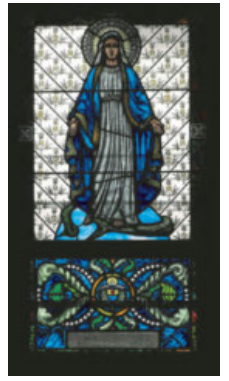




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## St Albert Church W Stewartstown

Masses—Friday: 8AM, Sat: 4:30PM  
Sun: 8AM (Columbus Day to Memorial Day)

## St Brendan Church Colebrook

Masses—Thur: 8AM,  
Sun: 10AM

## St Pius X Church Errol

Masses—Sun: 8AM (Chapel open  
Memorial Day to Columbus Day)



*Divine Mercy Sunday —April 24th, 2022*

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Craig I. Cheney 603-538-9892

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### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office for an  
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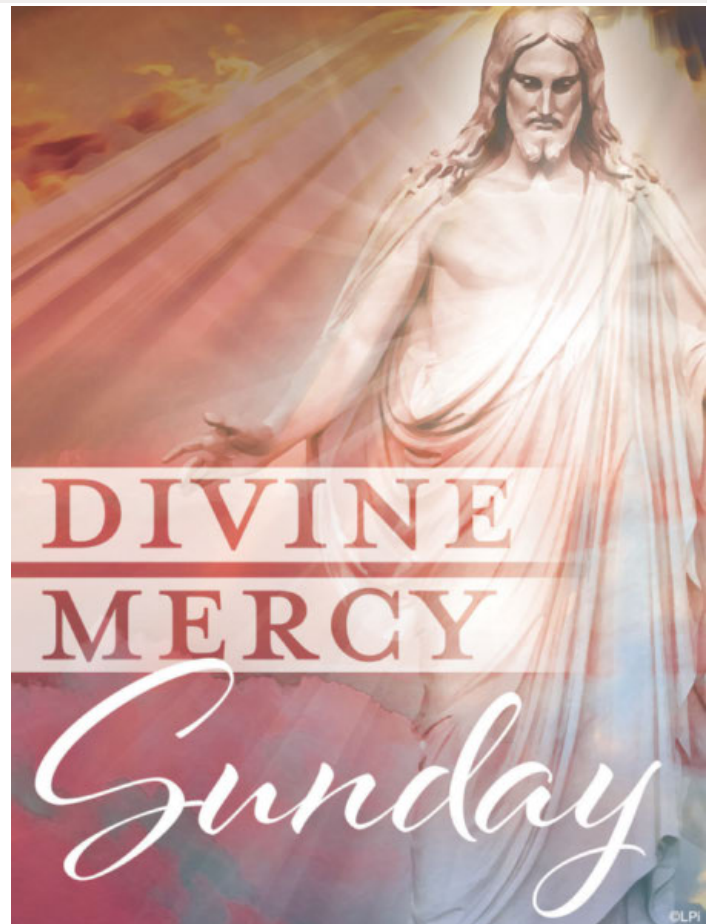
**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office 6  
months prior to your tentative date.

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. Albert  
Church or by appointment.



### New Parishioners:

If you attend North American Martyrs Parish regularly & consider us your parish, please take a moment to register with us by calling the Parish Office as soon as possible.



**ST. ALBERT**



Sat., Apr. 23rd 4:30PM

**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**  
**A special intention for Peace in this world**  
Req by a Parishioner

Sun., Apr. 24th 8:00AM

**Iola Boire** Req bu Josh Boire & Family  
**Steve Frye** Req by Suzanne Madore & Family

Fri., Apr. 29th 8:00AM

**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

Sat., Apr. 30th 4:30PM

**Jules Grondin** Req bu Dolores Grondin  
**Pauline Rodrigue** Req by Gaston Rodrigue

Sun., May 1st 8:00AM

**Gilbert Marchesseault** Req by Dolores Grondin & Family

**ST. BRENDAN**

Sun., Apr. 24th 10:00AM

**Garry Parkhurst** Req by Mom & Dad

Thu., Apr. 28th 8:00AM

**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

Sun., May 1st 10:00AM

**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

**COOS NURSING HOME**

Wed., Apr. 27th 9:30AM

**All Souls remembered on All Souls Day**

<u>Financial Report</u>	4/17/2022
Offertory	\$2345.00
60/40 Fundraiser	28.00
Food Pantry	200.00
Holy Land	713.00
Easter Sunday	1114.72
Fuel Funds	78.28
2nd collection this week-fuel funds	
<i>Thank you for your support of our parish!</i>	

**60/40 WINNER:**

(St. Albert's Church) Congratulations to  
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*Please consider participating in our weekly Parish 60/40 Booster Club. Envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Put a DOLLAR in the envelope, fill out the front with your name & address and drop it in the weekly collection. Weekly winner will be mailed a check for their 40% winnings.*

**Sanctuary Lamp**

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*If you are interested or considering including your Church as part of your estate planning please contact the Parish Office or Father Craig for more assistance.*

**The Annual Membership Club (\$100 yr) - pick up & fill out an envelope in the back of the Church & drop in the collection. Payable as one lump sum or 10 monthly payments of \$10. Drawing in Dec..**

**Start yours today!**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Monthly, 8:30AM First Friday at St Albert Parish



*The Rosary is prayed a 1/2 hour before each weekend Mass at St. Albert (SA) & St. Brendan (SB) Churches. All are welcome to join.*

**Catholic Women's Club**

For information about the Women's Club please call Diane Little (603-237-8062).

**Pope Francis asks for prayers for a special monthly intention. April is for: **Health Care Workers****

*"We pray for all Health Care Workers; may they continue to persevere each and every day to care for our family, friends and neighbors" AMEN*



**This year let's invite all the children and grandchildren to join us at Church to celebrate the Love of God and the love and thankfulness for our Mothers & Grandmothers!**

**WHAT'S YOUR Mother's Day TRADITION?**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mo:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
**Tu:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
**We:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
**Th:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
**Fr:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
**Sa:** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

## Observances for this week:

**Su:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr  
**Mo:** St. Mark, Evangelist  
**Tu & We:**  
**Th:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest  
**Fr:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church  
**Sa:** St. Pius V, Pope  
**Next Su:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

Link for reading information as well as other pertinent Universal Church resources: <http://uscgb.org/bible/readings>.

## REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

**First Reading:** (Acts 5:14) Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?  
**Second Reading:** (Rev 1:17-18) The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?  
**Gospel:** (Jn 20:19) The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?

**LIVE THE LITURGY - OUR WEEKLY INSPIRATION** Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!

## Sharing Your Faith— Who Can Offer Anointing of the Sick?

**Question:** Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

**Answer:** The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

**The World Is Watching.....**If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

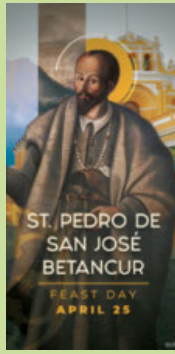
But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### St. Pedro de San José Betancur | April 25

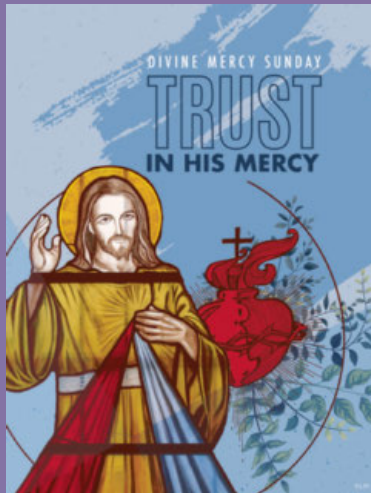
Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.



In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of *posadas*, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

North American Martyrs Parish is reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday at 3PM at St Albert Church



LAST CHANCE!!..The Baby Bottle Campaign has ended please return all bottles to the back of the Church.

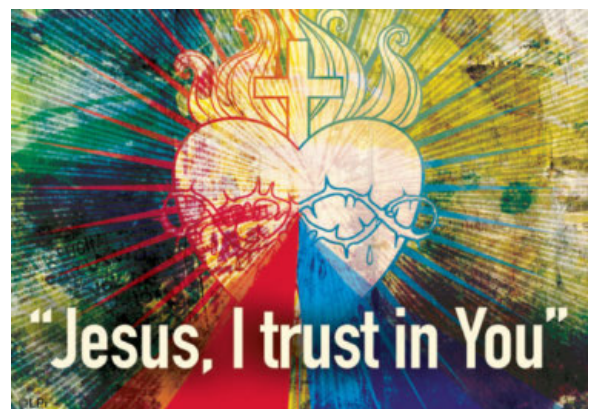
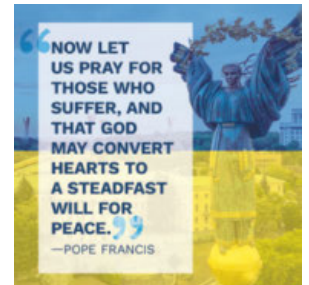
When you return your bottle please consider donating a package or two of diapers. The Center has stated that they regularly run out. North American Martyrs can assist the Center tremendously by consider donating. There are boxes wrapped in baby shower paper in the back of each Church. Let's consider 'showering' them with our generosity.

Please accept our THANKS for participating.



\*Saint Albert Indoor Yard Sale on May 14<sup>th</sup> 7am – 3pm. Along with local advertising we ask that you help spread the date to family & friends. On that day we will also have a Pancake Breakfast (7-10am) and a Beans & Hot Dog Lunch (11-2). We're adding a Bake Sale as well!!! So volunteers for baking be on the look out for more details!!!

**Men of St Joseph**—any man from North American Martyrs is welcome to join our Men of St Joseph group. If you are interested please see Father Craig and / or call the Parish Office.



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**Answer:** Saint Peter

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