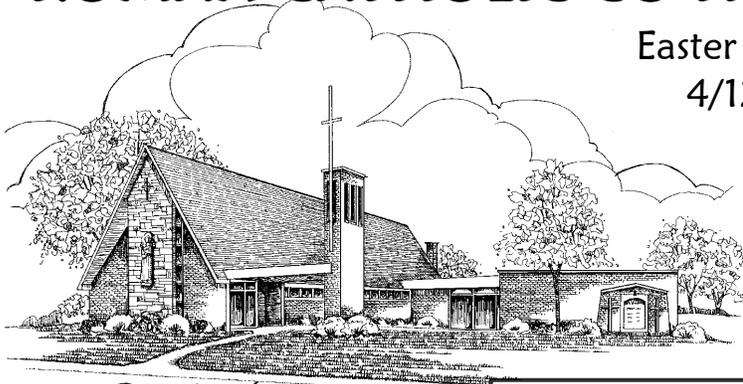


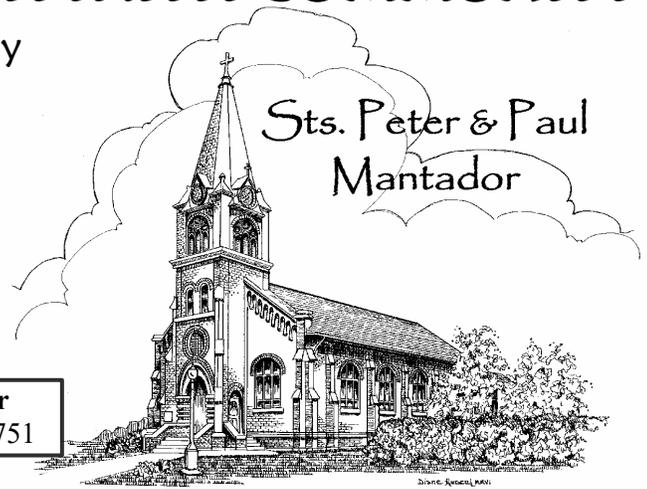
# ROMAN CATHOLIC CO-PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY

Easter Sunday  
4/12/20



St. Anthony  
Mooreton

**Fr. Kurt Gunwall, Pastor**  
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Sts. Peter & Paul  
Mantador

*When public Mass is allowed, we will begin with the 3/21 ministry schedule.*

**Pray for the Sick/Elderly:** Jerome Birchem, Kate Boll, Wayne Foertsch, Sr Ann Marie Friederichs, Jacinta Goerger, Dennis Iverson, Jim Krump, Dennis Mauch, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Macy Mauch, Jim Mitchell, Alice Pausch, Alice Pellman, Patrick Sawyer, Greg Stephens, Tim Sundby, Wayne Ward, Frances Zajac - Send prayer requests to Fr Gunwall.

**Mass Intentions No Public Masses (but still offered privately)**

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| Mon, 13                       | Gail Hartenstein/Carol Kuether - Easter Monday    |
| Tue, 14                       | Kevin Franck & family - Easter Tuesday            |
| Wed, 15                       | Leo Althoff (†) - Easter Wednesday                |
| Thu, 16                       | Roman Meyer - Easter Thursday                     |
| Fri, 17                       | Magdalene Meyer - Easter Friday                   |
| Sat, 18                       | Joe Franck (†) - Easter Saturday                  |
| <b>Sun, 19 9:30 am online</b> | <b>All our parishioners - Divine Mercy Sunday</b> |

**Passion & Death lead to the Resurrection**

First let us pray for the soul of Leo Althoff, who died and entered eternal life April 5. Let us also pray for Loretta and their family during this time of loss. A funeral Mass and prayer service at the cemetery will be offered sometime after the COVID restrictions are lifted. You are welcome to go to St Anthony's cemetery and pray for him even now as he was buried on Thursday, April 10.

**Suffering, Death and Joy**

Every day this week we celebrate the Eucharist as an Easter Day. The Octave of Easter runs Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Continue to celebrate the greatest gift we have received from God. Each day of the Triduum liturgies, we looked at three questions: 1) Who is Jesus (in the day's readings)? 2) Who am I (in relation to Jesus and the Father)? 3) What can I receive from God (if I am open to His gifts)?

I want to look at the third question here and will reference the first two. What can I receive from God from these last three days - every day of my life actually? Thursday's gift was the Eucharist, Jesus' Body & Blood and a related gift - his teaching to serve and care for others as Jesus does. It isn't a question or an option, it is His commanding invitation to do as he did.

Friday, the gift was suffering and death for a purpose. We all suffer and we will all die. So to do so for His purpose gives us strength, meaning, and courage. We also receive the gift of healing tears - joyful and sorrowful.

Saturday, the gift is another commanding invitation, "Do not be afraid." Believe in Jesus resurrection, in God's love and mercy for each of us and for our world, even if you have doubts and fears. Meditate on this, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love." Feeling afraid is an emotion and it is o.k. Nevertheless when I "feel" afraid, I look to God who is Truth for confidence, assurance, hope.

Just as I try to live every 'normal' day, I hope to accept suffering, pain, loss, and eventually death with these words in my heart and on my lips, "Jesus, I trust in You. I surrender myself to you. Take care of everything." For God is my All-Powerful Lord, Savior over Sin and Death, King whom I serve, and Merciful Judge. Do you know and follow this same God? He who suffered, died, and rose from the dead for you, for me, for everyone who will follow and obey Him?

I invite you to meet together (now or) when things settle down, to talk about God, who he really is, what questions, doubts, struggles, fears you may have. God is truth, goodness, and beauty and we should not be afraid to ask, seek, and knock at the door. God will never leave us in the darkness of sin and death unless we refuse his invitation. I am hear to walk with you on this journey and to help you in any way I can. God bless and keep you. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

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**News of the Week:**

Personal visits: If you are comfortable with a visit at the rectory or your home, call me.  
Zoom.us meetings - Tuesday 7 pm online.  
Other nights also planned. Send me a topic that interests you or one you have questions or struggles with.

### Questions of the Week

Having renewed my commitment to the Lord and filled with joy in his victory over death, how can I bear fruit in the world? How can I come to a deeper and firmer belief? How can I guide others in their faith?

**Verse of the Week:** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." {Matthew 28:5-6}

**Assignment: Give thank and do not fear** - When you find yourself worried or afraid, think hard and tell God thank you for something that is meaningful and important for you. Do that twice more and say thank you each time.

**Evening Q&A online forums** - I don't have this all planned out but I will begin offering evening sessions on the Zoom.us website and app. They will begin at

7:00 pm for 15-30 minutes on a main topic but will be open to other questions and topics as you bring them up. Zoom allows you to set an anonymous login and video/audio is optional if you want to type a sensitive question. I plan to send a reminder a couple hours ahead. Here is the meeting ID 2331473188 to Join a Meeting each time. Right now, I plan to have the first one Tuesday, April 14 on "Why does God allow suffering?" You can email/text questions ahead of time to me or just share them online.

**Families in Need** - In this difficult time, you may be struggling with the simple daily bills. As I have said here the last couple weeks, we have money available to help persons in need in our communities thanks to donations from members of our parish communities. Contact Fr. Gunwall for personal, confidential assistance.

*Contact me if you want to talk or need any help. - Fr. Kurt Gunwall*

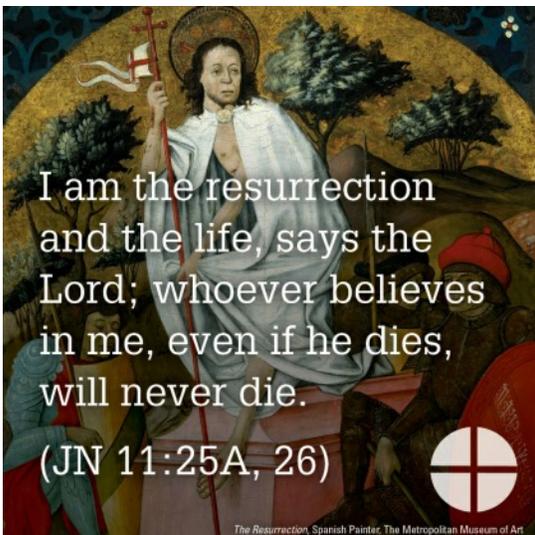
**Secret Prayer Partners** (at Sts Peter & Paul) - contact your secret partner with a card, note, or call and let them know that you have been praying for them this Lenten season. We all need to hear that someone is praying for us.

**Rice Bowls** - drop them in the sacristy or rectory by April 19. Thank you for your sacrificial giving this difficult Lent.

**Stewardship Moment:** "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

**Mass** - I will live stream Mass every Sunday until this ends. You can also watch the Cathedral Mass Sundays or EWTN every day on TV.



### Community Announcements

**Good Friday collection** for Christians in the Holy Land - Every year the collection on Good Friday supports the holy sites and Christian communities of the Holy Land will now occur on Sunday, September 13, the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. And so, you will be invited to support the Holy Land collection in the fall. Please keep the Christians of the Holy Land in your prayers.



**April Cleaners: Sts PP:** \*Sue Westphal, Sherri Foertsch, Kathy Mauch, Sandy Mauch, Diane Pausch / **St A:** \*Jodi Lingen, Diane Birchem, Laura Boyle, Jen Mauch, Ashley Nelson, Danette Onchuck

the Catechism (CCC) helps us read Scripture with the mind of Christ.

**Divine Mercy (2nd Easter) Sunday - Paragraph #s (not pages)**

448, 641-646: appearances of the risen Christ

1084-1089: sanctifying presence of the risen Christ in the liturgy

2177-2178, 1342: the Sunday Eucharist

654-655, 1988: our new birth in the Resurrection of Christ

976-983, 1441-1442: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins"

949-953, 1329, 1342, 2624, 2790: communion in spiritual goods



This week's celebrations: Jeanne Lugert, Craig Pausch, Aleda Krenzler, Lane Mauch, Ray Zajak.

Brandon & Kassie Pauly.

