



# Corpus Christi Catholic Community

*Building the Body of Christ*

**December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

## Sunday Reflection



### *Prepare Your Heart*

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not *(continued on page 3)*

## Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

### **Please Give To Those Who Have Given A Lifetime**

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to this weekend's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please use one of the special envelopes at your pew to give to those who have given a lifetime.

Visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org) for more information about the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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## Corpus Christi Directory

**Rev. Donald Archambault, Pastor**

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

### Weekend Masses:

Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am

### Daily/ Holy Day Masses:

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:** Call the Parish Office for more information.

**Weddings:** Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before wedding.

## This Week at Corpus Christi

### Monday, December 10

8:30 am MASS  
4:30 pm NWDYC Planning Mtg  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 11

*Saint Damasus I, Pope*

8:30 am MASS

### Wednesday, December 12

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:30 am MASS  
10:00 am SVDP ECO Works Class  
3:00 pm Mass @ Regency Heights Nursing Center  
5:00 pm GOF Announcement Committee Mtg  
6:00 pm Evangelization Committee Mtg  
6:00 pm OPCA Area Business Committee Mtg

### Thursday, December 13

*Saint Lucy, Martyr*

8:30 am MASS

### Friday, December 14

*Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

10:30 am Corpus Christi Seniors  
5:00 pm Parish Christmas Party Set-Up

### Saturday, December 15

10:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Class  
10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry  
11:00 am PENANCE SERVICE  
2:00 pm Recovery Group  
2:00 pm RCIA Class  
3:30 pm Parish Christmas Party Prep  
4:00 pm MASS  
5:30 pm PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Sunday, December 16

*Third Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am MASS  
9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd II & III  
10:30 am Choir Practice  
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery  
11:00 am MASS / Liturgy of the Word w/ Children  
11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I  
12:30 pm Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors Mtg  
1:00 pm Choir Practice  
2:30 pm Faith & Sharing Group  
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach



come, O come,  
Emmanuel!

## Christian Service News

by Curtis Simpson Jr

Greetings to you Church Family! I pray that your Thanksgiving was blessed, restful, and peaceful as we move through the Advent Season!!! "Advent", (from the Latin *advenio*, meaning "to come to"), is a time to consciously prepare for the coming of Jesus. What a blessing it is to "come to know Jesus"!

Our Advent theme this year is **Jesus Arrives with Justice, Mercy, Joy, and Peace**. This theme is echoed in the activities that are going on in the parish.

I would like to THANK the Society of St. Vincent de Paul — Corpus Christi Conference for serving 62 families (223 people) with a holiday basket for Thanksgiving. Conference members bore the cold weather as they delivered prayers, smiles, and love to needy families in our community. The baskets included donations from our community partners and organizations in our Church.

### Jesus Arrives with Justice, Mercy, Joy, and Peace

I want to take this opportunity to officially APPLAUD AND THANK the Corpus Christi Parish Seniors Group for their impactful support!!! For years, this group has been quietly assisting families in need during the holidays with baskets of food. This year, these ladies made three BEAUTIFUL FOOD BASKETS that included turkey and all the fixings for families in need. Church, when I say BIG, I mean BIG!!! In a special way, I want to thank Irma Horton, who pulled me aside in church one Sunday and said to me in her sweet, polite, and soft voice, "Curtis, the ladies and I want to help bless a family with Thanksgiving!" Well, they blessed three very grateful families by making their Thanksgiving happy and joyful. For this show of love, I THANK YOU!!!

### Jesus Arrives with Justice, Mercy, Joy, and Peace

Church Family, this weekend I invite you to join me in taking a tag from the stable in support of our Advent Giving Program. We are hoping to bless those served by the Justice Initiative Prison Ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as well as 75 families in our neighborhood community with gifts in the name of Jesus — and your support is needed to make this a success!!!

### Jesus Arrives with Justice, Mercy, Joy, and Peace

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and a Blessed New Year!!!

— Curtis

## Sunday Reflection (continued from page 1)

mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!

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## Young Adult News

### SEEK 2019

Thursday, January 3 - Monday, January 7  
@ Indiana Convention Center  
Indianapolis, Indianak

5 Days. Thousands of Catholic young adults. Over 40 inspiring speakers and entertainers. And the power and presence of God. Hosted by FOCUS as we hope to Encounter Something More. Gather with Catholic young adults from around the nation in Indianapolis at this leadership conference as we ask the big questions about life, love and how to discover true happiness. This conference is for you, whether you're a college student, a professional, single or married, an active leader, or just looking to be inspired. We want as many young adults from the Archdiocese to join us as possible. For more information, contact [yacm@aod.org](mailto:yacm@aod.org).

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Church of the Home

### ■ A Christmas Tradition

All children in Grades P - Gr 5 (or older) are welcome to participate in a special way at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Children are welcome to lead the music, serve as readers, or help with the Gospel Drama.

#### Children's Chorale Practice Schedule

Sun	Dec 9	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Rainbow Rm
Sun	Dec 16	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Rainbow Rm
Sat	Dec 22	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm	Church

The rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Liturgy will be held on Saturday, December 22 from 6 - 6:45 pm in the church. Please sign your child up at the back of church or call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to let us know your child wants to help. Bring a friend, too!

### BLESSING OF THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

*(You will need water or holy water to celebrate this blessing. When you are ready to do the blessing, gather everyone around the tree and designate someone to lead the following prayer:)*

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

*(Have everyone extend a hand in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water on the tree while praying the following prayer:)*

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.

*(Join in singing a favorite Christmas carol, such as "O Christmas Tree" or "Joy to the World.")*



**Corpus Christi  
Youth  
Mission Trip  
June 23 - 29,  
2019**

All 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to consider participating in Corpus Christi's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Mission trip. Registration is now open! For more information, contact Jenny Long, Youth Mission Trip Coordinator, at 248-231-7850.

### ■ Handling The Holiday Hustle

How can we, as Catholic families, keep the spirit of tranquility and peace that should characterize the season of Our Lord's birth?

- Be realistic — Don't overcommit to Christmas parties, programs, and events. Commit to a couple of holiday events, and be present, so you can truly celebrate.
- Maintain healthy habits — Be sure to eat, sleep, and take care of yourself in the midst of the hustle and bustle. Your whole family will benefit if you are well.
- Keep the kids in a routine — Many behavioral problems can arise when structure falls apart. Try to stick to regular bedtimes, mealtimes, and other family routines as much as possible.
- Plan for family stress — If there are relatives who can be a negative influence, have an escape plan. Plan to get away for a while when you and your own children need to take a break.
- Pray and worship — Take some time to stop and pray, reflecting on the season, and worshipping with the Church.

### ■ Everyday Stewardship

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath *(cont. on page 7)*



## BULLETIN BOARD

### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, JUNE 12-20, 2019:**

Deacon John McKenzie invites you to join him in Italy on a pilgrimage of thanksgiving after receiving Holy Orders. Includes Rome, Assisi, and Norcia. Contact Pilgrimages by Corporate Travel at 866-468-1420 or visit [www.ctscentral.net](http://www.ctscentral.net) (click on pilgrimages, then upcoming tours, then enter "Deacon John McKenzie" in the Find A Pilgrimage box).

**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.

**TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUPS:** Open Arms provides supportive services, court advocacy, resources, and intervention to crime victims on Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm at Victory Community Church, 14025 Hubbell, Detroit. For more information, call 313-369-5780.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF:** At 200 East Ferry Street, Detroit. Thu, 7:30 am - 2 pm; 4th Sat, 8 am - 2 pm. Free for Detroit residents.

**RIDE HOME FROM MASS NEEDED:** Parishioner living in the 14 Mile Road/Main Street area of Clawson needs ride home after the 11:00 Mass; needs some help with wheelchair; call Beverly at 313-819-8060.

**CAR NEEDED:** A single woman needs a running car in good condition; has \$1000 cash and can do installments for any other price up to \$500 more. Call Tamu at 313-482-5971 or Denise at 313-646-1259.

**UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU HIRING:** Field Representative Positions are available in Wayne County. Starting salary is \$19.52 - \$25.37/hr (varies by location); flexible hours, mileage reimbursement. For more information, email [Chicago.Recruiting@census.gov](mailto:Chicago.Recruiting@census.gov) or call 1-800-865-6384 ext. 15.

**DETROIT AT WORK:** The City of Detroit "Detroit At Work" program has trained nearly 3,000 Detroiters for in-demand jobs since January 2017 in fields like construction, health care, IT, retail, and hospitality. Visit [www.detroitatwork.org](http://www.detroitatwork.org) for more information.



### ☐ Funeral Usher or Greeter

Volunteers are needed to serve as hospitality ministers for funeral liturgies at Corpus Christi. Ushers are needed to complete tasks specific to funerals; we currently have only 2 ushers serving at the funerals. Greeters are needed to welcome family and guests at the church entrance and provide assistance to family and guests as needed. For more information or questions, contact Miriam Hudson at 313-537-5770.

### ☐ 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. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hours every 6 weeks or on-call for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call Miriam at 313-537-5770.

### ☐ Hospice Volunteer

A few hours of your time can make a difference to a hospice patient. Reverence Hospice is seeking volunteers to provide in-home, nursing home, or hospital visits to hospice patients in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties. Your caring presence would allow family members the chance to run errands or keep appointments or lonely patients to have visits from a new friend. Training, ongoing education, recognition, and support are provided. Flexible hours. For more information, call 586-464-4865.

## COMING EVENTS:

### Dec 9 Advent/Christmas Concert

Songs of the season will be presented by Caitlin Lynch, soprano, and Jonathan Lasch, baritone and accompanied by Jean Schneider on Sunday, December 9 at 3 pm at Manresa Jesuit Retreat Center, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills. Adults, \$20, children, \$12. An afterglow will follow. For information and tickets visit [www.manresa-sj.org](http://www.manresa-sj.org) or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

### Dec 10 Christian Yoga

Come to Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road (corner of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills on Monday, December 10 from 5:30 to 6:45 pm for this healthy, healing practice in an atmosphere of prayer, sacred music, and scripture. Cost is \$12; payment may be made by cash or check made out to Manresa on the day of the class. Bring your exercise mat, woven blanket (if desired), yoga block, and a strap or resistance band. Call 248-644-4933.

### Dec 11 - 18 Grief Support

12/11 Tue 10:30 am - 12 Nov  
Reverence Hospice *Healing the Heart\** 586-464-4841

12/12 Wed 2 pm & 6 pm Livonia  
Angela Hospice *Drop-In Grief Support* 866-464-7810

12/14 Fri 1 - 2:30 pm Dearborn  
Hospice of MI *Hope for the Holidays\** 313-578-6328

12/18 Tue 1 - 2:30 pm Dearborn Heights  
Hospice of MI *Living On* 313-578-6328

12/20 Thu 1 - 2:30 pm Detroit  
Hospice of MI *Living On* 313-578-6328

12/21 Fri 10:30 - 11:30 am Royal Oak  
Hospice of MI *Grief and Loss* 248-334-1323

\* Registration is required for these groups.

### Dec 16 Children's Choir Festival

The Cathedral Cultural Series continues with "Singing In The Season" featuring the Detroit Children's Choir Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 16 at 4 pm in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Join several children's choirs from across southeast Michigan to celebrate the season of joy. Free-will offering. Doors open at 3:15 pm. Free, secure parking adjacent to the Cathedral.

## Retreat Schedule

### • Mon, Dec 10, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Women-to-Women

@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House  
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills

The group meets in the Manresa library for coffee and socializing, and then gathers for lectio divina (reading, reflecting, and praying with Scripture). Come away refreshed, renewed, heard, affirmed, supported, and spiritually nourished. No registration is necessary. Facilitated by Anne Smith. Donations accepted.

### • Thu, Dec 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Advent Evening of Peace & Prayer

@ St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center  
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Come to a peace-filled evening that invites us to slow down. Pray the beautiful O Antiphons to usher in Christmas. Cost is \$20/person or \$35/2 persons; children ages 5 to 14 are free. Call 313-286-2800 or visit [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) to register. Payment in full requested.

### • Sat, Dec 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Monthly Centering Prayer

@ Visitation North Spirituality Center  
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

Those interested in doing Centering Prayer in a group are invited to meet with Mary Ann Flanagan, IHM for prayer, ongoing education, and mutual support. Free-will donation. Call 248-433-0950 to sign up. Visit [www.visitationnorth.org](http://www.visitationnorth.org) for more information.

### • Sun, Dec 31, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Rejoice and Be Glad: A New Year's Eve Retreat

@ Visitation North Spirituality Center  
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills

Come for a day that includes input, time for personal prayer and reflection, conversation, sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, and Mass. Suggested offering of \$40 includes lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Call 248-433-0950 or register online at [www.visitation.north.org](http://www.visitation.north.org).



## Stewardship UPDATE



### Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 7762.00
Sunday Offerings 12-2-2018	\$ 9921.59
Catholic Charities 12-2-2018	\$ 125.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 0.00

### Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

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### Scriptures for the Week

#### Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9//Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



### Questions of the Week

#### First Reading

The prophet Baruch offers words of encouragement and hope to the Israelites held in captivity in Babylon. How do you seek divine guidance in moments of despair and distress?

#### Second Reading

St. Paul offers a prayer for the Philippians so that they may "discern what is of value." What do you value most in this life?

#### Gospel Reading

Luke is careful to place the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its political and religious historical context. Why do you think this information was so important to Luke and his community?



**Cecilia Roll (11/20)**  
mother of Cecilia O'Keefe

**Pascale Lamaze (11/28)**  
cousin of Nicole Joseph

**Rev Lonnie Jones (11/21)**  
father of Kim Summers

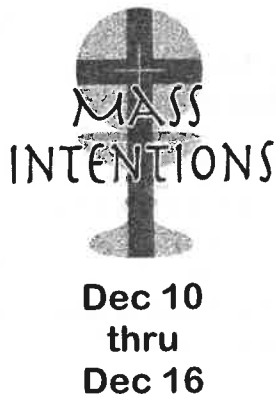
**Celia Brooks (12/1)**  
sister of Greg Spight

**Michelle Archer (11/27)**  
member of the parish



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





Monday	8:30 am	+ Amadi Adinnu (req by Corpus Christi)
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Naomi Anderson-Rambus (req by Corpus Christi)
Wednesday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Homebound
Thursday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Friday		No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Jacques Pierre-Louis (req by the Family)
Sunday	9:00 am	For the People of Corpus Christi
	11:00 pm	+ Irene Freeborough (req by Florence Quinn)



### Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Ken Banka	Rosemary Givens	Nancy Loper	Phyllis Raines	Maureen Zink	Ruth Hill
Doris Billion	Gary Greening	Valerie McDonald	Sally Rimbart	<b>Homebound:</b>	Ronald Hills
Paul Billion	Sr Rachelle Harper	Kathy Montgomery	Joy Robinson	Synia Benjamin	Marie Leonard
Marcelle Blackmon	Clint Harris	Virginia Moyer	Leatrice Robinson	Jackie Bodenhorn	Jim Lorenger
Wanda Bradley	Irma Horton	Paul Mueller	Tanisha R-Erickson	Evelyn Brantley	Beverly Miller
Alelia Busby	Mary C. Hustoles	Yvonne Nemeth	Elyse Ryder	Beverly B-Johnson	Margaret Nielsen
Angeline Butler	Edward Hustoles	Margaret Neumann	Pauline Simpson	Michelle Cagle	John Onwudinjo
Aggie Conti	Gloria James	Gina Nunnally	Bernice Slaughter	Joseph Cagle Sr	Evangeline Pruett
Jefferie Cook Sr	Roswitha Jordan	Shirley Oldenburg	Donna Storie	Phyllis Clyburn	Hulda Reed
Terrie C-Henderson	Richard Kohler	Ernestine O'Neil	Colletta Sykes	Clairmina Danjou	Isiah Searls
Sheri Dargin	Fannie Larkins	Elaine O'Neill	Brendia Thomas	Felisa Deluna	Joseph Shelton
Mary Davis	Myrna Leonard	Sharon Ortman	Charlotte Turner	Judories Fort	Mary Pat Shelton
Kevin DeMatas	John Johnson	Sue Padalino	Irene Unsleber	Margaret Gassoway	Robert Wheelwright
Renita Fletcher	Sharon Lewis	Helen Parkman	Adele Waddell	Martha Harris	
Roy Ford	Bob Lindsay	Vernard Plain	Kathy Wilson	Ed Hill Jr	

### Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Chris Downing	Robert Jarey	Darwin Mills	Reginald Phillips	Nicholas Stephens
Kelley Adams	Elizabeth Downing	Aliyaa John	Florence Mills	Robert Pierce	Gus Sternberg
Duncan Alfes	Lloyd Earl	Arnim Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Rochelle Stewart
Mona Anderson	Ethan	Fred Johnson	James Molloy	David Remo	Trevor Sullivan
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Virginia Etherly	El Caleb Jones	Karen Momper	Shirley Respress	Frances Sykes
Jim Agnello	Phillip Faucher	Dorie Kaiser	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Marlene Talley
Tony Baines	Ronald Fletcher	Bill Kelley	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Brian Bates	Barbara Ford	Shirley Kenney	Glinda Moorer	Matthew Rich	Rick Thompson
Sue Bates	Kyle Foster	Mary Alice Kenny	Louis Morzynske	Viola Richburge	Gerry Tremonti
Marie Beard	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Kristen Kingzett	Joyce Mulhall	Dorothy Roberson	Robert Vanden Berg
Edward Bejesky	Mavis Frazer	Katie Lutzo Kissell	Mignon Murray	Eugene Rohde	Al Victors
Katy Bessey	Barbara Gay	Ed Kmett	Sara Nell-Wallace	Alfredo Rojas	Alicia Walker
Kenneth Black	Nestelyn Gay	Erin Knight	Margaret Nelson	Patrick Ryder	Kelley Walker
J C Boston	Sherman Gilmore	Fred Kolp	Ernestine Nimmons	Anthony Salem	Lance Walker
Linda Brown	Marvis Givens	Emilia Kullman	Charles Nutt	Frank Salem	Brady Wesley
Ron Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Marta Lagos	Charlotte, Donna,	Sherry Samuel	Dennis Wheelwright
Auby Bryson	Shawn Gore	Dianne Leitertman	John & Tyler O'Neill	Ethel Mae Sanders	Sr Luanne Wilhelm
Barbara Bryson	Delroy Grant	Antoinette Litzinger	Susan Orlando	Robert Schaulle	Jamal Williams
F. Chennault-Johnson	Cheryl Lofton	Anthony Lorenger	Jeff Padalino	Larry Schneider	Ruth Wilson
Jenny Churchill	Morty Green	Harold Lowe	Patty Page	Helen Schroeder	Barbara Woods
Scott Clinton	Cora Harper	William Mapp	Celena Parker	Mildred Scott	Doris Woody
Leah Closson	Joseph Harper	Bea & Kim Marx	Willie Parker Jr	Larry Shelton	Kyle Yanke
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Please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to add or remove a name from our prayer lists.





Our Christian Service Commission invites you to participate in their Advent Giving Program, and help "unleash the Gospel" in our little corner of the world by taking one or more tags from the stable at the back of the church during Advent.

This weekend the tags at the stable are for gifts for children in the families that the St. Vincent de Paul Society - Corpus Christi Conference will be helping at Christmas. Please return your gift with the tag securely attached when you come to Mass. The deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 23.

### Advent Penance Services

Saturday, December 15

11:00 am

Monday, December 17

7:00 pm



### Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 15**

**5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**in the school building gym**

The parish will provide a main dish of roast chicken, pasta marinara, and beverages. There will be a Christmas sing-a-long activities for the children, and a special visit. Let us know how many are coming from your household, how you can help, and what side dish you will bring to share. Stop at the back of church or call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to sign up by Monday, December 10th.

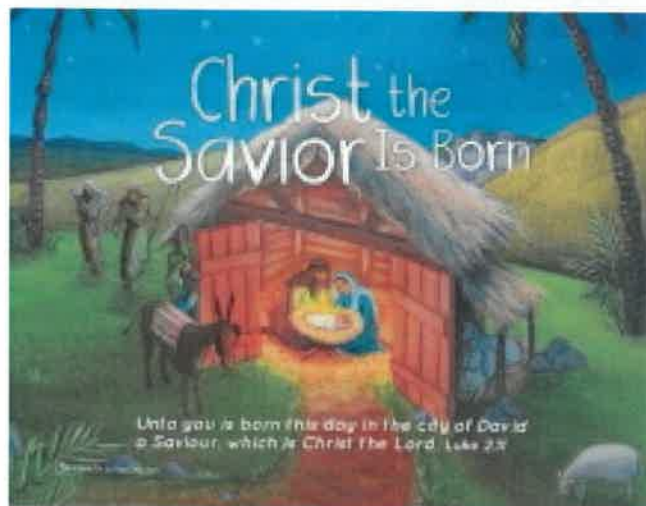
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Help lead the music and singing  
**We need lots of voices!**

Help tell the story of Jesus' birth  
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Invite your family and friends  
to come to church with you  
**We want everyone to celebrate  
Jesus' birthday in our beautiful church!**

Parents may sign up children at the back of church or by calling the parish office at 313-537-5770.



## 7 Ways to Help Someone Grieving a Loss During the Holidays

For many, this Christmas will be the first holiday without a special loved one. The loss of a family member or a friend brings obvious grief. And for those who have the opportunity to interact with a bereaved person, there are often questions: What do I do? What do I say?

There are ways that are more helpful and ways that are less helpful to approach a grieving person, says grief expert Helen Harris, Ed.D., assistant professor in Baylor University's School of Social Work. "There are so many things that folks say that are not helpful, mostly when we tell people what to do, what to believe and how not to feel," Harris said. "Examples are: 'God needed another angel' or 'At least you had him for x-amount of years' or 'You shouldn't feel sad. He isn't suffering anymore.'"

More helpful ways to interact with a grieving person include:

**1. Listen more than talk.** "It is OK to say, 'I don't know what to say but I want you to know that I care,'" Harris said. "It is a better choice than saying nothing, or saying things that judge and marginalize."

**2. Acknowledge the loss and express your caring.** "Be available; be present to say a word about the special life that is gone. Ask if there is a holiday-related task you can help with. Will they be alone for the holidays? Invite them over or take a meal to their home if they are not ready to get out and be around others. Offer to help with Christmas shopping or wrapping."

**3. Find a way to include the lost loved one in the holidays.** "I recommend families find a way to include the lost loved one in the holidays: to light a candle on the mantel to burn through the day as a symbol of his continued presence, to make an ornament with her name and place it on the tree, to talk about their roles and be intentional about who will

assume those roles now of carving the turkey, etc., to use at least one of their favorite recipes for a holiday dish."

**4. Take time to tell stories and look through old photos.** But don't push it. "If folks find it too painful, there should be no pressure to do it," Harris said. "There will be other holidays, other times and other gatherings."

**5. Ask what helps and be open to what doesn't.** "I ask the bereaved person to tell me what the experience is like for them and I ask what helps or doesn't help them."

**6. Avoid "helpful" actions that are actually hurtful.** "When you stay away, pretend it didn't happen or walk the other way in a store so you don't have to say anything – those things hurt," Harris said.

**7. Understand that there's no set time frame for someone who suffers a loss to be "over it" or "move on."** Harris said adjustment to loss is a long process and tends to get worse before it gets better. Those not closely connected to the loss will move on with their busy lives while the person who has lost a spouse or child or parent will experience fresh loss over and over again for the first year while facing the first birthday, anniversary, Christmas, vacation, etc. without the person with whom they had always shared those moments.

"There is a time when we manage our grief more than it manages us, and a time when the healing becomes strength, like a healed broken bone is stronger at the point of healing than the bone around it. But we are always changed, different because of both the life and the death of the person we loved and lost," Harris said. "Continuing to miss our loved ones, and more importantly, being aware at times of how much we wish they were present, is, I believe, a life-long experience – and does not mean we have failed to move on."

(Helen Harris served as bereavement coordinator and the first director of Hillcrest Community Hospice in Waco, Texas. She joined the Baylor social work faculty in 1997 but continues her work as a hospice volunteer and provides volunteer training for several Central Texas hospice programs.)

Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ December 15 / 16 ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	LITURGY OF WORD W/ CHILDREN	LITURGICAL ASSISTANT
Sat 4:00	Colleen Flaherty Elaine O'Neill	Kimberly Dickerson Catherine Di Pierro	Anthony Peter-Koyi Nyla Peter-Koyi	Gloria James	-----	Renee Walker
Sun 9:00	Katrina Smith James Hines	Aaron Brown Amelia Brown	Rayven Harris Tara Lewis	Ernie Buckner Lynn James	-----	Dolores Yancy
Sun 11:00	Mary Power Miriam Hudson	Team 2 - Irene Unsleber	Connor Mueller David Mueller Nathan Mueller Julianna Obia	Vickie Hodnett Shirley Myles	Valerie Berry Maria Dickerson TBD	Paul Moore
	SUNDAY BUS DRIVER	NOAH'S ARK NURSERY	COFFEE/DONUTS 9:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00	COFFEE/DONUTS 11:00
	Magnus Dike	Jessica Lopez Nancy Onyegbule	Ladies' Auxiliary PC - Gina Nunnally	Chinyere Mbamah Monica Obia	Lois Shepherd Jauwan Ward	Felicia McP-Watts Jim Young
CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 1		CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD 2/3		SAT RCIA CLASS		SUN RCIA DISMISSAL
TBD		Sr Frances Gerhard		Christeena Livingston-Long		TBD



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**Q** On many Sundays, especially during Advent and Lent, we hear a reading from one of the prophets. What is significant about them for us? Didn't Jesus fulfill all their predictions?

**A** Lent and Advent are the times of the church year when the prophetic word forms an important part of the liturgical season. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, and Zephaniah are just some of the prophets who offer powerful and essential lessons for Christians of any era. Prophets do not predict the future. They are very much concerned about the present, calling Israel to follow once again the word of God.

The prophets witness to a life of faith. In the midst of an intense relationship with God, the prophets are very aware of their unworthiness to embrace this call from God and struggle to accept the mission God entrusts to them.

The prophets speak on behalf of God. Each testifies that the word spoken is not from them but from God. At times, this lands them in trouble with their audience. Jeremiah, for example, felt betrayed by God as the prophetic message was delivered. People did not like the message because of their sin-filled lives, and their displeasure was taken out on the prophet. While tempted at times to "throw in the towel," the prophets remained true to the life of faith and persevered in the proclamation of God's word. In modeling these virtues and calling us to greater fidelity, the prophets offer an example and message that are still important to us today.

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