

# CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

***For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,  
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.***

***We will return your call in a timely manner.***

## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) .....4:00 p.m.

Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday.....12:10 p.m.

(Holy Days as scheduled)

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith  
through Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, Pastor ..... 255-4600

Rev. Logan Obrigewitch, Parochial Vicar. .... 975-9802

Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

## **PASTORAL MINISTERS**

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation ..... 975-9810

Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care ..... 975-9805

Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806

Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation ..... 975-9809

Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816

Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry ..... 975-9808

**DEACONS:** Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,  
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

## **PARISH SUPPORT STAFF**

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600

Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician ..... 975-9815

Bridget Johnson, Accounting Coordinator ..... 975-9804

Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807

Beverly Everett, Organist in Residence ..... 255-4600



## March 26, 2023

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation** - Reconciliation will be offered behind a screen weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Also, schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

**Baptism** - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-975-9805 to register or register online at [corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism](http://corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism) prior to your delivery date and the program director will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

**Marriage** - Couples planning to be married should contact Sarah in the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

**Natural Family Planning Classes** are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 701-222-3035 or [www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp).

**RCIA Classes** - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

**PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be received by noon on Wednesdays (*typed format*).

**PRAYER TREE:** 255-4600

## Livestreaming Schedule:

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:45 a.m.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

*Monday, Mar. 27- †Antonina Dela Cruz (12:10 p.m.)*

*Tuesday, Mar. 28- †Leo Wetsch (12:10 p.m.)*

*Wednesday, Mar. 29- †Markus & †Pauline Wald (12:10 p.m.)*

*Thursday, Mar. 30- †Lawrence & †Bernetta Erhardt  
(12:10 p.m.)*

*Friday, Mar. 31- †Riuardo Alfonso (12:10 p.m.)*

*Saturday, Apr. 1- †Rosemary Schmaltz (4:00 p.m.)*

*Sunday, Apr. 2- Pro Populo (8:30 a.m.)*

*†Martin Morrell (10:45 a.m.)*

*†James & †Leona Hammes (5:30 p.m.)*



## OPERATION RICE BOWL 2023

**The Power of Sacrifice.** Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter!

But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of His resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

### Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult Catholic who would like to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** might be for you. Sunday evenings from 4:00-8:00 p.m. (this will include a short supper break). Classes begin **May**



**7<sup>th</sup>** and continue for 6 weeks. Call Tracy in the Parish Office at 701-255-4600 for questions. You can sign up by scanning this QR Code.



### CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,463 households)

Adult Envelopes (214)..... \$13,562.95

Youth Envelopes ..... \$ 215.52

TOTAL RECEIVED (March 19)..... \$13,778.47

1st Sunday ..... \$15,711.57

Online Giving Week 1 (Feb 27-Mar. 5).... \$ 6,894.15

Electronic Contributions ..... \$14,108.68

2nd Sunday ..... \$11,205.16

Online Giving Week 2 (Mar. 6-12) ..... \$ 3,563.00

3rd Sunday ..... \$13,778.47

Online Giving Week 3 (Mar. 13-19) ..... \$ 5,465.00

Electronic Contributions ..... \$10,415.68

4th Sunday ..... \$ 0

Online Giving Week 4 (Mar. 20-26) ..... \$ 0

*We appreciate your generosity which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.*

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 1:00-7:00 p.m. (private, quiet time, incense free). All are welcome to spend time in Jesus' awesome Eucharistic presence. **During Adoration, the exposed Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended. We need to make sure we have at least two committed adorers present at all times. If you are unable to come to your committed time, please contact Tracy in the Parish Office at 701-975-9803.**

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



Get our Parish App

Text **App** to **55321**



Catholic Daughters will meet on **Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** for a 6:00 p.m. potluck at Cathedral. For more information call Marella at 701-255-0559.

**Marriage Moments:** Feeling bored or sad? "Do not abandon yourself to sorrow, do not torment yourself with brooding." (Sirach 30:21) There's plenty of sorrow these days but look for a positive side to misfortune. For example: If I'm sick, maybe I can finally read that book. Try it. You might be a more pleasant person to be around.

**Parenting Pointers:** Spring is a transitional season between cold and hot. What temperature does each person in your family prefer? Perhaps have some fun dressing up for an inside evening of activities. (Susan Vogt at [www.susanvogt.net](http://www.susanvogt.net))

## Corpus Christi Youth Ministry

**High School SNAC**  
(Sunday Nights After Church)  
(Grades 9-12)  
**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Addiction Presentation**



### Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>)

March 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Contact Melanie @ 701-255-4600 with questions.

## Choir Rehearsal



**Wednesday, March 29<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**  
Adults, Teens and Kids Grades 3-8



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 a.m. Mass.

*This is for children Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.*



## LAST FISH FRY MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

**Volunteers and Desserts Needed!**

**Adults: \$12**  
**Children: \$8**  
**Family: \$45**

We are taking sign-ups online for fish cutters, servers, table setters, table clearers, dishwashers and DESSERTS! If you have any questions, contact Melanie at 701-255-4600 or 701-975-9809 or [melanie.konieczka@corpuschristibismarck.com](mailto:melanie.konieczka@corpuschristibismarck.com).

You may register by scanning this QR Code or by clicking the link on the Youth Ministry page on our website.



**Music by Colleen Reinhardt & Others!**  
**We take credit cards!!**

## What's Going on Here This Week

- Mon. 3/27      Lenten Luncheon, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Faith Formation (B), 5:30-6:45 p.m.
- Tues. 3/28      Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room  
Lenten Luncheon, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-7:00 p.m., Church
- Wed. 3/29      Lenten Luncheon, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Faith Formation (E), 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
Confirmation (8<sup>th</sup>), 7:00-8:30 p.m.,  
Community Room  
Middle School Youth Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>),  
7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Thurs. 3/30      Lenten Luncheon, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Lent Confessions, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Church  
Lenten Presentation, 7:00 p.m., Church  
Eucharistic Adoration & Lent Confessions,  
8:00-9:00 p.m., Church
- Fri. 3/31      Lenten Luncheon 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Parish Hall  
Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m., Church
- Sun. 4/2      Faith Formation (D), 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140

## Your stepping stones back into life...



**LOTUS (Looking Onward to Understanding and Serenity)** is a group for men, women and young adults who have experienced a death. LOTUS meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. The next session will be on **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a LOTUS Combined and the sessions will meet at 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 7:00-9:00 p.m. The topic will be **"Dealing with Loneliness, Emptiness and Depression"** with **Sandra Gallegher as the speaker.**

**Healing Hearts Grief Support Group.** Healing Hearts is a group for anyone who has experienced loss of a child and provides guidance on the path to healing. This group is made for miscarriages, infant, toddler, youth, teen and adult loss. This grief support group is open to the public and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway. Next Session is **March 28<sup>th</sup>**. The topic will be: **"Does it ever get Better"**.





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

After nearly 18 months to the day, the Pastor and Parochial Vicar of Corpus Christi are back living across the street from the church; now living in fraternity and conformation with Canon Law. This past week was busy as we all moved and settled in. There is much to do with a move, and I am grateful to all my staff, family and friends who assisted in any way. If you attended Masses last weekend, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the rectory virtual tour was shown before the Masses. We will show the approximately 2½ minute video again this weekend. I thought this was the easiest way to allow those unable to attend the open house to see the rectory. The virtual tour can be accessed anytime by watching the livestream feeds from March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. I was overwhelmed by your support during the Open Houses and it was great to visit and answer your questions. For those who gifted us with housewarming gifts - your kindness did not go unnoticed. In addition to the priests moving in, this past week the range was installed in the kitchen and work continued in the chapel. The chapel is coming along quite nicely and will be finished soon, only awaiting the stained glass window installation. When Bishop Kagan tasked me with the project of building a rectory, the list of "must-haves" included (but was not limited to): room for 4-5 men, limited stairs, areas to accommodate the parish for events, and a building that was solidly built with a design and materials intended for longevity. I knew the cost of building from the ground up would be daunting, but it was important to have a finished rectory that was complete and ready for any number of priests and seminarians to move in over the years without projects looming over their heads. The Corpus Christi rectory has successfully checked off those needs (and more) while being functional and beautiful. I know our Capital Campaign goal is within reach and I thank you for all the ways you have supported the project.

I'd like to close with two more items. First, I hope you will take time to attend the Lenten Evening of Reflection this Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great way to immerse yourself in our Lenten Theme and to prepare for Holy Week. Secondly, I have received a lot of feedback from our Parish App, mostly all good! One minor frustration that I have noticed personally is that the "readings" icon is intended specifically for the readings of the day. So, if I'm preparing a homily for the weekend or you are attending Mass on Saturday, you cannot advance the readings through a calendar option like you find on the USCCB website. I only mention this because I am aware of it and if a different option becomes available, we will certainly add it to the App.

*~Have a great week! Monsignor Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L.*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please review the schedule below and contact the office to let us know if you are willing and able to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled but would be willing to help, call Tracy at 701-255-4600.

Date: Apr 1-2		April 1, 2023 4:00 PM		April 2, 2023 8:30 AM		April 2, 2023 10:45 AM		April 2, 2023 5:30 PM
Hospitality	1		1	Linda Heil	1	Kathy Howe	1	
	2		2	Brian Steffl	2	Maryam Abdo	2	
	3		3	Heather Steffl	3		3	
	4		4	Catherine Williams	4		4	
	5		5	Francis Williams	5		5	
Ushers	1		1	Kenneth Heil*	1	Dan Sautner	1	Gene Rivinius*
	2		2	Lance Bauer	2	Lonnie Zahn	2	Bev Rivinius
	3		3	Mike Hilbert	3	Dan DeRouchey	3	
	4		4		4		4	
	5		5		5		5	
	6		6		6			
Lectors	1	Lisa Frank	1	John Saiki	1	Andrew Kraft	1	Todd Van Orman
	2	Janet Elkin	2		2	Rodger Wetzel	2	Sara Postl
Servers	1		1	Brooklynn Barnhardt	1	Ella Weigel	1	
	2		2		2	Madisyn Lowe	2	
Eucharistic Min		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST
	R-1	Larry Thelen	R-1	Dean Anagnost	R-1	Pam Vetter	R-1	Margie Schiff
	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father	2	Father
	3	MaryAnn Metcalf	3	Shawn Anagnost	3	Kathy Howe	3	
	4	Elaine Thompson	4	Brenda Bergan	4	Janet Spooner	4	
	5	Carol Thompson	5	Lynn Best	5	Makayla Schatz	5	
	6	Janet Elkin	6	Char Blaskowski	6	Cec Reetz	6	
	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon	7	Deacon
	8		8	Karen daSilva	8	Cathy Schatz	8	
	9		9	Kathy Knudson	9	Barbie Lowe	11	
	10		10	Bill Knudson	10		12	
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## Living on the RIM: God's Amazing Grace

Read Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; and John 11:1-45. Reflection: God calls us to new life in Him and our MISSION is to live for Him by being who He created us to be and by using the gifts He has given us. When we live our MISSION, God's Spirit is alive in us and we experience new life. Do you recognize God's mission in your life?



## 2023 LENTEN LUNCHEONS

*Monday - Friday (February 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 5<sup>th</sup>)  
After the 12:10 p.m. Mass (Free Will Offering)*



## LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Participate in almsgiving this Lent by donating food to help fill the shelves of the Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the upper and lower gathering spaces.

**WEEK 5: Cream Soups and Rice**



### DAILY SCHEDULE DURING LENT



Monday-Friday: Mass -12:10 p.m.  
(followed by a light lunch)



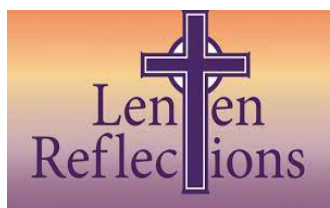
### Stations of the Cross

Friday - 5:30 p.m.  
(followed by a fish fry)

### EASTER FLOWERS



You are invited to participate in the Easter Flower Offering to enhance our worship environment while honoring or remembering a loved one. Monetary donations will fund flowers and decorations for the Easter season. All flowers will be ordered locally. You can also pick up an "Easter Flower Offering" envelope at any of the entrances or you can donate online by scanning this QR code. To be included in our Easter Flower insert, donate no later than **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Kindly donate via the Easter Flower Offering rather than donating a flowering plant.



### LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Church**

## LENTEN RESOURCES

Stop by any entrance of the Church and pick up the *Word Among Us* for daily readings and reflections. There is also a pamphlet entitled: *How Sweet the Sound - Lyrical Reflections* based on "Amazing Grace", as well as a Lenten activity sheet for children.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - 12:10, 3:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-6:45 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

*Check our website for city-wide options.*

**Sunday, Mar 26, 2023**

### Hints of resurrection

While the Hebrew scripture written before Jesus lived doesn't explicitly speak of resurrection in the same way it is spoken of after Jesus is raised from the dead, there are certainly rumors and whispers. Perhaps the most explicit references are in chapter 37 of Ezekiel, where God, working through the prophet, raises a valley of dry bones to new life and promises to restore them to the promised land after their captivity in Babylon centuries before Christ. Saint Jerome called the vision of the valley of bones a "simile" of the Resurrection to come. There's hope for these old bones yet!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34). *"Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!"*

**Monday, Mar 27, 2023**

### A profile in courage

In the last week of Women's History Month, here's another Catholic woman who made history: Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985). Born wealthy in Russia, she escaped the Russian Revolution and fled to Canada. During the Great Depression, she founded Friendship House, a Catholic outreach movement to serve the poor and promote interracial friendship—a movement that started in Toronto and spread to Harlem, Chicago, Washington D.C., and Portland, Oregon. As a nation and a world community, we face trials comparable to the ones Doherty faced. She responded with courage, generosity, love, and gospel witness. Let us do the same!

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

**Tuesday, Mar 28, 2023**

### 'Tis a gift to be simple

Happy birthday to Saint John Neumann today—nicknamed the "little bishop" not only for his stature but for the humility that came from his Redemptorist vow of poverty, which he honored even after becoming bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann's simplicity invites rich reflection for Lent. "Our great mistake is that we allow ourselves to be deceived by the spirit of worldly shrewdness, the desire for fame, and the love of comfort," he wrote to a fellow priest. "The principles of faith fade out of our hearts in proportion as we allow the principles of the world to come in." Simplify your life to make more room for what feeds your faith.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world."*

**Wednesday, Mar 29, 2023**

### Redemption is at hand

Though they, along with other ancient societies, engaged in some forms of household slavery, Jews as a general rule frowned upon the institution. Slaves who were not Jewish were to be offered conversion to Judaism and if they became Jews, immediately freed. Jews were also required to redeem Jewish slaves from non-Jewish owners. Memory of their own captivity in Egypt and Babylonia loomed large, and they resented Jesus promising to free them. But when Jesus spoke of the truth setting Jews free, he was talking about another kind of enslavement, the kind we all fall

into through unskillful actions, behaviors, habits, compulsions. Look honestly at what might be restricting your inner freedom and ask Jesus to redeem you.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253).

*"We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?"*

**Thursday, Mar 30, 2023**

### Help your unbelief

Can a believer doubt? It can be a relief to learn that a whole school of thought among Catholic theologians asserts that doubt, while seemingly corrosive, can actually bolster faith in the end. Doubt can lead to exploration, which often leads to better understanding, greater clarity, or sometimes simply a willingness to not know, to live without all questions fully answered, leaning into religious practice with an open heart. Most would call that an adult faith. What questions nag at you? Doubt, dig, and remain open to God.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254). *"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death."*

**Friday, Mar 31, 2023**

### Miles to go

Women's History Month concludes today, but the work of ensuring the rights of women continues. In a November 2022 press conference, Pope Francis acknowledged that more work needs to be done. "We have to tell the truth," the pope said. "The fight for women's rights is an ongoing fight." This includes equality in public life and also "equality of opportunities." How might we each open a door of opportunity for women in our own families, parishes, neighborhoods, schools, or offices?

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works."*

**Saturday, Apr 01, 2023**

### A well-traveled pilgrim helped shape Holy Week

Holy Week begins tomorrow. It's in the description of Jesus' last week—immediately ahead of his death and Resurrection—that all four gospels resemble each other the most. The church's liturgical celebration of Holy Week, however, was a late development. Originally, Christians had only a single *Pascha* liturgy to observe Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. Specific Holy Week liturgies for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday grew from individual shrines in Jerusalem where each event occurred. Thanks to a detailed travel journal, written in 383 by a remarkable woman pilgrim to the Holy Land named Egeria, these liturgies began to take shape. As Holy Week begins, let's not only honor the women at the empty tomb but the woman who helped define Holy Week.

LENTEN WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *"He prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2023

Church of Corpus Christi

## One Minute Meditations

### The God-shaped hole

St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee," (*Confessions*, Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something good, true, and beautiful. We long for God. We can try filling that void with things of the world. Unless we fill that longing with God, however, we can never be satisfied.

### Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"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).



## Powerful gifts of Eucharistic devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

### Return love for Love:

The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining — personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

**Fuel for the fight:** The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' – impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

protects from mortal sins.

**Source of joy:** The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

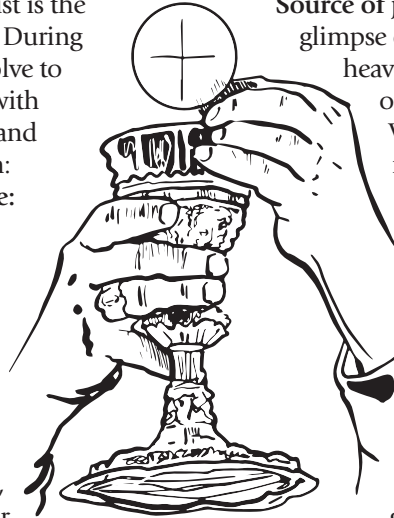
### Wisdom and guidance:

As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have

weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

### Communion empowers us to love:

"Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption — the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of



an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

## Choose new life at Easter

*"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ..." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).*

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

### from Scripture

#### John 10:1-10; Trusting the Good Shepherd

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is, how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from getting to his flock. Predators would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the shepherd took care of it, even risking his



life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear. Without the constant care, guidance, and protecting presence of the shepherd (God), the sheep (us) wouldn't survive. That's uncomfortable because it means we're dependent and vulnerable. But the deeper truth is that Jesus, our Shepherd, knows us each personally,

individually. Our Shepherd heals us, provides for us, and protects us, even to offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us Home.

### Q & A

#### Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching. Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([usccb.org](http://usccb.org)), ask your priest.

If, after all that, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

### Feasts & Celebrations

**April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century).** On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

**April 9 – The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century).** Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

**April 13 – Pope St. Martin I (665).**

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in exile.

**April 16 – Divine Mercy Sunday (1931).** Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." He promised that anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



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LENT 2023 at Corpus Christi

# Living on the RIM: *God's Amazing Grace*

**Evening of Reflection**

**Thursday, March 30**

**Corpus Christi Church**

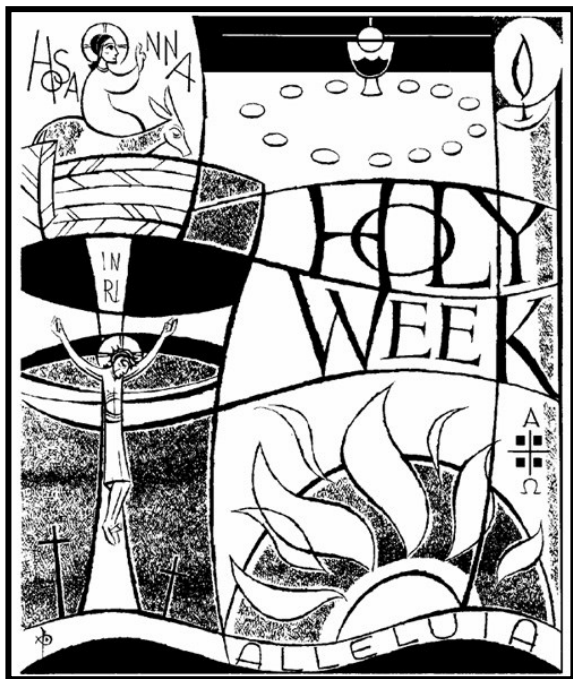
Join us as we explore *Living on the RIM: God's Amazing Grace*.  
Dr. Link will explain how an intimate **RELATIONSHIP** with Christ leads us  
to recognize our true **IDENTITY** and the **MISSION** we are called to.

**5:30—6:45 pm** | **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (2 priests available)

**7:00—8:00 pm** | **Presentation on RIM: Relationship, Identity, Mission**  
*Dr. James Link, Msgr. Patrick Schumacher & Fr. Logan Obrigewitch*

**8:00—9:00 pm** | **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (2 priests available)  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Holy Triduum (Latin for three days), from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Chronologically three days, they are liturgically one celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery.



## Guide to the Holy Triduum

**HOLY THURSDAY** commemorates the Last Supper and the Institution of the Priesthood. Observed with foot washing, stripping of the Altar, and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament for an extended time of prayer to keep vigil watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

A day of fasting and abstinence, **GOOD FRIDAY** is the most solemn day of the Liturgical Year, the day Christ was crucified. Observed with a stripped Altar, the reading of the Passion, and veneration of the cross. Good Friday is the only day in which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass cannot be offered. The Eucharistic host we receive at Communion was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

On **HOLY SATURDAY**, Jesus is in the tomb. It is still a day of fasting and sorrow as we remember the day Jesus descended to the dead. The only Mass on this day is the Easter Vigil, which begins no earlier than sundown. This most glorious and dramatic liturgy for the Church begins with the Service of Light. During the Mass, RCIA catechumens are welcomed into full communion with the Church.

# Holy Week 2023

## Corpus Christi Church

### Monday of Holy Week: April 3rd

*The Diocese holds the Chrism Mass on the Monday of Holy Week. Therefore:*

**No 12:10 pm Mass | No Lenten Lunch**

11:00 am—12:00 pm Confessions (1 priest)

5:00—8:00 pm Confessions (3 priests)

### Tuesday of Holy Week: April 4th

11:00 am—12:00 pm Confessions (2 priests)

12:10 pm Mass

12:40 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00 pm

12:45 pm Lenten Lunch in the Parish Hall

7:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song with Colleen Reinhardt

### Wednesday of Holy Week: April 5th

11:00 am—12:00 pm Confessions (2 priests)

12:10 pm Mass

12:45 pm Lenten Lunch in the Parish Hall

### HOLY THURSDAY: April 6th (Happy Birthday, Msgr. Schumacher!)

**No Confessions | No 12:10 pm Mass**

**5:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

6:30 pm Adoration following Mass until 8:30 pm in the Chapel



### GOOD FRIDAY: April 7th

**No Confessions | Parish Office Closed**

**12:10 pm Good Friday of our Lord's Passion**

**3:00 pm Good Friday of our Lord's Passion**

**5:30 pm Good Friday of our Lord's Passion**

### HOLY SATURDAY: April 8th

**No Confessions | No 4:00 pm Mass**

**8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass**

### EASTER SUNDAY: April 9th

**7:00 am Mass**

**9:00 am Mass**

**11:00 am Mass**

No 5:30 pm Mass

**\*\*Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 10th**