

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome / Bienvenidos

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany.

If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the Lord, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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29 de marzo de 2020
Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

DA GLORIA A DIOS

En el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, justo antes de entrar en la Semana Santa, somos llamados a Betania.

Si hubiéramos sido amigos de María, Lázaro y Marta, y nos hubiéramos enterado que Lázaro estaba gravemente enfermo, probablemente lo habríamos dejado todo para estar con ellos.

Eso es lo más sorprendente del comportamiento de Jesús. Pese a que era su amigo cercano, eligió mantenerse alejado, para que la gloria de Dios se manifestara. Este es un tema persistente en el Evangelio de Juan. Hasta el mismo final, las obras de Jesús son para dar gloria al Padre. A medida que nuestra jornada de Cuaresma llega a su apogeo, recordemos que, como personas que "se han revestido de Cristo" en el Bautismo, también somos llamados a dar gloria a Dios en nuestras actitudes y acciones.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37:12-14).

Salmo — Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa (Salmo 130 [129]).

Segunda lectura — El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8:8-11).

Evangelio — Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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St. Anthony Parish Mission
*Our community follows Jesus
 by praying, loving and serving God.
 Nuestra comunidad conoce y
 sique a Jesús rezando, amando, y
 sirviendo a Dios.*
 St. Anthony, pray for us.
 San Antonio, ruega por nosotros.

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HOLY CROSS CEMETERY AND FUNERAL CENTER **2200 East 18th Street, Antioch, (925) 757-0658**

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) at Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral Center. Their staff will contact the parish office to assist you with your arrangements.

Virtus Safe Environment Training

Is your certificate up to date? Many of us at St. Anthony took the training in 2017. We are required to renew our certification every three years. This is a MUST to continue in your ministerial work here. Start now at www.virtusonline.org For questions please call Florrie Brice at (925) 354-0107.

Safe Environment

All employees and volunteers who work with children must be live scan printed and cleared prior to beginning service. There are no exceptions. Any new employee or volunteer MUST complete Safe Environment training within one week of beginning work.

Clergy Sexual Abuse

Any reports of abuse should be directed to Steve Wilcox, Chancellor, at swilcox@oakdiocese.org or (510) 267-8334.

Email and Text Scam Involving Priests

Please be aware of ongoing phishing scams involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff asking for cash or gifts cards. This is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Oakland seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do not respond to the email or text.

Second Collection Schedule

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| March 22 | Catholic Relief Services |
| March 29 | St. Anthony Assistance |

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 28

5PM Soledad y Esteban Carbajal†
 Heriberto y Gerardo Fernandez, Megan
 Carbajal (Thanksgiving & Birthday)

Sunday, March 29

8AM For the People
 10AM Felino & Teresita Geronimo†
 12PM Gregoria y Jose Miguel Valdez†
 2PM Emilio Ruiz†
 5PM Angelina, Jesus, Maria Ordaz†

Monday, March 30

8:30AM Maria Lourdes Limbaga†
 Olivia Beates y Familia (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, March 31

8:30AM Karen Ratkewicz (Birthday)

Wednesday, April 1

8:30AM Thelma Geneston†

Thursday, April 2

8:30AM Blanca Toledo†

Friday, April 3

8:30AM Juan Manuel Acosta Rios†

Saturday, April 4

8:30AM Edna Matias†

5PM Danny Mercader†

Patricia Urenda (Birthday)

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday

8AM Salvador Zesati†

10AM Guadalupe y Adelaida Ruiz†

12PM Maria Guadalupe, Manuel y Carlos Ramirez†

Nancy y Juan Carlos Lopez (Birthday)

2PM For the People

5PM Yulia Ordaz, Familia Perez Delgadillo†

Lourdes y Juan Pablo Ordaz (Thanksgiving)

Church Bulletin Board Postings

Visit the bulletin board in the church vestibule for important information concerning our faith and civic community.

FORMED.org — An Online Faith Website

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 Access with our Parish Code: HNDWBY

Submissions to St. Anthony Website

ALL church organizations are invited to share their upcoming events or news our website. Send your info to parish@stanthonyoakley.com or call Carolina Jauregui at (925) 625-2048.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

EZEKIEL'S COUNTER-STORY

It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today's reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel's God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God's death is false. Israel's God is alive, and God's own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel's message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God's spirit will offer new life and hope.

RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today's Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus' exchange with Lazarus' sister Martha, she refers to the general resurrection of the dead on "the last day." Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as "the resurrection and the life." What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour "when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—"Lazarus, come out!"—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him.

Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

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Schedule of Events

Horario de Eventos

All Parish events have been suspended, canceled or postponed by Bishop Barber as we are ordered to "Shelter in Place" to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This Order shall become effective at 12:01AM on March 17, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59PM on April 7, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer by Order of the Contra Costa County Public Health Officer until April 7, 2020.

Giving Made Simple

During this time when our public Mass is suspended because of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, please continue to offer your support to St. Anthony with your monetary gifts. These gifts allows us to pay our bills. Please continue giving to the Sunday collection basket by using GIVE+; the new online way of giving; where giving is made simple. Download the FREE Give+ app from the App Store or visit the St. Anthony website @ www.stanthonyoakley.com and click on the pull down "About" and click "Online Giving". Sign up for your account today and continue giving.

Reduced Work Hours

If your employer has reduced your hours or shut down operations due to COVID-19, you can file an online Unemployment Insurance (UI) claim. UI provides partial wage replacement benefit payments to workers who lose their job or have their hours reduced, through no fault of their own. Workers who are temporarily unemployed due to COVID-19 and expected to return to work with their employer within a few weeks are not required to actively seek work each week. However, they must remain able and available and ready to work during their unemployment for each week of benefits claimed and meet all other eligibility criteria. Eligible individuals can receive benefits that range from \$40-\$450 per week. The Governor's Executive Order waives the one-week unpaid waiting period, so you can collect UI benefits for the first week you are out of work. If you are eligible, the State of California Employment Development Department processes and issues payments within a few weeks of receiving a claim.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Food Pantry

Open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:30AM to 10AM in the Parish Hall. If you need food outside of these dates call (925) 325-7424.

St. Vincent de Paul St. Anthony Conference

St. Vincent de Paul provides various forms of assistance which may include food, clothes, furniture, housing assistance, and referrals to other professional agencies through home or church-based visits. If you need assistance, call 925-325-7424.

Father's Corner

Dear St. Anthony Community,

As the pandemic COVID-19 continues to strike in the world, I invite you to see this situation as an open door to share God's love. Actually, every need is always an opportunity to share his love. Let us not despair. No matter how frustrating, confusing, or scary this crisis gets, fear doesn't have the final say. 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."

Our Diocesan Bishop Barber said on his last instructions to us priest that "**The public order says the public can still go to the grocery store, the bank, the doctor, the veterinarian, the auto repair garage and even the laundromat. So if someone comes to you asking for confession or to receive Holy Communion, I would provide for them—while taking all necessary precautions. I leave it to each pastor's discretion, but I recommend keeping the churches open for private prayer, and even exposing the Blessed Sacrament for periods of adoration. If you can do your laundry, shouldn't you be able to say a prayer?"**

And that's exactly what we have been doing in the past week and will be doing in the days ahead. The church is open for you to come and pray if you feel the need; if you see Fr. Giopre or myself, and want to receive Communion or go to confession, don't doubt in asking us please.

Also, this past Friday and the upcoming one until this situation is ended, we will continue to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed from 9:00AM to 11:00PM. Come as you wish, we are taking many precautions to keep the pews sanitized and offering ways for all of you to feel safe. Staying at home at this time is the safest thing to do, especially if you are vulnerable because of age or other illnesses but still here is your church open for you.

If you need help, we first want to say that we see you and we care about you! Our goal during this crisis is to serve you however you need. There are members in our community that are willing to go shopping for your groceries and our Society of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to serve you too in case you need food.

Also if you willing to help those most vulnerable, let us know, give us a call or email us. I'm sure there are ways to help others. At least accompany us in prayer as we pray for you all.

Bishop Barber also commanded us: "**I also ask priests to continue offering Mass daily in your church. Even if the faithful may not be present.**" Hebrews 8:3 says "It is the very duty of a priest to offer gift and sacrifice." **We need to pray and intercede for the needs of our people, and for an end to this pestilence.**" Therefore, Fr. Giopre and myself have been celebrating Mass privately for the daily intentions and for you all. Some of those Masses are live broadcast on the St. Anthony's Facebook page as we did this past Sunday and will also do it the upcoming weekend.

Bishop Barber also said, "**We will also be looking at post April 7 strategy regarding Holy Week and Easter services.**" We are still awaiting for his instructions as how we will precede regarding the greatest week for all Catholics in the world. I hope and pray we could be able to

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Please Pray For/Oremos Por

Deacon Joe Tovar

Andrea Spindler

Antonio Velasquez

Barbara Tallabas

Bebit Belotendos

Ben Patrick Andres

Bev Rossi

Blanca Del Real

Carlos Ortega

Cassandra McGee

Charleen Johnson

Danny Luna, Jr.

Danny Luna, Sr.

Darryl Grant Schrick

David Chades

David Newman

Dorothy & Mary Ann

Elaine Rigley

Elena Flores

Eli Wright

Enedina Rosales

Gay Lacsa

German Duarte

Gerardo Gomez

Gloria Ibarra

Grace Bustos

Grace Garcia

Guadalupe Sanchez

Harriet Zych

Helen Alleman

Heriberto Diaz

Jack Boureston & Family

Janice Contreras

Joel Rivera

Joey Luna

Jose Castellanos

Jose Castro

Jose Munoz

Juan Olan

Julio Schrick

Karen Valdez

Kenny Mathews Sr.

Margarita Avalos

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Omar Hernandez

Paola Mauricio

Paul Urenda

Ralph Diaz

Ricardo Guzman

Richard Cabral

Rocco Vicente Reyes

Rolando Abad

Ron Dion

Rosa Balaoing

Stacy Crompton

Stella Benitez

Stephen Solana

Steven Vargas

Teri Hernandez

Tony Rodriguez

Vincent Diaz

Our Men and Women of the military services.

If you wish to add or remove a loved one, please call the office at 625-2048.



Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of any parishioner who is ill or infirm to request a visit, to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or Communion at home, hospital or assisted living facility.

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come together again and celebrate the great joy of the Resurrection.

Lastly, kindly, we encourage you, support your parish as this is also a difficult time for us too. Please, give online using the Give+ app, download it for free and find us there either with the zip code 94561 or by name, St. Anthony Church, Oakley, CA; we will be immensely grateful.

Once again, be sure of our prayers for you all. May the Lord bless us all and reward you abundantly.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Rafael Hinojosa

Del escritorio del Padre

Querida Comunidad de San Antonio,

Mientras que la pandemia del COVID-19 sigue haciendo estragos en el mundo, yo los invito a ver esta situación como una puerta abierta para compartir el amor de Dios. En realidad, cada necesidad es una oportunidad para compartir su amor. No desesperemos. No importa que tan frustante, confuso, o cuanto miedo esta crisis nos pueda traer, que el miedo no tenga la ultima palabra. Juan 1 4:18 dice: "No hay miedo en el amor, pero el amor perfecto expulsa el miedo".

Nuestro Obispo Diocesano Michael Barber, dijo en sus últimas instrucciones a nosotros sus sacerdotes que "**el orden público dice que como público todavía se puede ir a la tienda de comestibles, al banco, al médico, al veterinario, al taller de meano e incluso a la lavandería.** Entonces, si alguien viene a ustedes pidiéndoles una confesión o recibir la Sagrada Comunión, yo lo haría, mientras tome todas las precauciones necesarias. Lo dejo a la discreción de cada sacerdote, pero recomiendo mantener las iglesias abiertas para la oración privada, e incluso exponer el Santísimo Sacramento por períodos de adoración. Si puedes lavar tu ropa, ¿no deberías poder rezar?"

Y eso es exactamente lo que estuvimos haciendo la semana pasada y lo seguiremos haciendo en los próximos días. La iglesia está abierta para que vengan a rezar si sienten la necesidad; si ven al Fr. Giopre o a mi mismo, y quieren recibir la Comunión o confesarse, no duden en preguntarnos por favor.

Además, el viernes pasado, y este próximo y hasta que termine esta situación, continuaremos exponiendo el Santísimo Sacramento de 9:00AM a 11:00 PM Venga como lo deseé, estamos tomando muchas precauciones para mantener las bancas desinfectadas y ofreciendo formas para que todos se sientan seguros. Aunque quedarse en casa en este momento es lo más seguro, especialmente si es vulnerable debido a la edad o otras enfermedades, pero aún así, su iglesia está abierta para usted. Si necesita ayuda, ¡Primeramente queremos decirle que lo vemos y nos preocupamos por usted! Nuestro objetivo durante esta crisis es servirle como usted lo necesite. Hay miembros en nuestra comunidad que están dispuestos a ir a comprar sus comestibles si usted no puede y nuestra sociedad de San Vicente de Paul también está lista para servirle en caso de que necesite comida.

Además, si está dispuesto a ayudar a los más vulnerables, avísenos, llámenos o envíenos un correo electrónico. Estoy seguro de que hay formas de ayudar a los demás. Al menos acompañenos en oración mientras oramos por todos ustedes.

El Obispo Barber también nos ordenó: "**También les pido a los sacerdotes que continúen ofreciendo**

misa todos los días en su iglesia. Incluso si los fieles no pueden estar presentes". "Es el deber de cada sacerdote ofrecer regalos y sacrificios." (Heb 8:3). "**Necesitamos orar e interceder por las necesidades de nuestra gente y por el fin de esta peste.**" Por lo tanto, el Fr. Giopre y yo hemos estado celebrando Misas en privado por las intenciones diarias y por todos ustedes. Algunas de esas Misas se transmiten en vivo en la pagina de Facebook de San Antonio como lo hicimos el domingo pasado y también lo haremos el próximo fin de semana.

El Obispo Barber también dijo: "**También analizaremos la estrategia posterior al 7 de abril con respecto a los servicios de Semana Santa y Pascua.**" Todavía estamos esperando sus instrucciones sobre cómo vamos a proceder con respecto a la mayor semana para todos los Católicos en el mundo. Espero y rezo para que podamos reunirnos nuevamente y celebrar la gran alegría de la Resurrección.

Por último, amablemente, le pedimos que apoye a su parroquia, ya que también es un momento difícil para nosotros. Por favor aporte en línea usando la aplicación Give+; nosotros estaremos inmensamente agradecidos.

Nuevamente, estén seguros de nuestras oraciones por todos ustedes. Que el Señor nos bendiga a todos y los recompense abundantemente.

Suyos en Cristo,
Fr. Rafael Hinojosa

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LOS INVITAMOS

A que no deje de pasar al vestíbulo a revisar los flyers que temenos con información importante para toda nuestra comunidad.

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22 de Marzo Catholic Relief Services
29 de Marzo asistencia de San Antonio

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