, I bless you, I want you for myself.'

"May the Lord today, on this Sunday, which speaks so much about the resurrection, give us all the grace to rise from our sins, to come out of our tombs; with the voice of Jesus, calling us to go out, to go to Him." (April 6, 2014)

*"Jesus, I hear You calling. Help me to rise from my sins."  
(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.*

**Last Weekend's Collection**

\$ 380.00 Sunday Collection  
\$ 83.00 Catholic Relief Services Collection

**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 and Paving the Way.*

**"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.*

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

*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*

**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 follow the St. Anthony Church Facebook page where you can find updated information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains to Catholics, and you can watch a Live Stream of Father saying the Mass every weekend.*

**St. Anthony School** will begin their second week of e-learning this week. The teachers and staff, along with Mr. O'Leary and Johanna Spatafora, have worked tirelessly to make this transition as easy on the students and parents as possible, as parents are essentially "homeschooling" now, using all of the resources provided by the teachers. It is amazing what they have accomplished in so little time. Prayers go out to all those teachers teaching remotely and the parents who suddenly find themselves filling the role of educator at home. We also pray for our students, may they find peace and turn to God in their anxiety and fear.

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."  
2 Timothy 1:7*