



# Corpus Christi Catholic Community

*Building the Body of Christ*

**January 12, 2020**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

## Sunday Reflection



The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to be. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant *(continued on page 3)*

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Archbishop Vigneron has said, “As followers of Christ, we are called to live works of mercy in our daily lives. We have an opportunity to receive and give many works of mercy through CCSEM. As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit, CCSEM services are patterned on the ministry *(see special insert)*

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## Corpus Christi Directory

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### 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 (Confession):** Available on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:45 pm; by appointment (call the Parish Office); during the parish Advent and Lent penance services.

**Sick Calls and Communion Calls:** Please call the Parish Office when there is serious illness in your household so that we may place the sick on our prayer list and arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing. We are happy to make home, hospital, and nursing home visits.

**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**Weddings:** Please call the Parish Office 6 months before wedding.

**Bulletin Copy:** Please contact Miriam Hudson by phone or email.

## This Week

### at Corpus Christi

#### Monday, January 13

*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:20 am ADORATION  
8:30 am MASS  
10:00 am OPCA Development Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm NW Detroit Youth Coalition Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 14

7:20 am ADORATION  
8:30 am MASS  
10:00 am Pastoral Team Meeting  
6:00 pm OPCA Area Business Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 15

7:20 am ADORATION  
8:30 am MASS  
5:30 pm GOF Announcement Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm Parish Finance Council Meeting

#### Thursday, January 16

7:20 am ADORATION  
8:30 am MASS  
4:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting  
6:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

#### Friday, January 17

*Saint Anthony, Abbot*

10:30 am Corpus Christi Seniors

#### Saturday, January 18

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins*

10:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation  
10:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Parent Meeting  
10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry  
10:00 am OPCA Board Meeting  
2:00 pm Recovery Group  
3:00 pm CONFESSIONS  
4:00 pm MASS

#### Sunday, January 19

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am MASS  
9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels 2/3  
9:00 am RCIA Class  
10:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:45 am Noah's Ark Nursery  
11:00 am MASS  
11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1  
12:30 pm BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS  
12:45 pm Social Justice Committee Meeting  
1:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach

## View From The Pew

Mary Davis, Pastoral Minister

I found this article while searching New Year's meditations and thought it worth sharing with you. Wishing you well in the new year! May we all find a way to spread Christ's Light in our little corner of the world. — *Mary*

Popeye Theology: A New Year's Meditation

by Michael Ireland

(as printed in Crosswalk.com January 3, 2007)



My pastor preached on the topic of "Popeye Theology" this morning and I thought it worth sharing with a wider audience. He started his message with a clip from the popular TV cartoon. Then he asked the question, How many of you feel

like Popeye in the cartoon when he reaches for his can of spinach and says, "That's all I can stands, coz I can't stands no more!"?

Pastor Joel told the story of Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision, who in 1947 went to visit a school in China and was confronted with a young, battered and bruised child. That experience prompted Pierce to start his ministry, "coz I can't stands it no more!" Pierce said that he prayed: "Dear Lord, let me be broken by the things that break the heart of God." My pastor then illustrated the same principle from the life of Moses, where he couldn't stand the sound of the mistreated Hebrew slaves in Egypt anymore; from the life of Nehemiah and his sorrow over the broken walls of Jerusalem; and from the story of David, who couldn't stand Goliath's ungodly taunts anymore.

Pastor Joel asked us: "Where in your world and daily life do you see what breaks the heart of God?" and: "Are you ready to say, 'That's all I can stands, coz I can't stands no more!' " ? He called this a state of Holy Discontent. He very wisely said that some people are stirred to action all the time, while others are like mountains and do not move at any of God's promptings. But, as Pastor Joel put it, there are some warnings to be heeded here. They are: Not every heart stirring is a call or an invitation from God; don't give up if Holy Discontent takes a while to build up within you; when you discover your Holy Discontent from God, FEED IT! Don't let yourself get so beaten up that you lose your hope.

I would add a fifth: Don't get discouraged if you make a move that you believed was a 'Call from God' and it doesn't work out. God believes in failures and is willing to work with them! The Bible is full of examples of such people.

## Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live out our baptism! ©Lpi

## Young Adult News

### EXODUS 90

January 13 - April 11

— Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for young adult men looking to break from old ways of living and habits to experience the freedom Christ made them for. Visit <https://www.aod.org/young-adult-events> for more information and to sign up.

### Theology On Tap:

#### The Journey To Union With God

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:30 pm

@ Royal Oak Taphouse

714 S Washington, Royal Oak

— Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway will present St. Teresa of Avila's teaching on the stages of union with God from acquaintance to beloved. Come at 6:30 pm for food, drinks and time to meet with friends, followed by Dr. Cooney's talk at 7:00 pm. Visit [www.facebook.com/events/840754253020780/](https://www.facebook.com/events/840754253020780/) for more information and to sign up.

Yet, for some of you reading this, there is a Holy Discontent brewing in your life and you may need to heed the prompting of the Holy Spirit to step out into the deeper waters. So, when you feel the Heavy Hand of God pushing you in a direction you are not comfortable with, ask Him to show you the things that break His heart and step out with faith.

*(Michael Ireland is an international British freelance journalist and former reporter with a London newspaper; he immigrated to the United States in 1982 and became a US citizen in September, 1995. He is married with two children.)*



Church of the Home

### ■ 52 Sundays

52 Sundays is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day. It offers simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you're at it. This Sunday's content suggests that families "Take Time To Chat" — **How does today's gospel story reveal the Holy Trinity? Why do you think Jesus was baptized?** — then dig out photos of your children's baptisms, gowns, and baptismal candles and share your memories and experiences. You might close your discussion with the Family Prayer below.

Visit [www.52sundays.com/sundays/january-12-2020](http://www.52sundays.com/sundays/january-12-2020) to view today's content; to preview Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, please visit [www.52sundays.com/sundays/january-19-2020](http://www.52sundays.com/sundays/january-19-2020). Copies of 52 Sundays may be ordered at [www.4lpi.com/catholic-store/52-sundays/](http://www.4lpi.com/catholic-store/52-sundays/). Sign up for weekly email reminders at [www.52sundays.com/](http://www.52sundays.com/).

#### FAMILY PRAYER

January 12, 2020 — Baptism of the Lord

*Gather your children's baptismal candles and light them during the prayer. Place a small bowl of water on the table. Choose a leader for the prayer.*

**Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Loving God, you created all the people of the world, and you know each of us by name. We thank you for the gift of baptism and for making us a part of your family. Bless us with your love and friendship that we may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . . Amen.**

*Leader then uses the water to trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of each family member.*

### ■ Nature At Night

Nature At Night is a celebration of animals who call Belle Isle home and become more active after dark. This FREE, family-friendly event at the Belle Isle Nature



### "Choosing The Flame"

All teens currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade or higher who have not been prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to register now for Corpus Christi's 2019 - 2021 program. For more information, please contact Joe Long at 248-231-8200 or [joe@josephelong.com](mailto:joe@josephelong.com).

### MLK Service Day 2020

Saturday, January 18, 9:00 am - 2:45 pm

Corpus Christi youth are invited to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Everyone will meet at Sacred Heart Church, 3451 Rivard Street, Detroit. Lunch and a t-shirt will be provided. Sign up at the back of church. Contact Mrs. Marilyn Webb at (313) 671-1577 for more information.

Center is planned for Thursday, January 23 from 6 - 8 pm and includes guided walks and activities to learn about Belle Isle's night life. All vehicles entering Belle Isle Park are required to have a recreation passport. For more information, call 313-852-4056.

### ■ Everyday Stewardship

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized *(continued on page 7)*



## BULLETIN BOARD

**FOUND:** Baby's hat (pink & purple stripes); man's hat (black); umbrellas (1 pink IKEA family, 1 red); hand sanitizer (Molina Health Care); gloves (1 black with blue & beige argyle pattern, 1 black with "shiny spots"). These items are in the "Lost and Found" cabinet in the Ushers' Room at back of church.

**SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT TEENS:** Gianna House, a pregnancy and parenting residence, has room to house a few more pregnant teens, ages 13 to 17. If you know a teen who needs a safe and loving environment that provides parent education, life skills, and career planning, please have them call 586-445-0440 or email [jbrubaker@giannahouse.org](mailto:jbrubaker@giannahouse.org).

**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.

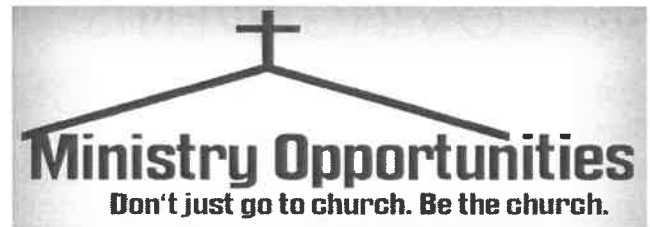
**LAUNDRY SERVICE:** Parish member will do washing and/or ironing for you. Reasonable rates. Call Marilyn at 586-995-3677 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS:** Volunteers of America Michigan (VOAMI) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSFV) has funding available to provide assistance to veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness. VOAMI also offers transitional housing and employment services programs. Call 313-502-0688 for more information.

**SHRINES OF ITALY JOURNEY:** April 23 - May 6, 2020. For further information, call 860-399-1785.



### ★ CCSEM Gala Volunteers

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) is seeking volunteers for their annual Gala subcommittees; help is needed with pre-event publicity and promotion, silent auction, decorating and set-up; registration assistance, and check-out assistance. Please contact Adam Perry at [perrya@ccsem.org](mailto:perrya@ccsem.org) or 586-416-2300 ext. 3621.

### ★ Nursery Caregiver

Adult caregivers are needed to provide a loving, safe environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are at the Sunday 11:00 Mass. The nursery is located in the Activities Center (convent building). Commitment is 1 ½ hrs (10:45 am - 12:15 pm) every 6 weeks. On-call caregivers are needed for other parish events (Infant baptism classes, young married couple events, etc.) Parish registration and background check required. Please call 313-537-5770 to volunteer.

### ★ Sunday Bus Driver

A volunteer is needed to drive parishioners to and from 11:00 Mass via the church bus approximately every 5 weeks. Parish registration, a valid driver's license, recent driving experience, a background check, and attendance at a Protecting God's Children workshop is required.

### ★ Greeters and Ushers

Volunteers are needed to create a spirit of warmth and welcome for those attending our weekend masses and special liturgies. Please contact Verna Kelser, Greeter Coordinator, at 248-559-3901 or Gregory Spight, Usher Coordinator at 313-537-5770.





## COMING EVENTS

### Jan 13 Christian Yoga

Come to Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road (corner of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills on Monday, January 13 from 5:00 - 6:15 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 on the day of the class. Bring yoga mat, block, and blanket. Call 248-644-4933 for more information.

### Jan 14-16 Grief Support

1/14 Tuesday 1 - 2:30 pm Dearborn Hts  
Hospice of Michigan *Grief 101* 313-578-6328

1/14 Tuesday 10:30 am - 12 Nov  
Ascension At Home *Healing The Heart* 586-464-4841

1/16 Thursday 1 - 2:30 pm Detroit  
Hospice of Michigan *Living On* 313-578-6328

### Jan 14 Bi-Lingual Holy Hour

"*Aliento*" means both "breath" and "encouragement" in Spanish. Ste. Anne Parish, 1000 Ste. Anne Street, Detroit hosts a bi-lingual Holy Hour on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. All are welcome.

### Jan 9 Scripture Study

Start the new year with "First Century Christian Writers," a scripture study with Scripture scholar Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ, on Tuesdays, Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25, Mar 10 & 24, and Apr 7 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Manresa Retreat House, 1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills. You will enjoy Fr. Steve's relaxed teaching style and knowledge of the Bible. Cost is \$100 (due at registration). To register, visit [www.manresa-sj.org/011420-bible](http://www.manresa-sj.org/011420-bible) or call 248-644-4933.

### Jan 15 Back and Neck Pain

There are many reasons people suffer with back and neck pain at some time in their lives. The pain may be acute, chronic, or intermittent. Learn how to prevent, manage, and treat back and neck pain on Wednesday, January 15 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Ascension Health's Southfield Wellness Center, 15990 West 9 Mile Road, Southfield. Dr. Shad Siddiqi, DO will be the presenter. To register or for more information, call 248-849-5752 or visit [healthcare.ascension.org/events](http://healthcare.ascension.org/events).

## Retreat Schedule

### Sun, Jan 12, 2 - 6 pm

Outdoor Meditation — Winter Silence  
@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House  
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills  
— Sharing, a light dinner, and quiet time with God and the outdoors. Cost is \$35. Visit [www.manresa-sj.org](http://www.manresa-sj.org) or call 248-644-4933 for more information.

### Fri - Sun, Jan 17 - 19

Retreat Weekend for Men  
@ St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center  
23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit  
— Rooms available after 4:30 pm on Friday. Buffet supper opens the retreat at 6:30 pm; orientation at 7:30 pm. Suggested donation is \$215; \$30 non-refundable deposit required. Register online at [stpaultretreat.org](http://stpaultretreat.org) or call 313-535-9563 to register.

### Sat, Jan 18, 10 am - 12 noon


Monthly Centering Prayer  
@ Visitation North Spirituality Center  
7227 Lahser Rd, Bloomfield Hills  
— Suggested donation is a free-will offering. Call 248-433-0950 or visit [www.visitationnorth.org](http://www.visitationnorth.org) to register.

### Mon, Jan 20, 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 will be gratefully accepted.

### Fri - Sun, Jan 24 - 26

A Retreat for Caregivers  
@ Manresa Jesuit Retreat House  
1390 Quarton Road, Bloomfield Hills  
— Retreat begins with dinner at 7 pm and ends by 1 pm Sunday; call 248-644-4933 for more information.



## Stewardship UPDATE



### Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8475.00
Sunday Offerings 1-5-2020	\$ 8795.05
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$

### Everyday Stewardship (continued from page 4)

again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



### Scriptures for the Week

#### Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38  
Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



### Questions of the Week

#### First Reading

Today's reading is often called one of Isaiah's "servant of the Lord" poems. According to Isaiah, the Lord's servant "shall bring forth justice to the nations." What do you think this type of justice looks like?

#### Second Reading

Peter came to the insight that God "shows no partiality" to those who are baptized and believe in Jesus. Why does this message remain challenging to many believers today?

#### Gospel Reading

What do you find most remarkable about Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus?

### Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Dolores O'Neill (12/29), sister in law of Elaine O'Neill  
Angie Peresky (1/7), relative of the Mueller Family



### Please Pray For Those In The Military:

Jared Brooks (Marines), Caija Campbell (Army), Anthony Carson (Army), Anthony Ford (Army), Thomas Dixon (Navy), Anthony Hollins, Jr (Army), Jonah LaTour, Jon LaTour, John Maurer (Air Force), Robbie Mayes (Marines), Christopher Moniere (National Guard), Corey Sullivan (Army), and Lance Walker II (Army).



## Mass Intentions January 13 - 19

Monday	8:30 am	For An Increase In Vocations
Tuesday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Wednesday	8:30 am	For a Special Intention (req by Jane DeHart)
Thursday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Homebound
Friday		No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Mark Nemeth (req by Yvonne Nemeth)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi + Angie Peresky (req by Paul & Pat Mueller)

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

## Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Troy Anderson	Renita Fletcher	Marilyn Lewandowski	Leatrice Robinson	<b>Homebound:</b>	Ruth Hill
Tony Baines	Roy Ford	Bob Lindsay	Elyse Ryder	Synia Benjamin	Ronald Hills
Ken Banka	Rosemary Givens	Nancy Loper	Michael Sands	Jackie Bodenhorn	Marie Leonard
Doris Billion	Gary Greening	Kathy Montgomery	Pauline Simpson	Evelyn Brantley	Sharon Lewis
Paul Billion	Virginia Harkey	Shirley Myles	Bernice Slaughter	Beverley B-Johnson	Beverly Miller
Marcelle Blackmon	Clint Harris	Yve Nemeth	Donna Storie	Angeline Butler	Beatrice Neail
Wanda Bradley	Sr Stephanie Holub	Shirley Oldenburg	Colletta Sykes	Michelle Cagle	Margaret Nielsen
Alelia Busby	Irma Horton	Sharon Ortman	Brendia Thomas	Joseph Cagle Sr	John Onwudinjo
Jefferie Cook Sr	Mary C. Hustoles	Helen Parkman	Charlotte Turner	Clairmina Danjou	Sue Padalino
Karen Cook	Edward Hustoles	Vernard Plain	Adele Waddell	Felisa Deluna	Evangeline Pruett
Terrie C-Henderson	Gloria James	Thelma Polley	Kathy Wilson	Judories Fort	Hulda Reed
Sheri Dargin	John Johnson	Phyllis Raines		Margaret Gassoway	Isiah Searls
Cid Davis	Roswitha Jordan	Sally Rimbart		Ella Goldsmith Sr	Joseph Shelton
Kevin DeMatas	Fannie Larkins	Joy Robinson		Rachelle Harper	Mary Pat Shelton
David Derouselle Sr	Myrna Leonard	Juanita Robinson		Martha Harris	



## Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Elizabeth Downing	Tom Hustoles	Jerry Mercier Jr	Alicia Penman	Kathy Smith
Kelley Adams	Lloyd Earl	Robert Jarey	Robert Miller Jr	Ethel Person	Beverly Sneed
Duncan Alfes	Virginia Etherly	Aliyaa John	Darwin Mills	Marquon Perry	Tom/Dorothy Sobota
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Phillip Faucher	Arnim Johnson	Florence Mills	Matt Phillips	Nicholas Stephens
Jim Agnello	Ronald Fletcher	Fred Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Reginald Phillips	Gus Sternberg
Sue Bates	Barbara Ford	El Caleb Jones	James Molloy	Anthony Plain	Rochelle Stewart
Marie Beard	Kyle Foster	Dorie Kaiser	Karen Momper	Erin Plain	Trevor Sullivan
Edward Bejesky	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Bill Kelley	Elizabeth Moore	David Remo	Kevin Sweeney
Katy Bessey	Mavis Frazer	Shirley Kenney	Shirley V Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Frances Sykes
Kenneth Black	Barbara Gay	Mary Alice Kenny	Glinda Moorer	Michael Rice	Wilfred Darwin Taylor
J C Boston	Nestelyn Gay	Kristen Kingzett	Louis Morzynske	Matthew Rich	Patt Taylor-Braxton
James Bryant	Marvis Givens	Katie Lutzto Kissell	Mike Mueller	Viola Richburge	Rick Thompson
Bria Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Ed Kmett	Pierce Mueller	Dorothy Roberson	Carolyn Thrash
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## From Fr. Patrick Gonyeau

*A word from the heart*

### The Relocation of Our Tabernacle

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, I pray your Christmas season has been full of joy, love & blessings. I personally have been touched by some of our visitors who made it a point to express to me what a beautiful community and worship experience we have. I agree! This weekend, we begin a three-week preaching and bulletin article series about a very important matter in our worship space and life of worship: the relocation of our tabernacle.

The beginning of our context for understanding the importance of the tabernacle as a faith community in covenant with God goes back to the Old Testament and the Book of Exodus. Therein, after the Israelites agree to enter into a covenant with God, God told Moses to tell the Israelites, "they shall make a sanctuary for me, that I may dwell in their midst." (Exodus 25:8) God instructed that this sanctuary be covered with tent cloth (the word tabernacle comes from the Latin tabernaculum which means tent), and as the Israelites traveled through the desert, they would move the tent, also known as the tent of meeting or the dwelling. After the Israelites completed the sanctuary per God's instructions, we read "then the cloud covered the meeting tent, and the glory of the Lord filled the Dwelling." (Exodus 40:34) The greatest blessing of the Old Covenant for the Israelites that was quickly experienced as a result of the covenant is that God dwelt in their midst.

Almost 500 years later in 959BC, David's son Solomon had completed the building of the Temple in Jerusalem and we hear at the dedication of the temple that this happened: "when Solomon had ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the holocaust and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house." (2 Chronicles 7:1) The presence of God filled the temple, and therefore God's glory filled the temple, what an incredibly awesome experience that must have been for the Israelites in that time!

As the New Covenant was prophesied by Jeremiah, we were given the amazing promise that God would not only dwell with us, but **in us**. (Jer 31:34). This reality is described in the New Testament by St. Paul as disciples of Jesus becoming "temples of the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 6:19) and indeed, the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23). Additionally, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus would honor his promise to be with us always (Matthew 28:20) by remaining body, blood, soul and divinity truly present in the Eucharist. This doctrine is called The Real Presence, and Dcn Paul will be preaching on it next weekend. Tabernacles in the Catholic Church throughout the world are adorned with a sanctuary light burning next to them representing that Jesus is truly

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of Jesus Christ and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit."

We are so grateful that your parish is supporting the corporal works of mercy through Catholic Charities. If there is anything that we can do to better connect with your parish in the coming year — either in giving or receiving or any other way — please reach out to us and we will respond. Parishes are the lifeblood of Catholic Charities. May God richly bless you!

— Paul Propson, CEO

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**Sunday, January 26, 2020  
The Gospel of Luke**

Come hear about Luke's unique approach to the Good News of Jesus — how Luke releases a powerful message for ongoing conversion and transformation that includes everyone!



Our presenter, Sr. Barbara Rund, OP, is an Adrian Dominican Sister who serves full time as the Pastoral Associate at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish in Bloomfield Hills. Previous to her ministry as Pastoral Associate, Sr. Barbara

has served in many parish roles, including ministering as Worship and RCIA Director, directing Faith Formation Programs, leading Youth Ministry, and teaching in an elementary school. Sr. Barbara is a Master Teacher certified by the Archdiocese and by the US Catholic Conference. She holds a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching (D.Min.) from St. Louis University in addition to other degrees. Sr. Barbara will certainly bring a depth of knowledge and experience to her Corpus Christi presentation on the Gospel of Luke!

GOF begins in church after the 11:00 am Mass, followed by lunch in the gym for GOF attendees only. GOF will end at about 3 pm. The cost is a freewill donation for lunch (children eat free).

present in a most unique way in this place.

In September, the Worship Commission began to look at the question of the location of our tabernacle. Now in complete transparency, I am the one who asked the Worship Commission to look at the question of if our tabernacle was in the best place it could be at this season in the life of Corpus Christi. I give you my word that I set about to have the Worship Commission study the question with a firm resolve to respect their subsidiarity and their decision. If they said, it needed to stay where it was, I would have respected that and gone with that decision. I asked them to look at the question because of the importance of The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe that there truly is no more bread and no more wine after the miracle of consecration (my favorite part of being a priest), but all that remains is Jesus himself, our Lord & Savior present before us body, blood, soul and divinity. With a conviction that there is nothing more important than the presence of Jesus in our midst, I asked the Worship Commission to study the question.

The process began in September and involved the use of two articles that summarized multiple church documents and what they referred to regarding the location of tabernacles. Neither article, nor does any Church teaching, say that the tabernacle has to be in the sanctuary or in a chapel, the individual Church's have a choice in the matter. The Church does offer principles to consider about the location of the tabernacle. The Worship Commission reflected on these principles, some of them are included here:

"The tabernacle is to be situated 'in churches in a most worthy place with the greatest honor.' The dignity, placing, and security of the Eucharistic tabernacle should foster adoration before the Lord really present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1183)

"The place in a church or oratory where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle should be truly prominent. (Eucharisticum Mysterium, 53)

"Consequently, it is preferable that the tabernacle be located, according to the judgment of the diocesan Bishop, either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in a form and place more appropriate, not excluding on an old altar no longer used for celebration; Or even in some chapel suitable for the faithful's private adoration and prayer and organically connected to the church and readily visible to the Christian faithful." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 315)

"The Most Holy Sacrament is to be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is noble, prominent, readily visible, and adorned in a dignified manner and furthermore 'suitable for prayer' by reason of the quietness of the location, the space available in front of the tabernacle, and also the supply of benches or seats and kneelers. (Redemptoris Sacramentum, 130)

After reflecting on these and other points from Church documents on the locations of tabernacles, the Worship

## Holy Homework



Brothers and Sisters,  
there is no greater  
treasure we have  
than the presence  
of God in our lives.

For Holy Homework this week, please read my column about The Relocation of Our Tabernacle and how this relates to our devotion to the presence of God as Catholics.

Commission came to a decision to move the tabernacle to the center of the Church to emphasize The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as the center of our lives and Church. It was decided that a greater place of prominence for the tabernacle will help to benefit a greater awareness of the treasure of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and also help to foster greater devotion to the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist.

We've considered together before what the Church teaches (in the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* – The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) about the four primary ways Jesus is present in the celebration of the mass: in the celebrant during the Eucharistic prayer — He is then in the person of Christ; especially in the Eucharist; in his Word — the Scriptures — it is Christ who speaks when the Word is proclaimed; in the gathered assembly — the Body of the Risen Lord.

In seeking to value the presence of the Lord in all the ways he is present to us, deciding to move the tabernacle was a decision reached to help foster a greater awareness and devotion to the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The intimate seating arrangement of our pews enables (by design) a sense of proximity with the sanctuary no matter where one sits, and so wherever we sit in the Church, with the tabernacle centrally located, it's easy to focus in on the presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist. It is His presence, as our mission statement says that "we strive to radiate in our parish and community." The relocation of the tabernacle is a symbol and reality of the centrality of the presence of Jesus in our lives and parish community. Please keep your eyes peeled for two more bulletin articles next weekend, one from me and one from Dcn Paul Mueller, and for Dcn Paul's homily on the Real Presence. Thank you sisters and brothers in Christ for your taking your time to read this article, I greatly appreciate you! — Love & Blessings, *Fr. Patrick*



Weekend Ministries Schedule ■ January 18/19 ■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

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To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, "The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).



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