

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 27, 2020 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau

The Attitude of Jesus and CSA Update #2

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

The Attitude of Jesus

In the second reading at this weekend mass (from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians) we receive divine encouragement: "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." (Phil 2:5) The Greek word for "attitude" in the original text of Philippians is "phroneo," which is also translated as **think, regard, be of the same mind.**

We all have moments in our day to day lives when we are challenged to think as Jesus does. When we catch ourselves not in line with his mind, Jesus is always ready with open arms to give us a new perspective when we turn to him. A kind, gentle friend who has purchased our redemption and eternal salvation with the very gift of his body and blood, He loves us wholeheartedly.

With confidence, let's ask Jesus *(continued on page 7)*



Sunday Reflection

Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

All parish buildings remain closed through Wed Sep 30.

Weekend Masses: Sat 4 pm, Sun 11 am
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.



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Monday, September 28

8:30 am MASS
12:15 pm MASS
7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 am MASS
10:00 am Pastoral Staff Meeting
6:00 pm MASS

Wednesday, September 30

1:30 pm Generations of Faith #1 (In-Person)

Thursday, October 1

8:30 am COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday, October 2

8:30 am COMMUNION SERVICE
12:15 pm MASS

Saturday, October 3

9:30 am Worship Commission Meeting
1:00 pm CONFESSIONS
1:00 pm SVDP Conference Meeting
4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

10:30 am KSPC Meeting
11:00 am MASS

Loving God, whose peace passes all our understanding; as we face this present pandemic, and experience fear and anxiety, may we hear your voice, bringing calm to the storms of our time.

Strengthen those who work to limit the spread of infection, and those who seek to care for the sick, and keep us mindful of those most vulnerable.

May we shape our living to protect one another, and may our changing habits, practices and sacrifices, be for the greater love of our community and all your people. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Talley, Dee Hunt

It Is All About You Lord

by Deacon Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

Visual reminders:

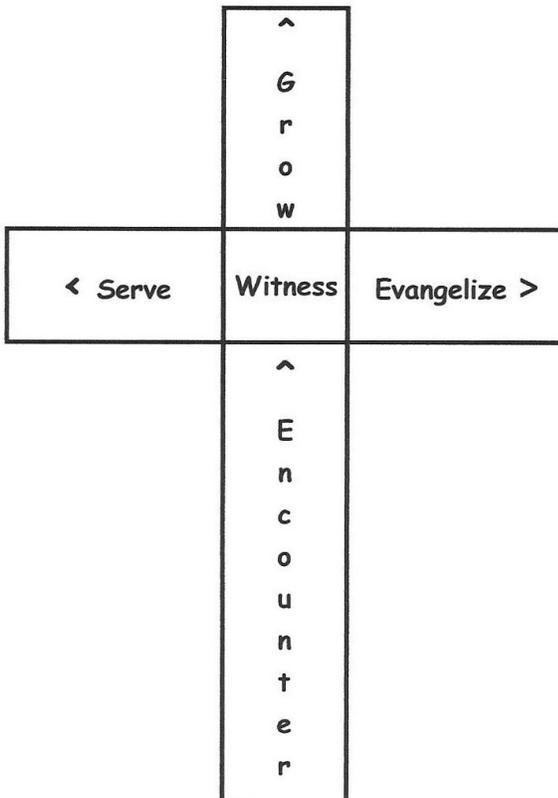
- Red stop sign — STOP!
- Leaves changing color — Autumn!
- Decorated tree — Christmas!
- Basket with eggs and candy — Easter!
- Crucifix — Jesus loves me and died for me.

Verbal reminders:

- Look out! — Danger!
- Hurray! — Lions just scored a touchdown!
- Help! — Someone is in great need!
- Love your God, love your neighbor — a key principle of our Christian faith.

A few years ago the Archdiocese of Detroit created a simple and beautiful set of words to remember: Encounter, Grow, Witness. Below is a visual reminder of that guidance.

Encounter tells us to find the Lord in our very lives. Grow tells us to work at increasing that relationship with the Lord. Those two words are on the vertical part of the visual aid implying **God is above**. Witness means to influence our neighbors, **to the right and to the left** by our works of service to help neighbors and by our words about the Lord to those same neighbors. How about hanging this reminder where you will see it daily!



Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect. ©LPi

Young Adult News

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

— Presentations will share the practical wisdom of how to grow together in a deepening, Christ-centered love for an exceptional, passionate, and enduring Catholic marriage. Register at:

<https://boldbeginnings1010.eventbrite.com>

Ave Maria Fall Fest

Sat, Oct 10 | 3 - 6 pm | In-Person

— Enjoy fall food favorites, cider & donuts, yard games, giveaways, meet admission representatives and alumni, and learn about the generous Ave Maria college scholarships. More info at:

avemariafoundation.org or call 734-930-3441



Church of the Home

■ Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family - choose someone to read **Parable of the Two Sons MT 21:28-32** (you can find it at 52sundays.com). Then share your answers to these questions:

- Which son do you think is right?
- Are you more like the first son or the second son?
- Why is it hard for us to admit when we are wrong?

■ Family Prayer

A Prayer For Living Day By Day

When our world is changing day by day,
sometimes we worry about the future.

Sometimes our plans change.

Sometimes we don't know what will happen later.

Sometimes we are disappointed.

God, please be near us when we are disappointed,
or worried, or in a time of change.

Help us to live day by day,

and to be thankful for what each day brings.

Help us not to worry about tomorrow.

This is the day you have made, God.

Let us be present and joyful today.

■ Everyday Stewardship

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. *(cont. on page 5)*

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

WALK AMONG THE SAINTS

AN EVENT FOR 8-12TH GRADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sunday, October 18 — 2 - 6 pm
at Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn

All 8-12th graders, their parents and siblings, and campus and high school youth ministry programs are invited to come walk among an outdoor display of a variety of saints and learn more about them and how the lives of various saints can be guides for us through our lives.

Participants will be given a booklet to help guide them and will also offer them some questions to reflect on, including words from Pope Francis about the saints. The path of the display ends in the main church where participants will be invited to pray with the saints.

It will take about one hour to journey through the exhibit, complete the reflection journal, and spend time in prayer in the Church. The journey will progress from start to finish allowing for physical distancing. Please plan your attire accordingly for the weather. If rain is forecasted the event will be moved into a safe indoor location. It will be necessary for all participants to wear masks while participating in the event.

While registration is not required, it is recommended that you pre-register for an entrance time to help facilitate physical distancing. Those arriving without a pre-selected entrance time may be asked to wait for a line to lessen before entering.

To pre-register for an entrance time, visit <https://www.aod.org/events/537>. For more information about this event, contact Marilyn Webb at 313-306-0004 or caritas@disciples.com.



Stewardship UPDATE



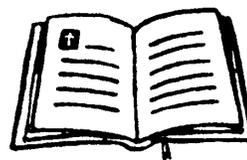
Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 9-20-2020	\$ 5862.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 18488.40

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

— Tracy Earl Welliver



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2020

Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday:	Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7//Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Questions of the Week

First Reading

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

Second Reading

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

Gospel Reading

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

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 28 - Oct 4

Monday	8:30 am 12:15 pm	+ Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik) For Our Homebound Members
Tuesday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	+ Jude Smith (req by Carmel Bartosik) For Those Who Are Caregivers
Wednesday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Thursday	8:30 am	Communion Service
Friday	8:30 am	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Leo and Dorothy Osip (req by the Family)
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 pm	<i>No Mass</i> Virginia Brock (req by the Daughters of Charity)

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

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher	Jerry Douglas	Jeranne Jackson	Robert Miller Jr	Marquon Perry	Kathy Smith
Jim Agnello	Chris Downing	Robert Jarey	Darwin Mills	Matt Phillips	Tyrone Smith
Duncan Alfes	Elizabeth Downing	Aliyaa John	Florence Mills	Reginald Phillips	Beverly Sneed
Cynthia Archer-Gift	Lloyd Earl	Arnim Johnson	Willard Mitchell	Anthony Plain	Tom/Dorothy Sobota
Dana Porter Ashton	Memphis Edison	El Caleb Jones	James Molloy	Erin Plain	Nicholas Stephens
Sue Bates	Virginia Etherly	Dorie Kaiser	Karen Momper	David Remo	Rochelle Stewart
Marie Beard	Stephen Farkus	Bill Kelley	Elizabeth Moore	Sandra Reynolds	Trevor Sullivan
Joan Beckley-Fletcher	Barbara Ford	Shirley Kenny	Shirley V Moore	Michael Rice	Kevin Sweeney
Edward Bejesky	Kyle Foster	Joe Kieffer	Glinda Mooror	Matthew Rich	Frances Sykes
Kenneth Black	Jerry & Patricia Franks	Kristin Kingzett	Verita Morris	Viola Richburge	Patt Taylor-Braxton
Malcom Boudreaux	Mavis Frazer	Katie Lutzio Kissell	Pierce Mueller	Dorothy Roberson	Rick Thompson
Bryan Bowman	Barbara Gay	Erin Knight	Joyce Mulhall	Crystal Roberts	Carolyn Thrash
Bria Brown	Nestelyn Gay	Fred Kolp	Mignon Murray	Eugene Rohde	Gerry Tremonti
Ron Brown	Elwood Gneckow	Emilia Kullman	Sara Nell-Wallace	Alfredo Rojas	Amy Turner
James Bryant	Becky Goodrich	Marta Lagos	Margaret Nelson	Patrick Ryder	Eleanor Ursulan
Ernest Cabule	Marlene Grant	Antoinette Litzinger	Ernestine Nimmons	Frank Salem	Robert Vanden Berg
Michael Derrick Cade	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	
Shannon Dodd	Jean Houck	Jerry Mercier Jr	Ethel Person	Emily Smale	

A Word From The Heart (continued from page 1)

very intentionally this week to heal our mind/attitude of anything that is not in alignment with His. In His unique beautiful grace-filled way, I believe He will do this with perfect love in our lives!

CSA Update #2

Two weekends ago we began a shortened, fall edition of the Catholic Services Appeal. I would like to thank the **19 households** who have made **\$4,546** in pledges to the CSA to date. Our parish goal is \$43,890.

The Archdiocese is asking that CSA checks be made out to “**Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA**” and enclosed with the donor card in the special enveloped mailed to you. All donations should be mailed to PO Box 44077, Detroit MI 48244-0077 (not to the parish office!). You can also give online — visit <https://www.givecsa.org/> to use an easy online giving link.

It is still the case that if our parish doesn't meet our CSA goal, the difference is covered by parish savings. The CSA helps to fund more than 170 ministries, programs and services throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and our support of the Catholic Service Appeal offers our parish support to the broader efforts of the Church in Southeast Michigan. Thank you all for your generosity!

These are unprecedented times we are in, and it might not be possible for you to give at this time in your life. Please know that I understand and that I am praying for anyone suffering in any way. Likewise, if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to call our Outreach Center at 313-272-0990 or Parish Office 313-537-5770.

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



Holy Homework



This week, pray intentionally about having the mind / attitude of Jesus. Simply ask Jesus sincerely:

Jesus, please heal my mind/attitude of anything that is not in line with your mind/attitude. I give you full permission, Jesus, to rearrange my perception and thought life to be in line with yours. Thank you Jesus! I love you!

Generations of Faith 2020-2021



THE CATHOLIC *faith* EXPLAINED

a 6-part 45 min video series

COME — let's journey together through the important beliefs of the Catholic Faith

- By renewing our understandings of our faith,
- By reflecting on the meaning and impact of our beliefs,
- By responding with personal commitments and with ideas that emerge from the heart!

TOPIC for September/October:

The Bible – God's Love Letter to Humanity
(produced by the Catholic organization FORMED)

WHAT does the video include?

- An introduction from a fellow parishioner,
- A video from FORMED,
- A discussion among 3 or 4 parishioners sharing their reactions and thoughts about the video.

WHERE will it be shown?

In the comfort of your home!

WHEN will it be shown?

At the time and day of your choosing!

WHAT will I need to view the video?

A computer, tablet, or smart phone and internet access

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HOW can I find the videos?

1. Go to the parish website corpuschristi-detroit.org OR clickonatholic.com
2. On the "Welcome" page, click the Generations of Faith button
3. Then click on the video or on another resource

OR go directly to the video using the link you will find in the parish emails you receive on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

HELP! I don't have internet access. How can I see the videos?

Come to church on Wednesday, September 30 at 1:30 pm to view the video.

OTHER RESOURCES

- A handout you can download with a prayer, content highlights, questions for reflection, and references from the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Resources that relate to the video
- A virtual tour of the church mentioned in the first video: St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome

BUT WAIT there's more!

Feeling out of touch with fellow parishioners? Wondering what they are thinking? Send an email to corpuschristigenerations@gmail.com with a word or a short phrase from your reflections on the video. All the words/thoughts will be shared with the parish in a Word Cloud.

WANT A BETTER PRAYER LIFE?

IT'S FUEL FOR THE JOURNEY

IT'S CASTING YOUR CARES

YOU CAN PRAY 24/7

IT ACTIVATES GOD'S POWER

IT'S WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING

COME AS YOU ARE

Sacred Heart Church/ Spiritual Committee

presents

A Zoom Prayer Conference

Deepening Our Relationship with God

Saturdays, October 3rd, 10th & 17th, 2020

9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

Call (313) 831-1356 for link.



■ **Offering envelopes for October - December were recently mailed.** If you did not receive your envelope packet, please call the parish office. NOTE: You may also make your donations online, but please be sure that "Parish Online Offertory" is in the Fund box below Gift Information before you click on "Submit."; the drop down list is currently defaulting to "2020 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA).

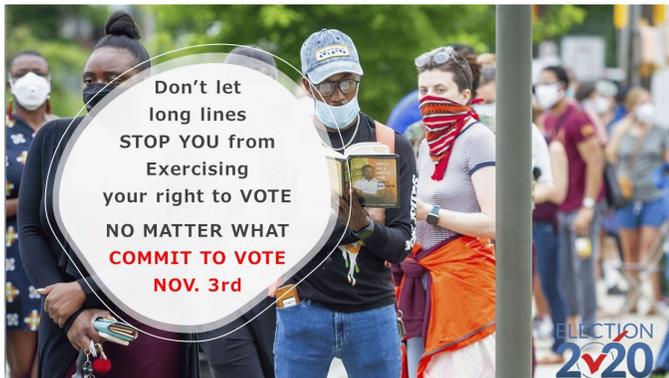
■ **Plan to dress warmly if you are attending Mass in person.** As part of our "return to church" planning, we are keeping windows in the church open to allow for better air circulation.

■ **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.



Please Plan To Vote!

Catholics vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. Respect for the dignity of each person is the core of Catholic social and moral teaching. This is our most basic principle.
2. We focus on the common good, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation?
3. We have a responsibility — a true obligation — to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation. — *from FaithfulCitizenship.org*

Please plan now to vote. There is still time to submit an application for the absentee ballot and there is still time to register to vote.

Visit www.vote.org. You can (make sure you are still registered to vote at this website. Visit <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Home/Index> for more information.

The State of Michigan allows early voting to begin 45 days before election day. Anyone who has received an “absentee ballot” may submit it September 24 thru November 3, 2020. Complete the absentee ballot and drop it into the special election boxes provided by the secretary of state’s office. If you choose to mail your ballot, do so immediately.

Reach Us Detroit: Therapy Resources

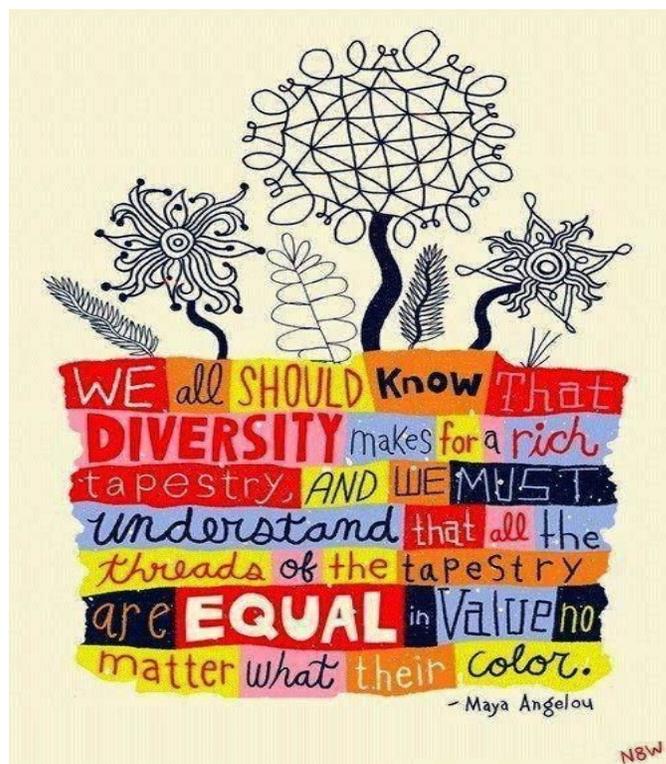
Reach Us Detroit is a **24/7 collaborative call center** coming together to help our community by providing therapy and mental health resources. Individuals can call 313-488-HOPE or 1-855-966-3313 (toll-free) to connect with trained staff to receive therapy.

Mental health awareness is critical during our current pandemic crisis, as people are more likely to experience depression and isolation. Reach Us Detroit is designed to meet the needs of underserved and under-represented groups in the city.

Eligible individuals must be at least 14 years old and there is additional support for children and families. Each individual is allowed between 3 and 12 sessions, as well as video and chatting services as determined based on severity of need.

Pass the Word!

DTE is helping people who are having problems with bills (lights, gas, water, property tax, burial). DTE was awarded a \$28 million grant to help folks — and people are not applying. The deadline is September 30; call 1-800-477-4747 and ask about “State Emergency Relief Programs.” All monies not used will be sent back to the government. If you have problems with DTE, call Michigan Welfare Rights at 313-964-0618.





Why do Catholics genuflect?

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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