

Corpus Christi Parish

"Building the Body of Christ"

We strive to radiate the presence of Jesus Christ in our parish and community and invite others to join us on our journey.

September 13, 2020 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"CSA Fall Campaign"

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

This weekend brothers and sisters, Corpus Christi begins a truncated Catholic Services Appeal campaign. Usually, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Detroit launch of the CSA in the spring, we at Corpus Christi run about a 10-week campaign of our own to help raise funds for the CSA. These funds help support many ministries directed or assisted by the Archdiocese of Detroit in some way, including the central operations of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the spring launch was cancelled. The CSA 2020 campaign has been moved to the fall, and so this weekend we begin our effort to raise funds for the Catholic Services Appeal. Our goal this time is \$43,890. For this campaign please make your check payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA and use the envelope included with your pledge card to mail it to PO Box 44077, Detroit MI 48244-9935.

You can also make a CSA gift (continued on page 7)



Sunday Reflection

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true and heartfelt (continued on page 3)

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Save The Date!

Tune in at 6:30 pm Thu Sep 24 for the AOD's first ever CSA Giving Day!

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Don't Miss Our Church Family Drive-In Movie!
Plan to come out for a night of fellowship Sat Sep 19

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, September 14 8:30 am MASS

12:15 pm MASS

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Pastoral Staff Meeting-z

6:00 pm MASS

Wednesday, September 16

Thursday, September 17

8:30 am MASS

3:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting-z

6:00 pm MASS

Friday, September 18

8:30 am MASS

12:15 pm MASS

Saturday, September 19

10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry

1:00 pm CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm MASS / FORMED INTRO

8:00 pm CORPUS CHRISTI MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, September 20

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

11:00 pm MASS / FORMED INTRO

A PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE **AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick.

and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Talley, Dee Hunt



The Catholic Services Appeal is essential to the mission of the Archdiocese of Detroit. It funds and supports over 170 ministries that serve our local Church in southeast Michigan. This year has been like no other, and many of our ministries responded to the pandemic with an inspiring spirit of innovation.

You're invited to tune in to the AOD's first ever "Giving Day" at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 24 at https://www.aodgivingday.org/. The schedule for the evening is:

Welcome Message with hosts
Fr. Mario Amore and Mary Wilkerson
Opening Prayer with Archbishop Vigneron
Vocations

St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish
Gospel Choir Virtual Concert
Black Catholic Ministries
Detroit Catholic Back-to-School 2020 Video
Catholic Schools
Live mini-episode of Open Door Policy
Youth and Family Ministries
Virtual Tour of Ste. Anne Basilica
Hispanic Ministries
Detroit Catholic Mini-Doc on Miracles

Christian Services
Archdiocese of Detroit Schola Virtual Concert
Communications
Closing Thank You

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feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs to offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

Young Adult News

How To Begin Reading The Bible

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. Register at:

https://www.aod.org/young-adult-events

Young Catholic Professionals Speaker

Wed, Sep 30 | 7:00 pm | Online

—YCP Detroit Executive Speaker Series is a free event every month in which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young professionals in their 20's and 30's, challenging them to 'Work in Witness for Christ!' Watch for upcoming details at:

https://www.aod.org/events/460

Free Virtual Marriage Preparation Retreat

Sat, Oct 10 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm | Online

—Register at:

https://boldbeginnings1010.eventbrite.com



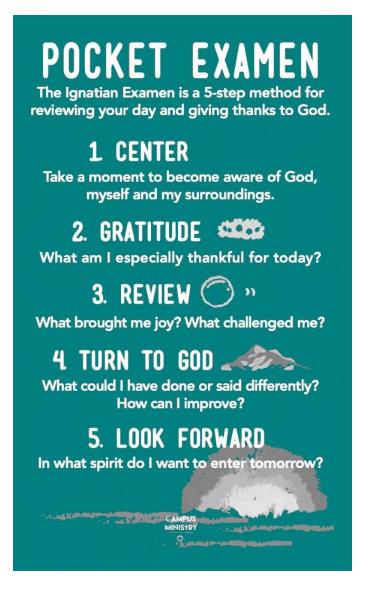
■ Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family - choose someone to read The Unforgiving Servant, MT 18:21-35 (you can find it at 52sundays.com). Then share your answers to Church of the Home these questions:

- · Why do you think the servant went after his debtor, even after he was forgiven?
- · What did you learn about forgiveness in this story?
- Does today's Gospel sound like what Jesus tells us in the Our Father?
- St. Ignatius Loyola's Examen is an opportunity for peaceful daily reflective prayer. It invites us to find the movement of God in all the people and events of our day. The Examen is simply a set of introspective prompts. Lead your family in the Examen prayer adapted for families.

Family Examen (from 52Sundays.com)

- 1. For what time or event today are you most grateful (thankful/happy)? (Initially, you may have to name a few things in a young child's day to help them catch on to the practice for #1 and #2.)
- 2. For which moment are you least grateful?
- 3. How did you show love today? (For very young children, you may ask additional questions as your family begins this spiritual practice. Ex.: Who did you share with today? Who did you help today? It won't be long before they understand the question and can reflect and respond without your assistance.)
- 4. What was one time your actions or behavior were negative or you withheld showing kindness? (Again, for young children you might ask: Was there a time you did not share today? Was there a time you said a hurtful word or did not help?)
- 5. Briefly give thanks for this time of reflection and sharing. Thank God for teaching each of you to be more loving.



■ Everyday Stewardship

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly (continued on page 5)



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at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples.

Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

— Tracy Earl Welliver





Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27

or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Questions of the Week

First Reading

The Jewish sage Sirach warns of the dangers of wrath, anger, and vengeance, urging rather forgiveness and pardon. How do you see this as the recipe for peace of mind?

Second Reading

Paul urges Christians in Rome to "live and die for Christ." How do you make Christ the ultimate concern in life?

Gospel Reading

The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. What does this tell us about divine justice?

Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones Mahdea Cooper (8/8), niece of Maria Anderson
Leatrice Robinson (8/9, member of the parish
Judelle Stokes (8/10), friend of Chuck and Andrea Baier
Louie Johnson (8/12), former member of the parish
Victoria Bennett (8/25), 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 Sep 14 - 20

Monday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	+ Louie Johnson (req by Corpus Christi Parish) For Those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, & Rehab Centers
Tuesday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For Those Who Are Homebound For An End To The Covid-19 Pandemic
Wednesday		No Mass or Communion Service
Thursday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	For Those Who Are Caregivers For Those Who Are Essential Workers
Friday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	+ Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik) For An End To Racism
Saturday	4:00 pm	For the People of Corpus Christi
Sunday	9:00 am	No Mass

Donna Storie

Colletta Sykes

+ Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik)

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

11:00 pm

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines
Ken Banka
Doris Billion
Paul Billion
Marcelle Blackmon
Alelia Busby
Faye C-Johnson
Jefferie Cook Sr
Karen Cook
Terrie C-Henderson
Sheri Dargin
Cid Davis
Kevin DeMatas
David Derouselle Sr
Curtis Dickerson

Renita Fletcher
Roy Ford
Connie Gant
Dionne Garner
Gary Greening
Virginia Harkey
Clint Harris
Irma Horton
Gloria James
Lynn James
John Johnson
Roswitha Jordan
Fannie Larkins
Myrna Leonard
Marilyn Lewandowski

Lori Love
Kathy Montgomery
Shirley Myles
Yve Nemeth
Sharon Ortman
Helen Parkman
Vernard Plain
Thelma Polley
Sally Rimbert
Joy Robinson
Elyse Ryder
Michael Sands
Pauline Simpson
Elsie Spencer

Jean Houck

Nancy Loper

Brendia Thomas
Charlotte Turner
Harold Unsleber
Adele Waddell
Kathy Wilson

Homebound:
Etta Bagley
Jackie Bodenhorn
Evelyn Brantley
Beverley B-Johnson
Angeline Butler
Michelle Cagle

Ella Goldsmith
Sr Rachelle Harper
Ruth Hill
Ronald Hills
Sr Stephanie Holub
Mary C. Hustoles
Edward Hustoles
Marie Leonard
Sharon Lewis
Bob Lindsay
Clemencia Massey
Beverly Miller

Joseph Cagle Sr

Clairmina Danjou

Vivian Dorsey

Beatrice Neail
Margaret Nielsen
Shirley Oldenburg
John Onwudinjo
Sue Padalino
Evangeline Pruett
Milford Raines
Hulda Reed
Isiah Searls
Joseph Shelton
Mary Pat Shelton
Bernice Slaughter
Irene Williford
Joyce Wilson
Audrey Zielinski

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Shannon Dodd

Susan Absher Jim Agnello **Duncan Alfes** Cynthia Archer-Gift Dana Porter Ashton Sue Bates Marie Beard Joan Beckley-Fletcher Edward Bejesky Kenneth Black Malcom Boudreaux Bryan Bowman Bria Brown Ron Brown James Bryant **Ernest Cabule** Michael Derrick Cade Ambrose Chapman Jr Jenny Churchill Scott Clinton Leah Closson Perry Conway Nancy Copeland Ronald Crane **Betty Cross**

Chuck Davis

Natacha Desir

Jerry Douglas Chris Downing Elizabeth Downing Llovd Farl Memphis Edison Virginia Etherly Stephen Farkus Barbara Ford Kyle Foster Jerry & Patricia Franks Mavis Frazer Barbara Gay Nestelyn Gay Elwood Gneckow Becky Goodrich Marlene Grant Morty Green Alfonzo Harris Millie Harris Sharon Harris Lisa Harston-LeDoux Bob & Jane Hazen Donna Hebel Summer Henry Carol Holm Sullivan Horton

Jeranne Jackson Robert Jarey Alivaa John Arnim Johnson El Caleb Jones Dorie Kaiser Bill Kelley Shirley Kenny Joe Kieffer Kristin Kingzett Katie Lutzo Kissell Erin Knight Fred Kolp Emilia Kullman Marta Lagos Antoinette Litzinger Anthony Lorenger Shannon Lorenger Harold Lowe William Mapp Michael Mathis Scott McDonald Anthony McNeal Michael McNeece John/Mary Jo Meakin Ashley Melonson

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Alicia Penman

Ethel Person Marquon Perry Matt Phillips Reginald Phillips Anthony Plain Erin Plain David Remo Sandra Reynolds Michael Rice Matthew Rich Viola Richburge Dorothy Roberson Crystal Roberts Eugene Rohde Alfredo Rojas Patrick Ryder Frank Salem Sherry Samuel **Ethel Mae Sanders** Larry Schneider Helen Schroeder Mildred Scott Alice Sheehan Larry Shelton Lenny Simmons Curtis Simpson Sr Donald Sims Sr

Emily Smale Kathy Smith Tyrone Smith Beverly Sneed Tom/Dorothy Sobota Nicholas Stephens Rochelle Stewart Trevor Sullivan Kevin Sweeney Frances Sykes Patt Taylor-Braxton Rick Thompson Carolyn Thrash Gerry Tremonti Amy Turner Eleanor Ursulan Robert Vanden Berg Al Victors Alicia Walker Kelley Walker Lance Walker **Brady Wesley** Ruth Wilson Barbara Woods Doris Woody

Kyle Yanke

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online by going to our website and clicking on the DONATE tab on the Welcome page (top left) of our website, then scroll down to "Click Here To Donate Online." Select "2020 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)" from the drop-down list under Gift Information. The Archdiocese is seeking to have all donations and pledge cards go straight to the Archdiocese, which is actually a great relief on parish bookkeeping and recordkeeping.

When it comes to being Catholic and supporting the Archdiocese of Detroit, the reason I happily donate to the CSA is that I really believe that Jesus founded the Catholic Church and that the Archdiocese is indeed seeking to serve Jesus. Sometimes things happen that we don't agree with regarding the Archdiocese. I completely respect that, and have certainly had my moments, too. It's kind of like family — you don't always get along, but you always love each other and support each other. I believe in the Archdiocese and their commitment to serve the Lord and in all the good that the CSA contributes in serving Jesus through His Church. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in joining me by donating to the Catholic Services Appeal this year.

God bless you! — Fr. Patrick

Holy Homework



Each morning and several times a day this week, ask Jesus "Jesus, please grant me the grace to be as merciful and forgiving as you are!!"

MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT JAMES 2:13

Church Announcements

- CSA pledge cards have been mailed to households that made pledges 2017 2019. Please be sure to use the enclosed envelope to mail your pledge directly to the Archdiocese, which is handling all paperwork and processing of pledges for the 2020 appeal.
- It is extremely important that you let us know you are coming to a weekend Mass (this includes our wonderful ministry volunteers!). Your RSVP allows us to be prepared and ready for everyone and provides the information to do Covid-19 contact tracing in a timely manner if necessary. RSVP via the link on our parish website, corpuschristi-detroit.org. If you do not have a computer or internet access, you may call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to RSVP.
- The parish buildings are still closed at this time. You may continue to contact the parish staff through phone calls to 313-537-5770 or through their emails. 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.
- 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.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available from 1 to 3 pm on Saturdays outside near the Activity Center. Everyone is welcome! You may also call the parish office to schedule an appointment.



Come out and fellowship with your church family! We will be showing "The Black Panther" on **Sat Sep 19** at **8 pm in the parking lot** of the church. Space is limited, so you will need to RSVP at <u>corpuschristidetroit.org</u>; if you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please call 313-537-5770.

YOUR VOTE Satters.

Please plan now to vote in November. Catholics are called to witness to Faithful Citizenship as we participate in the public square through political engagement and civil dialogue.

If you have not registered to vote yet, visit www.vote.org; you can also make sure you are registered to vote at this website.

Visit www.mchigan.gov/vote/ to look at what candidates and issues will be on your ballot.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has launched a page with resources and guidelines for the election year. Please visit www.aod.org/responsible-citizenship.





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A link to AmazonSmile can be found on the parish website, corpuschristi-detroit.org. Click on the "Donate" button on the left side of the Welcome page, then scroll down to the "Amazon.com" button.

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, plus have the benefit of a portion of your purchases donated to Corpus Christi.



Senior Aquarium Days at Belle Isle will be held September 10, 17 and 24. Must be 55+. Safe and socially distant; admission is free. For more information or to register in advance for a 30-minute window visit https://www.belleisleconservancy.org/senior-days.

Bringing the Bible to Life

How can we learn to listen and respond to God's Word? Let a Catholic Biblical School of Michigan



expert-teacher bring the Bible to life for you, so that God can speak to you through the Sacred Scriptures. With personal engagement and the most comprehensive faith formation curriculum available, this is a Bible study like none

other. Open and accessible to all, our classes meet in local parishes or in a fully-online setting. Make this your year to step out in faith and join! Registration extended to September 18. Visit https://cbsmich.org/join to see a 3-Minute Overview of Catholic Biblical School of Michigan Classes.

Alpha Online at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

September 22 - December 1, 2020

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha is a safe, non-judgmental, friendly, and welcoming space to explore life's big questions together. Join us for an engaging talk and small group conversation. This version of Alpha is being offered online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is being sponsored by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and will include the involvement of some seminarians as small group discussion animators. Registration is free. To find out more please visit shms.edu/alpha.



Detroit Mercy Law Alumni Town Hall Friday, Sept. 18 | 1:00 PM via Zoom

Alumni and friends are invited to join a conversation about race and social justice with Jelani Jefferson Exum, Philip J. McElroy Professor of Law, and Leslie E. Scott, Associate Professor of Law. Learn more and register at

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-town-hall-serie s-race-and-social-justice-addressing-the-moment -tickets-114954690574



Fr. John Riccardo and the team of the Detroit-based non-profit apostolate ACTS XXIX are calling for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on Thursday, September 24, 2020. "Looking at all that's happening in our country right, it seems we're in need of a lot of things," says Fr. Riccardo, ACTS XXIX Executive Director. "Policy law are crucial, to be sure. But as important as these are, they can't fix the root problem. The real problem of American culture today is that our hearts are messed up. Only God can fix the human heart, and He loves doing that."

Corpus Christi will offer a number of prayer and worship experiences from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm: Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer, Angelus & Midday Prayer, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Praise & Worship, Evening Prayer with Benediction.



Can Catholics be cremated?

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the

Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes places before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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