

CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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 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

*Holy Days as scheduled and may differ than below.
 See the inside of the bulletin for details.*

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor 255-4600
 Rev. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar..... 975-9802
 Rev. Dinoy Rebera, Parochial Vicar 975-9818
 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
 Cole Jones, Youth Ministry..... 975-9804
 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
 Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807
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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays (typed format)



June 1, 2025

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - Reconciliation is 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. Schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

Baptism - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator 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 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 Bismarck Diocese at 701-222-3035 or www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp.

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



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH REGISTRATION

To become a registered member, stop by the Parish Office or scan this QR Code.



CORPUS CHRISTI APP (MyParish APP):

Download the app for any smart device.

Text the word *App* to 55321.

Or scan the QR Code.

From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

Take-Aways on our New Pope ~ Part Three of Three: A Polish pope in 1978, German in 2005, Argentina in 2013, and finally, an American in 2025. John Paul II was 58, Benedict 78, Francis 76, and now, Pope Leo is 69. We've had a pope at the age of 18 and the oldest, Pope Leo XIII at 95. We should all remember how significant the words of our new Pope Leo XIV were on that loggia on May 08, 2025: "La Pace sia con tutti voi" (Peace be with you all). These were the first words of the first American pope. He then reminded us these were the first words of the Risen Christ to the Church. Pope Leo XIV called himself a 'son of Augustine' quoting Saint Augustine who said, "With you I'm a Christian and for you I'm a bishop." In addition to peace and service as a bishop, he spoke of being a bridge builder and valuing the process of synodality. He spoke of our need to be close to the suffering, needing to love each other and to forgive each other; in all this, he said, we have hope. It was said it wasn't his rhetoric that secured his advancement, but his demeanor. And I like his demeanor. Its been said our new pope does not take himself seriously, but takes what he does very seriously. He is described as authentic, approachable, and recognizes those in front of him. The Italian media has described him as a 'calm' pope and others have described our new pope Leo XIV as a man of clarity. While continuing the legacy of Pope Francis, clarity is welcomed by us who are pastors. I don't think I'll frequently have to say, "What Pope Leo meant was this...etc." as we often were uncomfortably called to do under Pope Francis. This concludes my three-part series of my *Take-Aways on our New Pope Leo XIV*. Pray for him daily as we give thanks to God for the gift of him and the Church.



A few more things: • Today, June 01, the African Missionary Team of Fr. John Paul Gardner, Abby Lardy, Tracy Kraft, and Sarah Bengtson departed for Kenya. Travel to the mission will take about 21 hours by air (not including layovers), meaning Fr. John Paul will celebrate his 20th Anniversary (June 2), on an airplane, landing on Kenyan soil late in the day. They will spend one night at a hostel run by nuns and on June 03, the team will travel another 4-5 hours by car to the mission in Kisii and spend 21 days working with Fr. Morman. The team will return late on June 28 and Tracy and Sarah plan to be back in the office on July 01. Corpus Christi staff and volunteers will be assisting in the main office for the duration of the month while they are away. I thank the staff for taking on extra duties during this time and ask for your patience and understanding. • Fr. Dinoy recently returned from his time in India, just in time for Fr. Gardner to depart to Africa. Fr. Dinoy opted to schedule his canonical retreat for later this year and he will be managing the parish this week during the annual Clergy Retreat, which is always the first week of June. • Please consider attending "*An Evening with Jesse Manibusan*" this Thursday, June 05. Jesse is a nationally known Catholic recording artist and is in Bismarck for the wedding we have here at Corpus Christi on June 07. While Jesse is here, he is offering an evening of music - all ages are invited and welcome! ~*Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend. If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

Date: June 7-8	June 7, 2025		June 8, 2025		June 8, 2025		June 8, 2025	
	4:00 PM		8:30 AM		10:45 AM		5:30 PM	
Hospitality	1 Mary Ann Grossman	1 Jason Krebsbach	1 Rita Mastel	1 Mary Nelson	2 Evelyn Spangler	2 Abbie Krebsbach	2 Beverly Larson	2
	3	3 Kort Krebsbach	3	3	4	4	4	4
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Ushers	1 Helen Berger	1 John Saki	1 Nancy Haunz	1 Tim Rivinius	2 Sam Theurer	2 George Simek	2 Dennis Mastel	2 Bernie Rivinius
	3 Derek Theurer	3 Plus Ternes	3 Chuck Holzer	3	4 Ron Hopfaut	4 Melvin Schoepp	4 Bernie Holzer	4
		5 Bob Dauenhauer						
Lectors	1 Nikki Ferderer	1 Timothy Click	1 Claudia Dietrich	1 Christopher Knudson	2 Heather Lundeen	2 Francis Ziegler	2 Christine Elzenga	2 Bob Willenbring
Servers	1 Chloe Lundeen	1 Anna Brash	1 Ben Miller	1 Joelle Knudson	2 Olivia Lundeen	2 Carsten Schmidt	2 Jake Miller	2 Kyan Knudson
Eucharistic Min	BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST		BODY OF CHRIST	
	R-1 Carol Thompson	R-1 Gerard Mathern	R-1 Gary Feist	R-1 Tim Bohan	2 Father	2 Father	2 Father	2 Father
	3 Bob Clooten	3 Dale Kasowski	3 Steven Mittelsteadt	3 Mary Nelson	4 Sandy Wald Clooten	4 Pam Mathern	4 Charlie Holzer	4 Margie Schiff
	5 Clare Auble	5 Jerome Werlinger	5 Cec Reetz	5	6 Heather Lundeen	6 Danell Becker	6 LaVerne Kaufman	6
	7 Deacon	7 Deacon	7 Deacon	7 Deacon	8 Connie Kalanek	8 Mike Hilbert	8 Kathy Feist	8
	9	9 Ron Torkelson	9	11	10	10 Virginia Torkelson	10	12
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At 4:00*	D12		L2		LG	Mary Kasowski	LG	LG

Livestreaming Schedule:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

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

Holy Days as Scheduled

Weekly Mass Intentions

- Mon., June 2** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Wade Swezey
- Tues., June 3** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Agnes Jennings
- Wed., June 4** - (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Tillie Volesky
- Thurs., June 5** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Robert Volesky
- Fri., June 6** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Jim Friesz & ✠Ryan Berger
- Sat., June 7** (4:00 p.m.) - ✠Lucretia Silbernagel
- Sun., June 8** (8:30 a.m.) - ✠Anselm Ternes
(10:45 a.m.) - ✠Jeanette Sullivan
(5:30 p.m.) - Pro Populo

Did you know that you can listen to homilies from previous Masses?

- Click on the Homily Podcast button on the homepage at www.corpuschristibismarck.com.
- Click on the Homilies icon on the Corpus Christi MyParish App.

Don't have the app? Scan the QR code on the front of the bulletin.



"Come and See" Summer Lunch and Learn

Join us this summer for the Eucharistic Devotion EWTN Learn series hosted by Hank LaBore and his wife Jayne. Deepen your understanding of the Most Holy Eucharist and your intimacy with Jesus. Find strength and healing through the Eucharist. See the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration in a whole new way. A light lunch will be served, followed by a brief video and teaching, and an opportunity for a short time of Adoration.

Tuesday Afternoons

June 10, 17, 24 & July 8, 15, & 22

12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

No registration charge for the class.

Free will offering for lunch.



Registration is required so we can plan for setup and lunch. To register, scan the QR code or go to corpuschristibismarck.com and click on the scrolling banner on the home page. For questions, please contact Cindy Anderst in the Parish Office at 255-4600.

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,464 households)	
Adult Envelopes (215 Envelopes)	\$12,448.66
Youth Envelopes	\$176.01
TOTAL RECEIVED (May 25)	\$12,624.67
1 st Sunday May 4	\$19,168.41
Online Giving Week (April 28-May 4)	\$7,735.00
2 nd Sunday May 11	\$17,371.05
Electronic Contributions (May 5)	\$13,193.68
Online Giving Week (May 5-11)	\$5,056.00
3 rd Sunday May 18	\$20,047.18
Online Giving Week (May 12-18)	\$6,935.00
Electronic Contributions (May 20)	\$10,455.68
4 th Sunday May 25	\$12,624.67
Online Giving Week (May 19-25)	\$3,145.00

We are grateful for your generosity, which is part of being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi.

Our priests/clergy/staff will NEVER email, text, or call to **solicit gift cards or gift certificates** or email to request a **"confidential meeting of a private nature"**.

THIS IS A SCAM!

If you get a message, delete it - **DO NOT RESPOND!**

God's Share Appeal Update

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, to date we have **371** pledges which represents **15%** of our parish goal. (Our parish goal is 100% participation.) Your prayers for the success of the God's Share Appeal and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese; it takes many people to form the Body of Christ. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge envelope with your response today. Together we can accomplish many works of faith, hope, and charity.

An Evening with Jesse Manibusan



Thursday, June 5 • 6:00 p.m.

Church of Corpus Christi

Admission by free will offering

Join us for a joyful and spirit-filled evening with Jesse Manibusan, internationally known Catholic singer-songwriter, storyteller, and evangelizer. With a gift for connecting across generations, Jesse blends music, humor, and heartfelt faith into an unforgettable experience.

Audiences describe his concerts as "deeply moving," "full of laughter and light," and "a joyful celebration of faith." Whether you're young or young at heart, Jesse's message of hope and unity will uplift and inspire.

All are welcome - Don't miss this great night!



June 1-30

The African Missionary Team will be at the Bismarck Diocesan Mission in Kisii, Kenya. Staff and volunteers will be assisting in the office while Fr. Gardner, Tracy Kraft and Sarah Bengtson work at the Mission. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. Please pray for the Corpus Christi African Missionary Team.



Knights of Columbus Meeting
Tuesday, June 10
7:00 p.m., Community Room



The Food Pantry is in need of:
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cream of Chicken Soup
Thank you for your support of the Corpus Christi Food Pantry!



The **Caring Hearts Quilters** meet every Tuesday morning in the Community Room from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Donations of fabric to continue this ministry are appreciated. To join the quilters or to make a donation, contact Cec Reetz, 391-6520. *The Caring Hearts Quilters donate quilts to the community and raise funds through their annual Quilt Show & Sale in the Fall.*

Has something gone missing?

LOST & FOUND can be found near the elevator doors on the main level of the church. If you lost glasses, we have a large collection in the parish office. Items of greater value, such as wallets, purses, and phones are generally turned into the Parish Office.

Date Night: Join us for an adults only, fun-filled date night to learn and grow together in your faith. Plan for Friday, July 25. The night begins with Mass at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in Bismarck at 5:30 p.m. followed by a social and dinner at the Radisson. During dinner, speakers, Matt and Mindy Dalton of Marriage Ministries, will present *"The Beauty of Marriage."* The evening concludes with bingo and prizes. Registration fee (required) is \$65, including dinner. Cash bar available. Register early as spots are limited by visiting <https://bismarckdiocese.com/datenight>. Call Katie with the Diocesan Office of Family Ministry, at 701-712-0418 for more information.

What's Going on Here This Week

- Sun. 6/1** Please pray for the African Mission Team departing on June 1 SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140
- Mon. 6/2** **Happy 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, Fr. John Paul Gardner!**
- Tues. 6/3** Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:40-7:00 p.m.
Food for the Soul, 5:30 p.m., Community Room
- Wed. 6/4** Middle School Youth Ministry, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thurs. 6/5** An Evening with Jesse Manibusan, 6:00 p.m., Church
- Fri. 6/6** Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Church
- Sat. 6/7** Venechuk/Skibicki Wedding, 1:30 p.m.
- Sun. 6/8** Please pray for the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky departing on June 8
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass
SNAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 140



High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)
Sunday, June 1: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Incoming Freshman are invited to join SNAC!
Topic: Summer Faith Life

Middle School SNAC (Grades 6-8)
Wednesday, June 4: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Topic: Summer Faith Life

The Catholic Church must be exemplary: clergy, employees - whether diocesan, parish or Catholic school - and volunteers are held accountable for their behavior. To enable the highest level of accountability, there must be a clear and unambiguous definition of appropriate behavior. To this end, this Code of Conduct (bismarckdiocese.com/safe-environment-program) is defined for the Bismarck Diocese and it provides a foundation for implementing effective and enforceable standards for all clergy, educators, employees, and volunteers in contact with children and youth. A copy of the Code of Conduct is located in the lower Gathering Space Literature Rack.



Food for the Soul
Tuesday, June 3

5:30 p.m. in the Community Room

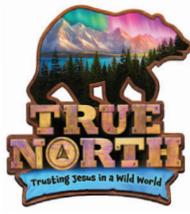
Eating alone after the loss of a spouse could be called the "6th Stage of Grief." Corpus Christi has created a community of friendship and support to assure you that there is always room at the table. Food for the Soul is a once-a-month meal for those who have lost a spouse; for more information, contact Tammy Schafer, 701-975-9816.

No Food for the Soul in July or August.

Thank you

**to all the adults, staff, volunteers,
and Crew Leaders who assisted with
VBS 2025: TRUE NORTH!**

We couldn't have done it without you!



Have you tried Online Giving? It is easy, convenient, and secure. You have the option to give weekly, monthly or even annually. Changes can be made at any time.

Scan the QR Code or visit www.corpuschristibismarck.com and click on the "Online Giving Button" on the home page. Online Giving assures your financial support of Corpus Christi, even when you are away for any reason or you simply forget your contribution envelope. **Please note:** Weekly envelopes are not automatically cancelled when you sign up for Online Giving because of the special collection envelopes that are included in your mailed envelopes. If you participate in Online Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes, contact the Parish Office, 255-4600.

Thank you for your financial support Corpus Christi!

The **Encounter School of Ministry Bismarck Campus** is launching this September and will host a Transformation Night on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The night will feature a time of praise and worship before introducing guest speaker Abby Sinnet, co-founder and COO of Bella Health + Wellness, followed by a time of adoration, confession, and individual prayer ministry. Abby will share her journey in following God's plan to establish a healthcare clinic with a mission approach. Bella Health + Wellness will open up a clinic in Bismarck this August. To learn more about the Encounter Bismarck Campus, go to www.encounterschool.org/bismarck.

Bella Health – Bismarck is preparing to open the doors of a new, authentic Catholic family medicine clinic this fall, dedicated to healing the whole person—body, mind, and soul. You are invited to a Stewardship Brunch on Friday, June 6, beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, followed by brunch from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at Lady J's Catering. Join us for community, prayer, mission updates, and an opportunity to be part of the founding support that will help make this Christ-centered clinic a reality. This is an RSVP-only event with limited tickets—to register, scan the QR Code.



Patriotic Rosary: A patriotic rosary dedicates the 50 Hail Marys of the traditional Catholic rosary to each of the 50 states of the U.S.A. and asks God's protection and guidance for our nation. The Patriotic Rosary is offered on the the first and third Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m., Spirit of Life.

Gospel PraiSing Fiesta: Nourish your soul & body!

*Christian music presented by Colleen Reinhardt,
Julie Ternes, and various guest musicians.*

Mayas Mexican Restaurant • 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

(1601 W. Century Ave, Bismarck)

June 8 & 22, August 24

Lunch is available for purchase off the menu.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

June 8 & 22 - 10:45 a.m. Mass

Lessons are geared for preschool - 2nd Grade.

No registration required.



**11th Annual Seminarian Scholarship
Golf Tournament and Raffle**

This event is hosted by the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota and will be held Monday, June 16 at the Prairie West Golf Course in Mandan. Check in and lunch begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Lunch and dinner are provided. Cost is \$520 per team or \$130 per person. Register online at cfwnd.org/golf by June 13. For more information contact: Ron Schatz at 701-204-7202 or Mike Bichler at 701-471-0985. Raffle Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office through June 13. Tickets are \$10 each or 6/\$50.

Bismarck Catholic Daughters

Join us on Tuesday, June 3 for our summer potluck with rosary and meeting to follow. Bring a dish to share and a friend or family member to learn more about the Catholic Daughters. For more information, check the website at bismarckcda.org or call Karen, 527-4203.



Rummage Sale and Bake Sale

Friday, June 13: Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 14: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Corpus Christi Church, Parish Hall

Part of the proceeds will go to Stepping Stone Ministries.

Job Opportunity: The Bismarck Diocese has an opening for a full-time Fiscal Office Accountant in its Bismarck office. Depending on experience, this position may be an Accountant I to III level. Education and Experience: A bachelor's degree in accounting is required and three years of progressive experience in accounting preferred, with preference in the areas of payroll, public accounting, auditing, tax, and not-for-profit accounting. A detailed job description and application can be found at: www.bismarckdiocese.com (under About, then Job Openings). Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with the experience of the candidate. A generous benefits package is included. All offers of employment are pending a clear background check and reference check. Applicant must be able to work from the Bismarck office full-time. Application deadline is June 20, 2025.

Sunday, Jun 01, 2025

God is closer than we think

The term *ascension* is susceptible to unintended comic imagery of Jesus waving good-bye from a balloon gondola or being lifted on a wire. Another unfortunate connotation is that heaven is somehow “up,” while we are left down here. Perhaps such imagery does help us to imagine that in the resurrected Lord, God (heaven) and we (on Earth) are united. Having become incarnate in Jesus, God is never only watching from some great distance. “I am *with* you until the end” are the simplest words, but the most profound. There is no need to stand looking at the sky with our jaws hanging open. For Christ is here, as close as our own breath, keeping us alive to carry his presence into our world.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53 (58). *“This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”*

Monday, Jun 02, 2025

Faith takes courage

The disciples confidently assured Jesus they believed in him, suggesting an unshakeable faith. Jesus knew better; he knew they would flee at the first sign of the trouble that was coming his way. When we are most sure of ourselves, we most need to be careful. Jesus knows we can talk a good game when it comes to faith. But can we do the work—especially when it leads us to risk or hardship? Can we embrace the cross as all our suffering and martyred saints have done? The Easter season is a good time to bring to mind both our own limitations and God’s limitless power to help our unbelief. Pray for an extra dose of humility mixed with a little courage.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *“You will be scattered . . . and you will leave me alone.”*

Tuesday, Jun 03, 2025

In weakness, strength

“The blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians,” wrote Early Church Father Tertullian. That truism is borne out in the history of the church in Africa. Speaking of Saint Charles Lwanga and the martyrs of Uganda in his “Word on Fire” video series, Bishop Robert Barron wonders if those first Christians of 19th-century Uganda could have imagined that one day Africa would have nearly 400 million Christians and that Uganda itself would have the largest percentage of professed Christians of any nation in Africa. In weakness, strength; in defeat, victory: These are the unexpected lessons of Christianity that spur the growth of new disciples. Give witness to those truths in your own life by not letting your shortcomings and failures have the last word.

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *“I served the Lord with all humility and with the tears and trials that came to me.”*

Wednesday, Jun 04, 2025

Into the fray we are sent

In the Marian prayer *Salve Regina* we call the world “this vale of tears,” an image not so different from Saint Paul’s when he warns us of “savage wolves” who will not spare believers. In John’s gospel, Jesus refers to the world as a place where believers will find the rejection that he experienced. It’s easy to become cynical,

to see threats lurking everywhere from which we desire escape. But Jesus never promised, “Let me take you away from all this.” He promised to be with us so that we could continue the good fight. As a matter of fact, he prays to his Father, “As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world”—into the fray, not as victims but as lovers.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *“We must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

Thursday, Jun 05, 2025

How will you stay the course?

What we now call Europe began to take its earliest form nearly 1,500 years ago, and Winfrid of Wessex, an Anglo-Saxon missionary known to us as Saint Boniface, was one of those to help shape it. Bringing Christianity to what today is Germany, he helped form alliances and reform dioceses, laying the groundwork for church-state relations that would shape western Christianity for centuries. “In her voyage across the ocean of this world,” says Boniface, “the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon this ship but to keep her on her course.” Boniface gave his life for this important work. To what will you give yours?

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *“I pray . . . for those who will believe in me through their word.”*

Friday, Jun 06, 2025

An offer we shouldn’t refuse

The dictionary defines redemption as the act of saving something or somebody from a declined, dilapidated, or corrupted state and providing restoration. Sounds like the history of Christianity. No matter how far we stray, what sins we commit, or how often we deny God, we are continually offered forgiveness and redemption. Journalist Vance Packard once observed, “The Christian notion of the possibility of redemption is incomprehensible to the computer.” Sometimes it’s incomprehensible to us, as well. Redemption is not logical or predictable, and often we don’t deserve it, yet God never ceases offering it to us. All we have to do is receive it. But do we? Do you accept the redemption that God is offering to you right now?

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *“[Jesus] said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’”*

Saturday, Jun 07, 2025

Focus on your own faults

Celebrity gossip is so pervasive that it’s almost hard to avoid. How much do you know about the personal lives of the rich and famous? Sure, these people often invite the public into their lives for profit, but scrutinizing—even relishing—the foibles of strangers is a slippery slope. Jesus frequently reminded his followers to focus on themselves—their own failings and how they could improve—instead of worrying about those around them. Philosopher Dietrich Bonhoeffer put it this way: “Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled as we are.” How quick are you to judge the actions of others?

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *“What if I want him to remain until I come? What concern is it of yours?”*

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



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