

# Corpus Christi Catholic Community

*Building the Body of Christ*

July 12, 2020

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A Word From The Heart*

*from*

*Fr Patrick Gonyeau*

*Good Soil Sows  
Good Seed*

## Sunday Reflection

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place *(continued on page 3)*

## "Welcoming John Stockwell"

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray this bulletin finds you well and with a heart full of the Holy Spirit's love!

This week brothers and sisters, I'd like to introduce Mr. John Stockwell to you as Corpus Christi's newest staff member. John will be joining us as our **Digital Media Evangelization Manager**. John's position is designed to give Corpus Christi a powerful digital evangelization presence both locally and beyond.

John hails from Toledo and has a Bachelor degree from the University of Toledo and a Master in Theology degree. He is currently finishing up a Master in Pastoral Studies at Sacred Heart. He worked as a news reporter and anchor for WJR for years and is a recipient of the Edward R. Murrow award.

John's previous digital evangelization work has generated 800 videos on YouTube with over 2 million views worldwide, and his work has helped to bring a lot of people into the Catholic faith. He is enthusiastic for the *(continued on special insert inside)*

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## Corpus Christi Directory

**Rev. Patrick Gonyeau, Administrator**  
313-537-5770

### Parish Office Hours:

All parish buildings remain closed through Mon Sep 7.

**Weekend Masses:** Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 12 noon  
**Daily/ Holy Day Masses:** See page 6

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturdays 1 - 3 pm; by appointment (call 313-537-5770); and during penance services.

**Sick Calls:** Please call 313-537-5770 to place someone on our sick list and/or to request the Sacrament of Anointing.

**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.



### Monday, July 13

8:30 am MASS  
9:00 am NWDYC Virtual Summer Camp  
12:15 pm MASS  
6:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-z

### Tuesday, July 14

8:30 am MASS  
10:00 am Pastoral Staff Mtg-z  
6:00 pm MASS  
7:00 pm Evangelization Committee Meeting-z

### Wednesday, July 15

### Thursday, July 16

8:30 am MASS  
3:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting  
6:00 pm MASS

### Friday, July 17

8:30 am MASS  
12:15 pm MASS  
12 - 2 pm NWDYC Virtual Summer Camp  
Food Distribution (pkg lot)  
4:30 pm Funeral Mass

### Saturday, July 18

1:00 pm CONFESSIONS  
4:00 pm MASS

### Sunday, July 19

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am MASS  
12:00 pm MASS

### Please Pray for Those with Covid-19:

**Darlene Conway** sister in law of Shelly Bradford

**Claudette Twyman**, sister in law of Shelly Bradford

**Elizabeth Moore**, in-law of Elaina Moore

**Rev. Dana Porter Ashton**, niece of Joan Burch

**Michelle Talley**, cousin of Karen Cook

**Dee Hunt**, friend of MiShawn Earl

**Curtis Simpson Jr**, parish member

## Detroit Center for the Works of Mercy



Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's new Center for the Works of Mercy will be opening soon in Detroit. This new center will expand CCSEM's reach and allow community members to receive services for multiple needs in one location.

Catholic Charities, which serves as the charitable service arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit, is purchasing a building at 8642 Woodward Ave., north of New Center.

"We are working to create a center in Detroit where Catholics in the archdiocese can serve in performing works of mercy as they are called by the Lord," Paul Propson, CEO of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, told Detroit Catholic. "This will be for organizations that want to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, give drink to the thirsty and visit the imprisoned."

Propson said the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the need to bring social services together in the city, with so many people losing employment, getting sick and needing a place to turn.

"From a service standpoint, it's more important than ever to bring resources into the city," Propson said. "We know people will need us, and we want to be there to meet that need."

More information available at:

<https://detroitcatholic.com/news/daniel-meloy/catholic-charities-to-expand-city-services-with-new-detroit-center-for-the-works-of-mercy>

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

place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try. ©LPi

## Young Adult News

### F-TA Young Adults

Sun, Jul 12 | 6-7:30pm | Online

— A great opportunity to connect with a bilingual young adult group and enjoy speaker Fr. Patrick Gonyeau! Feel free to tune in with a snack or drink of your choice while we're together. We want to keep in touch regardless of the circumstances. For more information please feel free to message Joanna Barrientos at (248) 971-4197. She can send you how to connect to the meeting on Zoom.

### Lectio Divina for Young Adults

Fri, Jul 24 | 6:30pm | Zoom

— Join young adults every other Friday to pray lectio divina together on Zoom! Hosted by the Archdiocese of Detroit Hispanic Ministry.

### Resources for Today's Anti-Racist Catholic

Visit [bustedhalo.com](https://bustedhalo.com) for resources to help American Catholics be actively anti-racist, cope with the complex emotions of tense times, and work and pray for peace and unity.



### ■ Take Time To Chat

Gather as a family and have someone read today's Gospel about **The Parable of the Sower (MT 13:1-23 OR MT 13:1-9)**. Take time to discuss this good news and close with the family prayer.

- What does a plant need to grow? What do you need to grow in faith?
- Have you ever planted seeds? What happened?
- Retell this parable in your words. Take turns and be creative.

### Family Prayer: Jesus, I Trust in You



*Pray together these words:*

Jesus, I Trust in You,

Jesus, I Trust in You,

Jesus, I Trust in You,

Amen.

### ■ Building Your Domestic Church

The home is the rich soil where the seed of God's love is planted, nourished and grows. How can you make your home a place of rich soil? Each family is unique, but these are some things parents can do to help till the soil in their domestic Church:

**Protect your children in prayer, regularly and publicly** — taking time to pray for and with your children is crucial

**Protect your children physically** — be vigilant about their environment (from babyproofing, safe transportation to television, social media, online)

**Thoughtfully choose your words and actions** — this can help open the lines of communication and model for your children how to interact with others

**Accompany them** — walking with your children through their life experiences helps address the needs they have and provides the opportunity to point to God working in their lives

**Nourish your faith life** — find a small group community or connect with your parish to make sure that you as a parent are experiencing care, concern and love

*See entire article at:*

<https://www.unleashthegospel.org/2020/07/building-your-domestic-church-from-birth-to-adulthood/>

### ■ Everyday Stewardship

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they *(continued on page 5)*

### Corpus Christi Kids Videos

Fr. Patrick's Corpus Christi Kids videos are available at the parish website, [www.corpuschristi-detroit.org](http://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org). Click on Home, then About Us, then scroll down to Videos. Share it with your children, grandchildren, or anyone you know.





# Stewardship UPDATE



## Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 7-5-2020	\$ 6723.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 1627.00

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

seek evil, but it is as if they “see no good, hear no good, and speak no good.” Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.— *Tracy Earl Welliver*



## Scriptures for the Week

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

Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday:	Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Mt 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27  
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## Questions of the Week

### First Reading

The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. Does this bring you comfort or distress?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself. What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?

### Gospel Reading

Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?

**Please Pray  
For Our  
Deceased  
Loved Ones**

**Russell Simpson**  
uncle of Curtis Simpson Jr

**Richard LaCor**  
cousin of Kim Stephenson



### Please Pray For Those In The Military:

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



## Mass Intentions July 13 - 19

Monday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	For An Increase In Vocations For Our Corpus Christi Neighborhood
Tuesday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For Our Homebound Members For An End To The Covid-19 Pandemic
Wednesday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Thursday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For Those Who Are Caregivers For An End To Racism
Friday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	For Those In Nursing Homes & Rehab Centers For The Families of Parishes Process
Saturday	4:00 pm	For Our Deceased Relatives and Friends
Sunday	9:00 am 12:00 pm	For the People Of Corpus Christi Parish For Our Deceased Relatives and Friends

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

### Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

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

### Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Chris Downing	Jean Houck	Ashley Melonson	Alicia Penman	Donald Sims Sr
Jim Agnello	Elizabeth Downing	Jeranne Jackson	Jerry Mercier Jr	thel Person	Emily Smale
Duncan Alfes	Lloyd Earl	Robert Jarey	Robert Miller Jr	Marquon Perry	Kathy Smith
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Memphis Edison	Aliyaa John	Darwin Mills	Matt Phillips	Tyrone Smith
Sue Bates	Virginia Etherly	Arnim Johnson	Florence Mills	Reginald Phillips	Beverly Sneed
Marie Beard	Stephen Farkus	Fred Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Tom/Dorothy Sobota
Joan Beckley-Fletcher	Phillip Faucher	El Caleb Jones	James Molloy	Erin Plain	Nicholas Stephens
Edward Bejesky	Barbara Ford	Dorie Kaiser	Karen Momper	David Remo	Rochelle Stewart
Kenneth Black	Kyle Foster	Bill Kelley	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Trevor Sullivan
Malcom Boudreaux	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Shirley Kenny	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Kevin Sweeney
Bryan Bowman	Mavis Frazer	Joe Kieffer	Glanda Mooror	Matthew Rich	Frances Sykes
Bria Brown	Barbara Gay	Kristin Kingzett	Verita Morris	Viola Richburge	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Ron Brown	Nestelyn Gay	Katie Lutzo Kissell	Mike Mueller	Dorothy Roberson	Rick Thompson
James Bryant	Elwood Gneckow	Erin Knight	Joyce Mulhall	Crystal Roberts	Carolyn Thrash
Ernest Cabule	Becky Goodrich	Fred Kolp	Mignon Murray	Eugene Rohde	Gerry Tremonti
Michael Derrick Cade	Shawn Gore	Emilia Kullman	Sara Nell-Wallace	Alfredo Rojas	Amy Turner
Jenny Churchill	Marlene Grant	Marta Lagos	Margaret Nelson	Patrick Ryder	Eleanor Ursulan
Scott Clinton	Morty Green	Antoinette Litzinger	Ernestine Nimmons	Frank Salem	Robert Vanden Berg
Leah Closson	Alfonzo Harris	Anthony Lorenger	Charles Nutt	Sherry Samuel	Al Victors
Perry Conway	Millie Harris	Shannon Lorenger	Charlotte, Donna,	Ethel Mae Sanders	Alicia Walker
Nancy Copeland	Sharon Harris	Harold Lowe	John & Tyler O'Neill	Larry Schneider	Kelley Walker
Ronald Crane	Lisa Harston-LeDoux	William Mapp	Patty Page	Helen Schroeder	Lance Walker
Betty Cross	Bob & Jane Hazen	Michael Mathis	Celena Parker	Mildred Scott	Brady Wesley
Chuck Davis	Donna Hebel	Scott McDonald	Willie Parker Jr	Alice Sheehan	Ruth Wilson
Natacha Desir	Summer Henry	Anthony McNeal	Paula Parham	Larry Shelton	Barbara Woods
Shannon Dodd	Carol Holm	Michael McNeece	Cyndi Pask	Lenny Simmons	Doris Woody
Jerry Douglas	Sullivan Horton	John/Mary Jo Meakin	James Pefley	Curtis Simpson Sr	Kyle Yanke

**A Word From The Heart** *(continued from page 1)*  
mission of the Church (Mt 28:20) and is blessed with a deep kindness and great sense of humor.

John has been married for 22 years, and he and his wife Michelle have a son who is a senior in high school. John loves God, people, and has a huge heart for sharing Jesus and for service. He is most at home in a multi-cultural setting, has visited Corpus Christi and is quite excited to help share the sacred treasure of this uniquely joyful vibrant city Church with both the local community and beyond through his God-given gifts.

May the Good Lord continue to pour out his blessings on all of us, and may we overflow/radiate the blessing of his presence to all! Love and blessings,

— Fr. Patrick

### Holy Homework



This week let's make sure to give Jesus a solid 20 minutes of "covenant time" each day where we simply enjoy his presence, read the word, pour out our troubles, pray for an

end to the Coronavirus, and intercede for others, especially for blessings on all afflicted with the virus, for all who care for them, and for all who are seeking to come up with a vaccine.

Worry ends when  
FAITH IN GOD  
— Begins —

## From Detroit Catholic

### Black parishes hold onto faith amidst virus, shutdown and an uncertain future

DETROIT —From the outset of the COVID-19 outbreak in Michigan, it became clear the virus was particularly devastating to the African-American community.

From limited access to health care and poorer living conditions to greater dependence on service jobs where remote work and social distancing aren't possible, the impact of COVID-19 has not been equitable — and once more, the African-American community is suffering the most.

The virus' impact has reverberated in majority-Black Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit, particularly in the city itself, which has seen the most virus cases anywhere in the state.

Curtis Simpson said Corpus Christi parishioners have continued contributing to the parish since the shutdown, a necessity as the neighborhood looks to the community to provide social services in a time of need.

"In an unfortunate sense, the pandemic is bringing Jesus to families that wouldn't (encounter him) if the pandemic didn't happen," Curtis Simpson said. "It's a blessing, and obviously a curse as well, but a blessing to be able to reach out to people by picking up their prescriptions or groceries or a gas card. We're serving families we probably would have never met."

Through it all, the Black Catholic community continues to have faith and show its solidarity, Vickie Figueroa said. And that can be example for the whole Church.

"What gives me hope is the adaptability of the Black Catholic community," Figueroa said. "There is just this willingness to enter into a new way of faith, prayer and worship, a willingness to reach across parish lines and boundaries. Black people will always find a way to keep our faith in Jesus Christ strong. No matter how many barriers we will climb, we'll find a way to reach Christ."

See entire article at:

<https://detroitcatholic.com/news/daniel-meloy/black-parishes-hold-onto-faith-amidst-virus-shutdown-and-an-uncertain-future>



# WEEKLY UPDATE

- Mass Schedule: **Weekend** — 4 pm on Saturday, and 9 am and 12 pm on Sunday. **Weekdays** — 8:30 am and 12:15 pm Mondays and Fridays; 8:30 am and 6 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- To allow for proper safety precautions, **please make a reservation by 12 noon on the Saturday prior to the weekend Mass you plan to attend.** We are currently limited to 75 people per weekend Mass. The Sign Up Genius link is available at 12 noon Monday at [www.corpuschristi-detroit.org](http://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org). If you do not have computer or internet access you may call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to RSVP.

- There is no pressure on you to return to Mass; we support you doing what is best for your health. **Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed;** a direct link to the Mass is available at the parish website: [www.corpuschristi-detroit.org](http://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org). Sunday offerings may be mailed to the parish office at 19800 Pembroke Ave, Detroit MI 48219-2145) or you may give online at [www.corpuschristi-detroit.org](http://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org).

- The parish offices and meeting rooms will be closed through Labor Day. Parish staff are working from home. You may continue to contact the parish staff through phone calls to 313-537-5770 or through their emails.

- Please be sure to leave a message on the parish office answering machine **to let us know about illness, hospitalization, a death, or to request prayer or the Sacrament of the Sick.** The parish office answering machine is checked regularly. Fr. Patrick will be notified of urgent requests as soon as possible. All calls will be returned. Please be sure to leave both your full name and phone number and to speak clearly and slowly when leaving a message.

- The **Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays** from 1 to 3 pm in the covered walkway between the school building and the Activities Center. This will keep us from having to disinfect the church prior to the 4:00 pm Mass.

## Theology of the New Evangelization

A free course from Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Institute for Lay Ministry will begin Monday, July 6. Join the faculty of SHMS on a journey exploring the foundational teachings and principles of the New Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship. This FREE non-credit course is being offered online using CANVAS, SHMS's learning management system. When you sign up you will receive a username and password for accessing the class, which consists of six modules which can be completed at your own pace. Each class includes a lecture video, reading material, online discussion forum, and personal assessment quiz. Learn more and sign up at [shms.edu/ne](http://shms.edu/ne).

## Strong Faith - Vital Connections



Aired on Jul 9, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Episode 2 | Topic: Reaching Out To The African American Community: The Gifts We Bring

Please click the link below to listen to the webinar:

<https://aod.zoom.us/j/95906669022>

or watch at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550688355226759/>

*Second Friday Specials*

# BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE

JUN 12, JUL 10, AUG 14, & SEP 11



Drop in for open, Catholic conversation about the Bible with CBSM Faculty.

All are welcome. [CBSMich.org/BYOB](http://CBSMich.org/BYOB)



## Catholic Biblical School of MI

Get ready to unleash the Gospel with joy! Catholic Biblical School of Michigan will host its new classes in September. CBSM brings the Scriptures to life with an in-depth study of the entire Bible led by seminary-level professors. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Learn more about their in-depth study of the entire Bible. For more information, call 586-438-3085 or email [info@cbsmich.org](mailto:info@cbsmich.org).

### Lay Down Your Burdens

- Have you been able to process your stress from the COVID crisis?
- Do you need some time to get away from all your responsibilities?
- Are you eager to feel hope again?

Capuchin Retreat Center is offering "Lay Down Your Burdens," a morning of healing for healthcare workers, on Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Presented from the Franciscan perspective, Fr. Tom Nguyen and Chaplain Bridget Theodoroff (hospital chaplain) will facilitate a morning of reflection and releasing your burdens.

All are welcome. Those from a different faith tradition and those who don't have one are invited.

The morning will be held at Capuchin Retreat Center, located at 62460 Mt. Vernon, Washington Township, and will include discussions, reflection, and fellowship, and will be held outside as long as weather permits. Please bring a mask or face covering.

Cost is \$25 per person. To reserve your spot or for more information, call 248-651-4826 or send an email to [info@capretreat.org](mailto:info@capretreat.org).


*Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit*

## NOVENA 2020

### A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN CULTURE

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE, BENIN, CONGO, GHANA,  
KENYA, NIGERIA, RWANDA, UGANDA

**JULY 18**  
7 p.m. Mass  
Fr. Ted Parker, Celebrant  
Fr. John McKenzie, Homilist



Mass will be live streamed on Facebook and open to the first 500 people who arrive in person. Please follow social distance guidelines and wear a mask. Bring a chair for outdoor overflow seating.

1000 Ste. Anne Street  
Detroit, Michigan

[STE-ANNE.ORG/EVENTS/NOVENA](http://STE-ANNE.ORG/EVENTS/NOVENA)





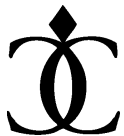
### Why do Catholics baptize babies?

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who “do nothing” — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God’s initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life’s journey. Salvation isn’t something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be. ©LPi



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