

## 4th Sunday of Lent March 22

Dear Friends of St Anthony's Mendocino,

I hope that you are staying safe and sound! I hope as well that with the added free time on your hands you are able to pray more each day. Individually our prayers may not seem like much but when we unite ourselves especially over broad spectrums of the population, they can become very powerful. Our creation is hurting. Our world is suffering. The Covid-19 crisis is only a outpouring of this internal brokenness. But through our prayers, creation can be restored and lives healed. The human body is a microcosm of the macrocosm of all creation. If one is hurting the other is too. They are both interrelated. St Paul said the body is one but has many parts. We are all parts of the Mystical Body that is the Church but we are also parts of the collective body that is Creation. So together we need to lift up our prayers for Creation to be restored; Lives to be healed; Hearts to be mended.

For a couple of weeks at least we will have to create a different way of 'being Church'. Fortunately, a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament in Elk has already put together a spiffy new website for us to use. I learned how to create a YouTube channel as well. So, we now have coastcatholic.org as our website and Mendocino Catholic as our YouTube channel. I am self-videoing Masses for the website and the YouTube channel and you can find many other ways through these domains to remain connected to your Faith during these difficult times.

Our Finance Council ever solicitous for the welfare our Parish Church here on the Coast also would like you to contribute in the measure possible to keep things going. However, your help is most appreciated. I must say our Rectory Appeal was quite successful as well as our Crab Feed so at this point, we're not desperate, but what you can give is most appreciated.

At this time, I would like to thank the members of our Finance Council who take very much at heart keeping St Anthony's of Mendocino a viable entity here on the Coast.

God bless you all and Stay safe!

Fr Rob