

Corpus Christi Parish

"Building the Body of Christ"

August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau

"Strong Faith"

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ Corpus Christi Family!

In this weekend's Gospel (Mt 15:21-28), we hear of the exchange between Jesus and the Canaanite woman when she was asking for healing of her daughter and Jesus told her "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." On its face, this statement — and the moment as we read it in scripture — is shocking. What is Jesus doing here?

Really, we know that Jesus said "I will not reject anyone who comes to me" (Jn 6:37) and that indeed, the New and Eternal Covenant he established by his sacrifice on the cross is open to anyone to enter into as they say yes to Jesus and let him be the Lord of their lives. The Great Commission Jesus gave the Church indicates that God wants salvation for all (1 Tim 2:4). We hear Jesus say to the apostles, "go and make disciples of all nations." (Mt. 28:18) So then what is really going on in this scene with Jesus and the Canaanite woman?

A key hermeneutic (interpretation) *(see special insert)*

God Fixes What Is Broken



Sunday Reflection

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do. *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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All parish buildings remain closed through Mon Sep 7.

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, August 17

8:30 am MASS

12:15 pm MASS

Tuesday, August 18

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Parish Staff Meeting

6:00 pm MASS

Wednesday, August 19

Thursday, August 20

8:30 am MASS

3:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

6:00 pm MASS

Friday, August 21

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Funeral Mass (Leatrice Childress)

Saturday, August 22

10:30 am Memorial Mass (Synia Benjamin)

1:00 pm CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, August 23

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 pm MASS

PRAYER FOR CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL
Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Talley
Dee Hunt, and Michael Spencer

Merciful God,
we entrust to your unfailing and
tender care,
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger
threatens your everlasting arms are
there to hold us safe.
Rest your healing hand upon them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It Is All About You Lord

by Deacon Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

Adapting in a Pandemic

Gas costs a lot less now. It used to be close to \$4.00/gallon and now it is closer to \$2.00/gallon. People are driving a lot less and so the gasoline supply is more than the need. Why are people driving less?

- Some are working from home or have even lost their jobs
- Some are not going out to the movies or to restaurants or shopping
- Some are traveling less

The results? Lots more time available. Ah ha! **How about spending some of that time with the Lord?!?! An old Christian tradition suggests spending time in prayer, study, and action.** Here are some suggestions to go with those three efforts.

Prayer: The daily Scriptures (USCCB); the 3-Minute Retreat (Loyola Press); FORMED-Daily (FORMED). You can find links for those three prayer ideas on the parish website, corpuschristi-detroit.org. When you get to the website you can see a column to your left. Click on “About Us” and then on “Links.” There you will find 26 (!!!) links to 26 sources.

Study: How about picking one of the Gospels and reading a chapter a day?

Action: How about calling some friends, neighbors, or relatives who may be lonely?

Prayer, Study, Action — such great ways to spend some of that extra available time!

— *Deacon Paul*

Questions? Call me (248.891.9387), e-mail me (dcnpaulmueller@gmail.com) or drop me a note at the parish office.

Sunday Reflection (continued from page 1)

But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen. ©LPi

Young Adult News

How To Begin Reading The Bible As A Catholic

Aug 17 - Sep 13 | Online

— A free online course for Catholics who want to learn the basics about how to read the Bible and apply the Word of God in daily life. This course is the result of a collaborative effort of Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Institute for Lay Ministry and the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. To register, go to <https://www.aod.org/young-adult-events>.

Praying With The Word: Lectio Divina

Thursdays | 7am, 12 pm, 7 pm | Livestream

— Please join the UTG Prayer Activities Committee on Thursdays for a Lectio Divina prayer series, Thursdays Praying with the Word. The sessions will feature the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Have your Bible or access to the daily reading available for reference during the video session. To participate, go to <https://www.aod.org/events/421>.



■ Take Time To Chat

Gather as a family and have someone read today's Gospel, (MT 15:21–28) about **The Canaanite Woman's Faith** (find it at 52sundays.com). Then reflect on the Gospel:

- **When you really want or need something, it matters how you ask for it. What do you say when you really want or need something?**
- **Share a time when you prayed about something you really wanted/needed.**
- **Why does Jesus help the woman in today's Gospel?**

After your family discussion, pray the Memorare Prayer:

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O

Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

AMEN

St. Bernard of Clairvaux is the author of this Marian prayer. His feast day is August 20. Learn more about him at www.52Sundays.com.

Corpus Christi Kids Videos

Fr. Patrick's Corpus Christi Kids videos are available at the parish website, www.corpuschristi-detroit.org.

Click on "home" to the left, then scroll down to the "kid's videos" button.

Share them with your children, grandchildren, or anyone you know.

■ Be Healthy, Be Hopeful

Health involves physical wellbeing and safety. However, health also means having a wholesome mental attitude. Here are some ways to help you and your family be healthy and hopeful:

- Walk outside, notice what you see, hear, feel, etc. and give thanks to the Lord for your surroundings.
- Exercise to music, whatever genre or generation motivates you.
- Drink more water and wash your hands more often.
- Connect on a deeper level with your friends and family members. You can ask reflective questions or take time to connect to share and pray together.
- Delve deeper into Scripture.
- Pray the rosary in a new way. Check out a video reflection on specific mysteries or pray in a new place, like on a walk.
- Listen to new songs for your daily prayer (and sing along if you want).
- It can be as simple as writing down your lows and highs for the day and reflecting on them in prayer.

As you focus on being healthy and hopeful, you will experience a deep joy that in turn can cause others to seek joy as well. You witness can invite others to grow closer to the Lord. What a great gift it is to live our lives in a way that draws us to the Lord and helps others find joy in him as well through our interactions.

Excerpted from a reflection by Sr. Kathleen Matz, CDP, July 3, 2020. The entire article is available at www.unleashthegospel.org/2020/07/be-healthy-be-hopeful

■ Everyday Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we *(continued on page 5)*



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 8-9-2020	\$ 6783.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 10978.95

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2020

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Questions of the Week

First Reading

After Israel's return from their captivity in Babylon, Isaiah prophesied the Lord's salvation to all people of faith and good will, not just Israel. Why do you think some people resist the idea of God's impartiality?

Second Reading

Paul sees the rejection of Jesus by the Jews as the vehicle for God's mercy to all, both Jew and Gentile alike. When has God turned a negative into a positive in your life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus initially reacts negatively to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman in a manner familiar to most Jews of that day. But Jesus showed the disciples that faith in him transcends the historic divide between Jew and Gentile. When have you allowed your faith in Christ heal a division?

**Please Pray
For Our
Deceased
Loved Ones**

Fr. Edwin Balazy (7/21), Archdiocese of Detroit
Charles D. Spittle (7/24), brother in law of Vivian Spence
Kelly Rossi (8/7), sister in law of John Stockwell
Michael Hainer, cousin of the Conti Family
Margaret Gassoway (8/7), member of the parish



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 August 17- 23

Monday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	For Those Who Are Homebound For Those Who Are Caregivers
Tuesday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For Those In Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers For An End To The Covid-19 Pandemic
Wednesday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Thursday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For An End To Racism For Essential Workers
Friday	8:30 am 10:00 am	+ Fr. Edwin Balazy (req by Corpus Christi Parish) Funeral Mass for Leatrice Childress
Saturday	10:30 am 4:00 pm	Memorial Mass for Synia Benjamin For An Increase In Vocations
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	<i>No Mass</i> For the People of Corpus Christi

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

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

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

A Word From The Heart (continued from page 1)

to understanding what's at work in this passage is this: **Jesus is God and he knows this woman through and through.** Just like the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4 whom Jesus spoke with about her previous marriages without her saying a word, Jesus knows everything about this woman. Knowing her heart, her faith and her "chutzpah," Jesus said what he said, knowing the response he would elicit, which was **amazing faith!**

We recall that Jesus loves faith! This is what he wants from us, and even tells us is the very will of the Father in John 6:40: "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." Jesus sets the Canaanite woman up to be a **lasting sign of faith!** Faith like hers moves mountains. Jesus knew this about her and knew that through her response he could teach the world about strong, bold faith. Oh, that we would all move with the bold faith of the Canaanite Woman! Good news — Jesus wants to continue to help us all to continue to grow in our faith — his grace and encouragement are endless!

Love you and bless you! — *Fr. Patrick*

Holy Homework



Each morning this week, and several times each day, ask Jesus to help you:

"Jesus thank you for the gift of my faith!"

Please help me to grow in my faith more than ever before!"

Thank You

My Corpus Christi Family,

Your telephone calls, texts, cards, compassion, support, love, and prayers are powerful during this difficult time. Thank you! I pray God will continue to bless you and keep us safe.

Much love,
Verna Kelser



**Confronting
Structural
Racism
in SE Michigan:
Where To Begin?**

The Multicultural Ministries Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the St Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Detroit, MI, are co-hosting a one-time ZOOM webinar on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 from 7 to 8 pm**. This webinar will describe structural racism, share a brief history of its development, and discuss how to dismantle it.

Speakers will be: **Peter Hammer, PhD, JD**, Director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights and Professor at Wayne State University Law School; **Vickie Figueroa**, AOD Multicultural Ministries Office; and **Eileen M. Smith**, OFS Minister, St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity-Detroit.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://aod.zoom.us/j/99452963803>

To join by telephone, dial:
US: +1 929 205 6099 or
+1 301 715 8592 or
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Webinar ID: 994 5296 3803

UPDATE



□ We continue to have only two weekend Masses: Sat at 4 pm and Sun at 11 am; the 11 am Mass will also be livestreamed. At this time, our numbers are very low for weekend masses, which is completely understandable as we want people to be safe and make the choice that is best for them. Many of our weekend volunteers had been covering both of the Sunday masses. The daily Mass schedule remains the same.

□ **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING TO MASS** (this includes our volunteers!) so that 1) the church is prepared and ready for everyone who is coming, 2) a checklist of attendees can be printed in advance for a speedy check-in, and 3) the information required to do Covid-19 tracing is readily available. **RSVP via the link on our parish website, corpuschristi-detroit.org.** If you do not have computer or internet access, you may call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to RSVP. No RSVP is required for daily masses.

□ The parish buildings remain 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 call the parish office to let us know about illness, hospitalization, death, and requests for prayer or the Sacrament of the Sick. The answering machine is checked remotely each day for messages. Fr. Patrick is 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.

□ Thank you to all who have continued to support the parish financially during this challenging time. 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.

□ Confessions are offered from 1 to 3 pm on Saturdays outside the Activities Center (between the school building and the convent building). All are welcome!

Dispensation from Mass Extended

In light of the continued spread of the coronavirus in southeast Michigan and the impossibility for parishes to safely accommodate all Catholics for Mass on Sundays, Archbishop Vigneron has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit, as well as for all travelers during their time within the territory of the Archdiocese of Detroit, until Monday, November 23, 2020.

While the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is in effect, all baptized Catholics are reminded of the grave necessity they have to keep holy the Lord's Day. Archbishop Vigneron wrote a pastoral note entitled "The Day of the Lord" little more than one year ago calling to mind this important spiritual obligation. As the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, Christians from the earliest days set Sunday apart as a day unlike others.

When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to nourish his or her soul during these days. This means cultivating a prayer life in their homes, reading Sacred Scripture (especially the prescribed readings for the Sunday Mass) and making Christ the center of one's home and being his disciple the central identity of one's life. It also means continuing to understand Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord. This means activities on Sunday should be different from the pursuits of the rest of the week. Prayer and time for God, time for family, and works of charity should be central to a Catholic's Sunday.

A general dispensation to all the faithful has been given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus as well as to care for the most vulnerable among us. Catholics who engage in other activities that would present a similar or greater risk of contamination (eating out at restaurants, traveling, non-essential shopping, widening one's circle of contacts, etc.) should begin to return to Sunday Mass as they are able.

Let us continue to invoke our patroness St. Anne for her protection of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit and for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic.



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praying with Faith

A weekly opportunity for prayer and fellowship
Thursday Mornings
July 30, 2020
through June, 2021
Online
9:00 - 9:45 am

There is no charge for these events, but you must register by 1pm on Wednesday afternoon each week to receive the link for the ZOOM call.



Moderator Faith Offman is the Associate Director of Ministry at St. Paul of the Cross. She holds a Masters in Divinity and is a licensed social worker and spiritual director.

register online at stpaulretreat.org

Questions? Contact Lynnette Marshall at lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org or (313)286-2800
St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center 23333 Schoolcraft Detroit, MI 48223

A weekly opportunity for prayer and fellowship on **Thursday mornings thru June 2021. Online from 9:00 - 9:45 am.** There is no charge but you must register by 1 pm Wed afternoon to receive the link for the Zoom call. Moderated by Faith Offman, Associate Directory of Ministry at St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Questions? Call 313-286-2800.

Christ the King School

Christ the King Parish is committed to helping make a Catholic grade school education possible for any parent, grandparent or guardian who wants that for their child. Find out more at www.christthekingschooldetroit.org.



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— Fr. Patrick

Course dates: 8/17-9/13

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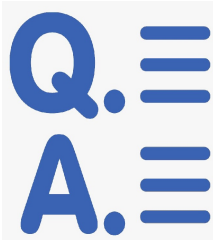
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Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).



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