

Corpus Christi Catholic Community

Building the Body of Christ

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Reflection

Hopeful Humility



*"There is one ... coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."*

Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the *"one who is coming after me,"* he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ — the Anointed One, the Messiah — is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage.

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Breaking News: Jesus Is Coming!



Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 4 pm

Sunday, December 24, 10 am

Christmas Vigil Mass w/ Children

Sunday, December 24, 4 pm

Christmas Mass at Night

Sunday, December 24, 10 pm

Christmas Mass During the Day

Monday, December 25, 10 am

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If you missed getting a tag or two from our Advent Giving Tree you can still make the holidays brighter for the families being helped by COTS & SVDP - details inside

Corpus Christi Directory

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313-537-5770

Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Each Saturday at 3:30 pm or by

appointment. Communal services are held during Advent and Lent.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls: Please notify the parish office when there is serious illness in your household. We are happy to make home visits and to visit hospital and nursing home patients as well. We appreciate being notified so we may keep the sick in prayer and place them on our prayer list.

Baptisms/Weddings: Call the Parish Office for more information.

This Week at Corpus Christi

Monday, December 18

8:30 am Mass
6:00 pm Hessel St Block Club
7:00 pm Penance Service @ St Scholastica

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 am Mass
10:00 am Pastoral Team Mtg

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Parish Finance Council Mtg

Thursday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg

Friday, December 22

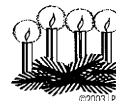
Saturday, December 23

10:00 am CHURCH DECORATING
2:00 pm Recovery Group
4:00 pm Mass
5:00 pm Christmas Vigil w/ Children Practice

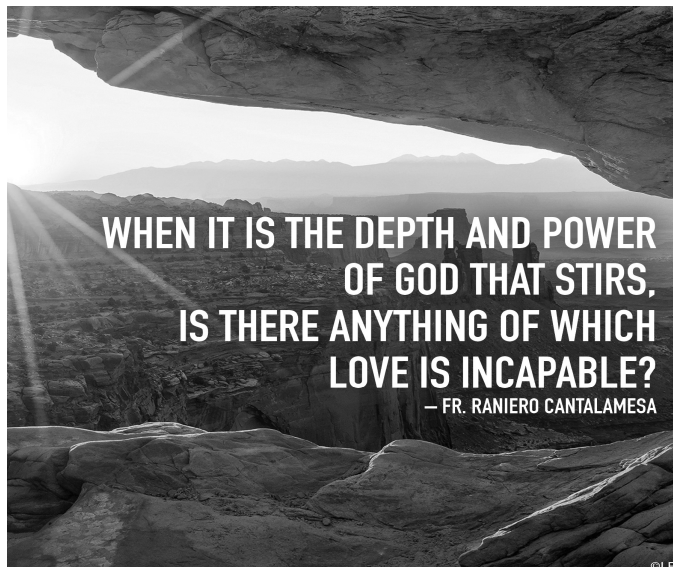
Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve



10:00 am Mass
12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach
4:00 pm CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS w/ CHILDREN
10:00 pm CHRISTMAS MASS (AT NIGHT)
11:30 pm Christmas Reception



WHEN IT IS THE DEPTH AND POWER
OF GOD THAT STIRS,
IS THERE ANYTHING OF WHICH
LOVE IS INCAPABLE?

— FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESA

Three Ways To Practice Hope

by Bob Burnham, OFS

I think I've finally figured out why I skip over Advent and rush toward Christmas: Advent is a season of hope, and I find it hard to be hopeful these days. There is so much division and injustice in the world. I'm quick to forgive people who are on my team and even quicker to condemn those who are on the opposing side.

If I hope for anything, it's that my side wins, whatever the cost. And that's not hope at all.

Hope is more than wishful thinking or anticipating the best possible outcome. That's optimism. Hope — that is, Christian hope — is the desire for the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now. It inspires us to act with kindness, gentleness, and generosity so we might know and experience peace and joy today. Hope is trusting in Christ's promise of intimacy with God instead of fearing loneliness and isolation. Hope is relying on God's grace instead of our own strength or abilities.

In simpler words, optimism is seeing a half-empty cup of coffee and saying it's half-full; hope is knowing the location of the nearest Starbucks.

Hope is a practice; a discipline. It's not something you have — it's something you do. Here are three ways we can practice Christian hope:

Look at yourself differently
Comfort others
Pay attention to beauty

Advent is the season of hope. We can live this hope by seeing ourselves as, first and foremost, people loved by God. We can live this hope by coming to the aid of others. We can live this hope by looking for the beauty that surrounds us. We can bring Emmanuel — which literally means "God is with us" — into the world by being people who live hope.

(To read Bob's entire article, visit www.BustedHalo.com. Bob is a spiritual director and writer; when he is not busy writing about his spirituality, you might be able to find him birdwatching or walking his dogs with his wife Cathy.)

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Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son. © 2017 Liturgical Publications Inc

Young Adults

VATICAN SURVEY EXTENDED TO DEC 31

To involve young adults in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes, and concerns of 16 to 29 year-olds around the world. It is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief at youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html. This is the first time the Vatican's synod organizing body put a questionnaire online and sought direct input from the public.

YA CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY

December 18, 2017, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

@ Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 9844 Woodward Ave, Detroit

Get into the Christmas spirit and join other young adults for some food and socializing while we help decorate our cathedral for Christmas! You are welcome to join for all or part of the evening. We'll begin with mass for us at 6:00 pm, followed by food and socializing, and then we'll help finish decorating the cathedral until about 8:30.



Church of the Home

■ A Christmas Tradition

All children of the parish in preschool thru Grade 5 are invited to participate in the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass in a special way by leading the music and singing, telling the story of Jesus' birth, and inviting family and friends to come to church with them on Christmas eve. There will be a Children's Chorale practice next Sunday, December 17 from 10:15 to 11 am in the church. The Vigil Mass practice will be held Saturday, December 23 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the church. Sign your children up after Mass or call the parish office to let us know that they are interested in helping with the Mass.

■ The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are truly wonderful, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying relationship is the "gift that keeps on giving." Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry designed to help heal troubled marriages. This quite possibly could be the best Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family, and your friends. The next Retrouvaille program will begin Friday, January 19 in Romulus. For confidential information or to register, call 800-470-2230 or visit their website at HelpOurMarriage.com.

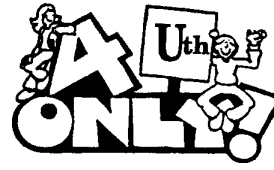
■ Everyday Stewardship

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in him and hope that the hours that passed gave him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during *(continued on page 7)*

■ Blessing The Family Christmas Tree

Blessing the Christmas tree is a fun way for your family to begin the Christmas season. You may bless the tree as soon as you put it up or you can wait until after you have decorated it. You will need water (or holy water) to celebrate this blessing. When you are ready, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the prayer of blessing. →



REACH Workcamp 2018

The REACH Workcamp mission trip, scheduled for July 14 - 21, 2018, encourages spiritual growth and enables work campers to understand their role in addressing the causes of poverty. Youth in Grades 8 (Fall 2018) thru 12 are welcome to participate. If you are interested in participating, please contact Deacon Mark Springer at 248-921-1567 or Mrs. Michele Hudson at 313-622-2160.

Vatican Survey Extended To December 31

The Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes, and concerns of 16 to 29 year-olds around the world. All young people around the world are encouraged to participate in the online survey, regardless of their engagement with or practice of the Catholic faith. The input received will help shape the working document for the Synod of Bishops. Go to youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html.

Christmas Tree Blessing

LEADER: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus.

(Everyone extends a hand towards the tree in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water while praying the following:)

LEADER: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.

ALL: Amen.

(Everyone joins in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree," or "Joy To The World.")





BULLETIN BOARD

FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: Know someone with limited resources who is choosing between food and other necessities? The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps individuals and families, including seniors, save money on groceries so they can pay bills, get medications, clothes, and other necessities. Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) is helping residents of Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties quickly learn if they are eligible to enroll. Call 248-338-4250 ext. 3700.

HOYER LIFT FOR SALE: Newer model in very good condition. Price negotiable. Please contact parish office for more information.

BASKETBALL HOOP FOR SALE: A brand new, never-used break-away basketball hoop with a 5.3" mini basketball included is available for \$50. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

HUSTLE EXERCISE CLASSES: Mondays at 7 pm at Franklin Athletic Club, 29350 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield; cost is \$5/class; no membership required. Contact parishioner Kim Summers at 313-205-2883.

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE: Parish member; call 313-850-6219 (cell) or 313-635-2878 (residence). No calls after 8 pm please.

FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN DAY TRIP: Trinity Transportation has a brand new Frankenmuth/Birch Run Charter. Transportation for a day trip, including 4.5 hours of shopping or exploring, to either Frankenmuth or Birch Run is now available. Four metro Detroit pick-up locations available. Enjoy the ride in a luxurious charter bus equipped with comfortable seats, bathroom, WiFi, and power outlets. Cost is \$45 (or \$35 for groups of 10 or more). To book your seat, call 313-246-4066 ext. 231 or visit www.trinitytransportation.com/services.

HELP WANTED: Mary's Mantle, a Catholic residential program for women who are homeless and pregnant, is seeking a House Mother. Paid position; house mother lives on site at the house in Southfield in private quarters and is responsible for house coverage from 9 am to 9 pm and one day on the weekend. Applicants should call 248-376-5338 or email Katie.Montes@MarysMantle.net.

Time & Talent Opportunities



☐ Coffee/Donuts Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with the Coffee/Donut Fundraiser after our 11:00 Mass by serving on one of our teams or serving as a substitute. Tasks include serving donuts, collecting funds, and clean up. We are also in need of a volunteer to pick up our donut order once every 5 weeks. Please call 313-537-5770 to sign up or for more information.

☐ Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the 11:00 Mass on Sundays. The nursery is currently located in the convent building. Commitment is 1 ½ hours every 6 weeks. Caregivers are also needed on an on-call basis for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Caregiver must be a registered member of the parish. A background check is required. Please call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to volunteer.

☐ Homebound EME

Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to one or more homebound members of our parish. Call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to let us know of your interest or fill out one of the special cards available at the back of church. For more information or questions, contact Paul Mueller or Paul Moore, EME Ministry to the Homebound Coordinators.

☐ RSVP Children's Tutor

Make a difference in the life of a child. The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches adults 55 and older in a variety of volunteer opportunities and is currently seeking volunteer tutors to help youth in Oakland County schools. You must be 55 years of age or older and available to serve at least 4 hours per month. A background screening is required and you will need to report hours served to RSVP staff each month. No experience is necessary. For information, contact Allie Van Haverbeke at 248-559-1147 ext. 3945

COMING EVENTS:

Dec 17 Holiday Celebration

The Detroit Children's Choir Christmas Festival, a holiday celebration featuring the finest children's and youth choirs from southeastern Michigan will be held Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament as part of the Cathedral Cultural Series. Doors open at 3:15 pm. Featured choirs include Dearborn Elementary Honors Choir, Regina High School Choir, St. Gabriel parish Children's Choir, Detroit Symphony Youth Chorale, and the Detroit Children's Choir — and everyone is invited to sing along as organ carols are played. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit MATRIX Human Services.

Dec 21 Grief Support Group

Hospice of Michigan's *Living On* grief support group will meet Thursday, December 21 from 1-2:30 pm at Plymouth United Church, 600 East Warren, Detroit. Participants in the group have the opportunity to express feelings and experiences related to loss in a supportive, caring, and non-judgmental environment. Call Jackie Morris at 313-578-6328 to register.

Dec 21 HVM Faith Circle

A Faith Circle will meet on Thursday, December 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary home, 121 E. Boston, Detroit. Call Sr. Rosemarie Abate at 313-869-2160 to register or for more information.

Jan 2 Grief Support Group

Hospice of Michigan's *Living On* grief support group will meet Tuesday, January 2 from 6-7:30 pm at the Hospice of Michigan Office, 43097 Woodward Avenue, Suite 102, Bloomfield Hills. Participants will have the opportunity to express feelings and experiences related to loss in a supportive, caring, and non-judgmental environment. Call Claudia Been at 248-334-1323 to register.

Jan 5 Prayer Gathering

The Companions of the Cross Lay Associates will host the *Become The Fire Prayer Gathering* on Friday, January 5 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Scholastica Church, 8201 West Outer Drive, Detroit. Come experience the Power of God through praise, worship, and prayer ministry. The evening will be led by seminarian Dan Ramos, CC. Music will be led by seminarian Tim Silver, CC.

Retreat Schedule

• Wed, Dec 20, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Solanus Center Advent Series
@ Fr. Solanus Casey Center
1780 Mount Elliott St, Detroit

During this time of preparation for the birth of Jesus, you are invited to reflect on the theological virtue of Charity. Noon Mass followed by a simple soup lunch and reflection. Suggested donation is \$3. RSVP at 313-579-2100 or <http://www.solanuscenter.org/events>.

• Sun, Dec 31, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Seeing Again With New Eyes: A New Year's Eve Retreat
@ Visitation North Spirituality Center
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

New Year's Eve is the perfect time to look back with new eyes on the old year that is setting and to look ahead to what the Spirit invites us to in the year that is about to dawn. Come for a day that includes input, time for personal prayer and reflection, conversation, an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, and lunch. The day will end with the celebration of the liturgy for the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Suggested offering is \$40 (includes lunch). Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 20th. Call 248-433-0950 or register online at www.visitation.north.org.

• Fri - Sun, Jan 2 - 4

Retreat Weekend for Men
@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

For more information or to register, call 248-644-4933 ext. 10 or visit www.manresa-sj.org.

• Fri - Sun, Jan 5 - 7

Retreat Weekend for Men
@ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Retreat begins with registration at 4:30 pm, followed by dinner and orientation talk at 6:30 and closes Sunday at 12 noon. Suggested donation is \$210; \$30 non-refundable deposit required. Call 313-535-9563 to register.



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 7834.00
Sunday Offerings 12/10	\$ 7025.35
Holy Day Offerings 12/10	\$ 437.00
Ret. Fund for Religious 12/10	\$ 1539.50
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 419.59

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

this time of year we need to heed the words of St Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend fewer dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the One who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

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Please Pray For The Deceased

Fr. Arthur Jacobi (11/19)

Archdiocese of Detroit

Alice Primm (11/28)

grandmother of DaShawn Primm

William Thomas (12/3)

father of Donyale DeSouza

William Edward Hoerauf (11/30)

former Archdiocese of Detroit priest

Fr. Matthew S. Kafka (12/5)

Archdiocese of Detroit

Angela Barnett (12/6)

friend of Dondre Green's family



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 / 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38



Questions of the Week

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Why do you think the religious leaders of the day were confused about the identity of John the Baptist?

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

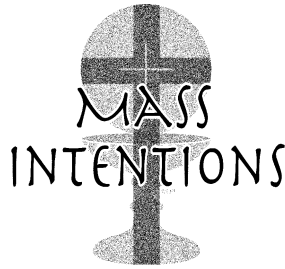
We hear in today's reading the call of Isaiah in his own words and his personal reflection: "In my God is the joy of my soul." Who do you know that experiences God on this level?

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul offers these closing remarks to the Christians in Thessalonica. What instructions does he provide to them to prepare "for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"?



Please Pray For Those In The Military: Jared Brooks (Marines), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Kelly Sionkowski-Jackson (Air Force), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).



**December 18
thru
December 24**

Monday	11:00 am	+ Funeral Mass for Indira Shelton-Pierce
Tuesday	8:30 am	For Adam and Jill Shelton & Family (req by Sr. Mary P)
Wednesday	8:30 am	For Lin and Jeanette Walton (req by Sr. Mary P)
Thursday	8:30 am	For Joseph and Olivia Sanford (req by Sr. Mary P)
Friday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Gilbert Danjou (req by Clairmina Danjou)
Sunday	10:00 am	For the People of Corpus Christi
	4:00 pm	For the Nwokoro Family's special intention
	10:00 pm	+ Ike and Tom Waddell (req by Adele Waddell)

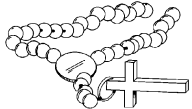


Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Fr. Don	Rosemary Givens	Shirley Oldenburg	Irene Unsleber	Branch Gassoway	Isiah Searls
Andrea Baier	Sr Rachelle Harper	Elaine O'Neill	Adele Waddell	Margaret Gassoway	Joseph Shelton
Synia Benjamin	Clint Harris	Sharon Ortman	Kathy Wilson	Ed Hill Jr	Mary Pat Shelton
Doris Billion	Terrie Henderson	Sue Padalino	Maureen Zink	Martha Harris	Robert Wheelwright
Paul Billion	Irma Horton	Helen Parkman		Beryl Harriott	
Marcelle Blackmon	Mary C. Hustoles	Chris Phanord	Homebound:	Ruth Hill	
Alelia Busby	Edward Hustoles	Vernard Plain	Jackie Bodenhorn	Ronald Hills	
Angeline Butler	Gloria James	Joy Robinson	Darlie Bouie	Marie Leonard	
Aggie Conti	Roswitha Jordan	Pauline Simpson	Frieda Boyd	Jim Lorenger	
Jeff Cook	Sandy Kalman	Bernice Slaughter	Evelyn Brantley	Beverly Miller	
Sheri Dargin	Myrna Leonard	Anita Stephens	Beverley B-Johnson	Margaret Nielsen	
Kevin DeMatas	Bob Lindsay	Donna Storie	Michelle Cagle	Jerry O'Neill	
Renita Fletcher	Valerie McDonald	Colletta Sykes	Joseph Cagle Sr	John Onwudinjo	
Roy Ford	Virginia Moyer	Brendia Thomas	Phyllis Clyburn	Evangeline Pruett	
Shelley Forter	Gina Nunnally	Charlotte Turner	Judories Fort	Hulda Reed	

**Please
call the
parish
office
(313)
537-5770
to add or
remove
a name
from our
prayer lists.**

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:



Susan Absher	Audrey Cieslak	Elwood Gneckow	Antoinette Litzinger	Patty Page	Curtis Simpson Sr
Kelley Adams	Scott Clinton	Shawn Gore	Cheryl Lofton	Celena Parker	Donald Sims Sr
Duncan Alfes	Leah Closson	Bob Grant	Anthony Lorenger	Willie Parker Jr	Mildred Scott
Barbara Atalla	Perry Conway	Marlene Grant	William Mapp	Paula Parham	Emily Smale
Fr Tim Babcock	Vivian Cook	Lillian Gray-Amstutz	Bea Marx	Cyndi Pask	Kathy Hamlin Smith
Tony Baines	Joann Coules	Morty Green	Michael Mathis	James Pefley	Kathy Smith
Sue Bates	Ronald Crane	Sandy Klepeck Green	Scott McDonald	Alicia Penman	Sam Sombom
Edward Bejesky	Aloysius Craig	Audrey Gulley	Hattie McKinney	Jerome Perry	Evelyn Spittle
Katy Bessey	David Dare	Cora Harper	Anthony McNeal	Marquon Perry	Dave Stawowy
Christopher Biddle	Geraldine Dawson	Joseph Harper	Michael McNeece	Reginald Phillips	Nicholas Stephens
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Angela Blakely	Brenda Debose	Millie Harris	Jim Messink	Anthony Plain	Rochelle Stewart
Avera Blount	Natacha Desir	Antoinette Henry	Darwin Mills	David Remo	Trevor Sullivan
Rachell Boykins	Joanne Dorais	Summer Henry	Willard Mitchell	Sandra Reynolds	Frances Sykes
Bill Brazier	Elizabeth Dowining	Renee Hogrebe	James Molloy	Michael Rice	Rick Thompson
Shaun Bronson	Carol Duscio	Jane Houck	Karen Momper	Viola Richburge	Gerry Tremonti
Linda Brown	Lloyd Earl	Tom Hustoles	Elizabeth Moore	Dorothy Roberson	Al Victors
Ron Brown	Germain Ederhart	Robert Jarey	Shirley V Moore	Denika Robertson	Lance Walker
Shawn Brunnos	Clida Ellison	Fred Johnson	Mike Mueller	Eugene Rohde	Jauwan Ward
Auby Bryson	Michael Emmerling	Dorie Kaiser	Joyce Mulhall	Alfredo Rojas	Brady Wesley
Barbara Bryson	Ethan	Bill Kelley	Fr Norm Nawrocki	Gerald Rumbley Sr	Dennis Wheelwright
Eric Burch	Virginia Etherly	Mary Alice Kenny	Sara Nell-Wallace	Patrick Ryder	Sr Luanne Wilhelm
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	Jerry Franks	Katie Lutz Kissell	Charlotte O'Neill	Ethel Mae Sanders	Wanda Yates
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	Sherman Gilmore	Phyllis Little	Jeff Padalino	Larry Shelton	

Corpus Christi Advent



Thank you to all who took tags and returned gifts for the Christian Service Commission's **2017 Advent Giving Tree Program**.

It is not too late on this **Third Sunday of Advent** to support the work of the two organizations which had tags placed on this year's tree.

To make a donation or to learn more about **Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS)** and its programs, please visit <http://cotsdetroit.wixsite.com/cotsdetroit2015>. To make a donation or to learn more about the work of the **Society of St. Vincent De Paul**, please visit <http://svdpdet.org>.



Breaking News: Jesus Is Coming!

Join the Advent Generation

*(from Bridge of Mercy, newsletter of the
Office for Consecrated Life, Archdiocese of Detroit)*

Are we consumed with thoughts of "I need, I want, I hope for, I must have," or are we making time this Advent to develop of mindset of "How can I help? What can I do for you? How can I do without? How can I prepare my heart, my attitudes to welcome the Son of God" — who did without a pristine crib and instead was laid in a feeding crib, who did without the cutest outfits in return for swaddling clothes, and missed out on air fresheners, but was warmed with the foul breath of an ox and an ass — the housing didn't meet the code either.

Come Lord Jesus!
We choose You and Your values.

Make Our Worship Space Beautiful For Christmas!

Your help is needed to decorate our worship space for the Christmas season. You are invited to donate the cost of a poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

The donation per plant is \$10. Special donation envelopes are available at the back of church or you may call the parish office at 313-537-5770.



Trinity Vicariate Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18, 2017 7:00 pm



For more information
contact 313-531-0140 or www.trinityvicariatedetroit.org

A Christmas Tradition

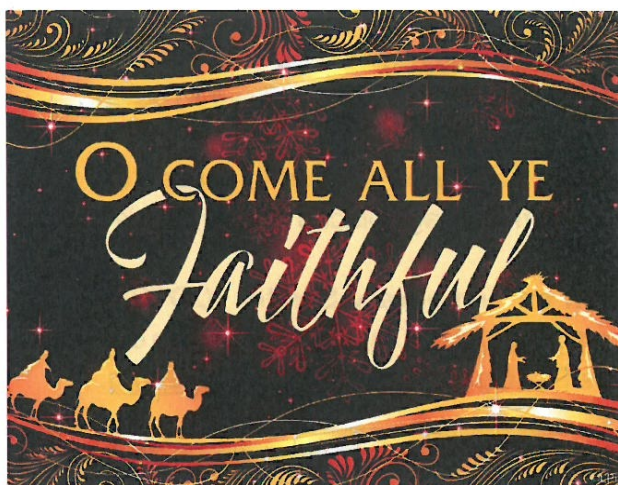
Children of the parish in
Preschool - Grade 5 are invited to
participate in the 4 PM Christmas
Vigil Mass in a special way:



- Helping to lead the music and singing
- Helping to proclaim the Gospel
- Inviting your family and friends to come to church with you on Christmas Eve

A special Chorale and Gospel Drama Practice will be held in the church next Saturday, December 23 after the 4:00 Mass (5:00 - 6:30 pm).

Call the parish office by Fri, Dec 22 to sign up!



Celebrate Christmas at Corpus Christi

Christmas Vigil with Children
Sunday, December 24 • 4 pm

Carols
Sunday, December 24 • 9 pm

Christmas Mass at Night
Sunday, December 24 • 10 pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Monday, December 25 • 10 am

**Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
Saturday, December 30 • 4 pm
Sunday, December 31 • 9 & 11 am

**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**
Monday, January 1 • 10 am

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 6 • 4 pm
Sunday, January 7 • 9 & 11 am



Thank you all for the prayers, visits, goodies, expressions of concern, and the gentle hugs during my recovery from my fall. I'm doing well thanks to your caring support.

— Fr. Don

Thank you Corpus Christi Family for your generous donations to our "Shower For Mary." Your gifts will bless the efforts of the Image of God Pregnancy Center at St. Augustine/St. Monica Parish.

*— The Ladies' Auxiliary
of the Knights of Peter Claver*

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless."

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection.

— U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ December 23/24 ■ 4th Sun Advent / Christmas

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	LITURGICAL ASSISTANT	SUN BUS DRIVER
Sat 4 PM	Elaine O'Neill TBD	Denise Glinz TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	Dolores Yancy	
Sun 10 AM 12/24	TBD TBD	Tanya Robinson TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD	Ijeoma Osuoha Udoka Osuoha Ugonna Osuoha Julianna Obia	Ernie Buckner Lynn James	Ron Marine	Anthony Bronaugh
Sun 4 PM 12/24	Children of the Parish	Leatrice Childress TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD	Justin Martin Jared Webb	TBD TBD	Eric McDonald	
Sun 10 PM 12/24	John Mueller Miriam Hudson	Shirley Myles Carol Greening TBD TBD TBD TBD	Nneka Dike Connor Mueller Nathan Mueller David Mueller	TBD TBD	Glennys Merritt	
Mon 10 AM 12/25	TBD TBD	Ernestine O'Neil Denise Glinz TBD TBD TBD TBD	Christopher Herron James Hines	Ernie Buckner Lynn James	Paul Moore	



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Q *With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us “stay grounded” in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray...*

A Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or re a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christad the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own timeand in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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