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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	May 11	5:30pm	Mother's Day, Novena Mass #5
Tues	May 12	7:30am	Mother's Day, Novena Mass #6
Wed	May 13	5:30pm	Mother's Day, Novena Mass #7
Thur	May 14	7:30am	Mother's Day, Novena Mass #8
Fri	May 15	5:30pm	Mother's Day, Novena Mass #9
Sat	May 16	6:00pm	+Edbert and Mark Henneke
Sun	May 17	8:00am	KCs, Living and Deceased Members
Sun	May 17	10:00am	+Clinton Voelkel & CHS Graduates
Sun	May 17	12:00noon	+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, May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." (John 14:1). Not troubled? That's hard to imagine! Jesus had just predicted that Judas would betray Him and Peter would deny Him. He had just told the disciples that He would be with them "only a little while longer" (John 13:33). Something really big was about to happen. *Of course* the disciples were shaken up! Anyone would be upset and anxious.

Be at peace, Jesus said. *Don't be afraid*. It's the most common command in the Gospels. Much of the time, Jesus says it when the disciples catch a glimpse of His glory. Think about His Transfiguration, or when He walked on water. But this time, Jesus reassures them because He is leaving. *You are used to having Me walk with you in one way*, He seemed to be saying, *but once I'm gone, I'll be with you in a new way. I will never leave you, even if you have a hard time finding Me the way you used to.*

Jesus wanted His friends to know that even though He would not be with them in bodily form, He wasn't really leaving them alone. He would be with them through the Holy Spirit living inside them. He would be with them in His Eucharistic presence. He would be present in their brothers and sisters in the faith. They just needed to learn to see Him in a different way.

Like the disciples, we experience change in our lives--change that might make us wonder if Jesus is still with us. The things we are accustomed to can get disrupted. Our youngest child moves out of the house and goes off to college. The main breadwinner in the family loses their job, and we have to relocate to a new city. But Jesus hasn't left us alone during these times. He wants to give us eyes to see Him in every situation.

So take His words to heart: *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me* (John 14:1).

*"Jesus, help me trust that You are with me always. Lord, come and calm my fears."
(from "The Word Among Us")*

"Lord, let Your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in You."
(Psalm 33:22)

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 3664.00 Sunday Collection
\$ 233.00 Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 93.00 Capital Campaign Pledges & Donations
\$ 235.00 Capital Campaign Memorials

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$ 55,268.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

Next weekend's second collection will be the Retired and Special Needs Collection for the Priests of the Diocese of Victoria.

"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.

If you are new to the parish, please register your family in the church office or fill out a form from the back of church and drop in the collection basket. PLEASE let your previous parish know that you are leaving.

Si usted es nuevo a la parroquia, por favor registrar su familia en la oficina de la iglesia o llenar un formulario de la parte posterior de la iglesia y colocar en la canasta. Por favor, comuniquen su anterior parroquia que va a salir.

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 appointment or for information call (361) 212-0830.

We are allowed to have Public Masses again, but if you are elderly, in poor health, or don't feel comfortable attending, please remember that Dispensation has been granted through the end of May. Fr. Augustine will also be available in his office from 2:00-4:00 on Sunday afternoons if you would like to receive Communion but are unable to attend Mass.

Do you have **aluminum cans** that need to be recycled? The school collects cans in the trailer in the parking lot across from the school gym. **To date, those recycled cans have raised \$5,100.10 to go towards the loan for the new school building.**

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.

The flowers on the altars this weekend were donated by the Altar Society in honor of Mother's Day.

Prayer Chain: If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the St. Anthony Prayer Chain, please call Tracey in the Church Office. This ministry gives so much comfort to those asking for prayer.

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.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord"
(John 14:6)