



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.

November 8, 2020 • 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau*



*Be Awake,
Watch For God*

Black Catholic History Celebration and A Gift For You

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ! I pray you are staying safe, healthy, and full of the Holy Spirit!

Black Catholic History Celebration

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, I'd like to invite you to a wonderful celebration of Black Catholic History that Corpus Christi will be holding on **Friday, November 20th** from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the church.

The evening will include prayer, praise, a discussion panel on Black Catholic History in the United States, and an inspiring message from lay evangelist Richard Lane. This event is free, and all you need to do to attend is RSVP on the parish website or call the parish office. You can also tune in from the comfort of your home via livestream, which you will be able to access from our website as well. Please be assured we are continuing to practice Covid-19 protocol to help keep everyone safe when at the parish.

The Gift of God's Word

Amid the pandemic, churches across the country have understandably seen *(continued on page 7)*

Sunday Reflection

We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

Rev. Patrick Gonyeau, Administrator
313-537-5770

Parish Office Hours:

All parish buildings remain closed through Sat Oct 31

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.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, November 9

8:30 am MASS

7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, November 10

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Pastoral Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Evangelization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 12

8:30 am MASS

3:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

6:30 pm Stewardship Commission Meeting

Friday, November 13

8:30 am MASS

Saturday, November 14

10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry

10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Preparation

1:00 pm CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, November 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am RCIA Class

11:00 am MASS

1:30 pm Social Justice Committee Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Lee Bussie, Elizabeth Moore

Michelle Talley, Dee Hunt

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,

We, your children of every nation,

Turn to you in this pandemic.

Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.

Grant that we might
deposit them at your feet,
take refuge in your
Immaculate Heart,
and obtain peace,
healing, rescue,
and timely help
in all our needs.

You are our Mother.

Pray for us to your Son. Amen.



It Is All About You Lord

by Deacon Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

I have been using this column title for years. As I sit down to write this column today, I am wondering how each of the items here relate to the Lord. Let's see!

— *Deacon Paul*

1. We currently have two people starting in the RCIA program. We'll officially reveal their names soon. At this point we simply ask for your prayers for them ... and for all of us on the RCIA team. Why? So we do a superb job of bringing the two of them closer to the Lord!
2. Three weeks from this weekend is the beginning of Advent! Already? Yes, November 29th will be here sooner than we think. The Environment Team (who does the church decorating) met yesterday to plan our decorating efforts for Advent. Please pray for the Team so they create an environment that helps us all come closer to the Lord during our preparation time of Advent!
3. On Friday, Nov. 20th we will have a special event called "**Celebration of Black Catholic History.**" AOD's Vickie Figueroa will lead a panel discussion of the history. Renowned lay evangelist Richard Lane, will speak to the present and the future. A great way to get closer to following the Lord's expectations, loving our neighbors even more!



■ 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 19800 Pembroke Ave, Detroit MI 48219-2145) or dropped off via the mail slot at the Pembroke door. You may also give online at www.corpuschristi-detroit.org.

■ 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. *(continued on page 8)*

Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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Young Adult News

Jesus' Challenge To Young Adults

Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays thru Dec 9 | 6 - 8:30 pm | In Person

— 10 sessions on the Gospels of Mark and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles; teaching begins at 6:30 pm while enjoying great food, followed by small group discussion at 7:30 pm. Held at Lockhart's BBQ in Downtown Royal Oak; doors open at 6 pm. To sign up, visit <https://www.aod.org/events/546>.

F-TA Young Adults

Sun Nov 9 | 6 - 7:30 pm | Zoom

— All young adults are invited to participate in this bilingual group. This will be a great opportunity to connect with each other and enjoy the presence of our speaker. We hope you don't miss it! For more information please feel free to message Joanna Barrientos at (248) 971-4197.



Church of the Home

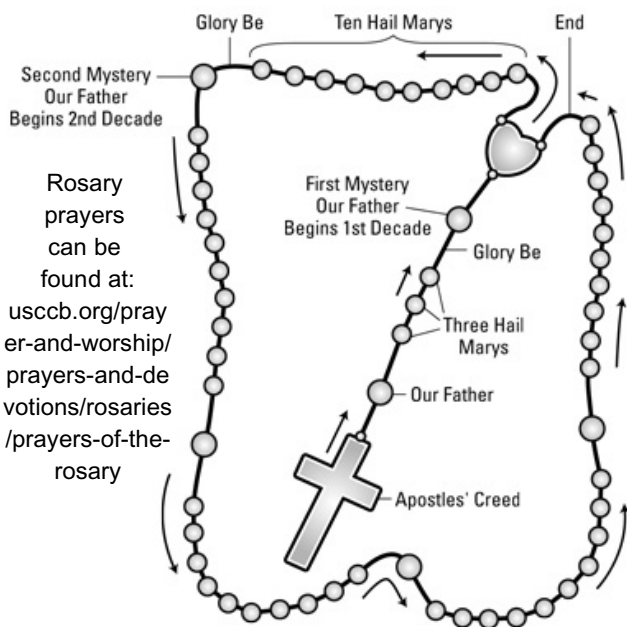
Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family. Choose someone to read aloud **The Parable of the Ten Virgins, MT 25:1-13** (find it at 52sundays.com). Have a family discussion using these questions:

- Compare and contrast the actions of the wise and foolish virgins. What does this parable teach us about being prepared for Jesus' second coming?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour"?
- What are some ways you can prepare for Jesus' coming this Advent season?

Later in the day, pray one decade of the Rosary by oil lamp or candlelight for your family's personal intentions.

How To Pray The Rosary



52 Sundays

52 Sundays is the ultimate guide for families to learn about the faith every Sunday in 2021. Together, you can read the Sunday Gospel, reflect on the lives of the saints, learn some fun faith facts, cook something tasty and more! Order 52 Sundays today for \$8.95, a limited time discount, and sign up for the weekly email reminders and updates. Order 52 Sundays at <http://www.4lpi.com/52-sundays/>.

THE OFFICE OF DETROIT COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRENDA JONES AND THE INFINITE SCHOLARS PROGRAM HOST

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR VIA ZOOM

MONDAY NOV. 9TH 2020 4PM-8PM
[HTTPS://CITYOFDETROIT.ZOOM.US/J/82885461253](https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/82885461253)
MEETING ID: 828 8546 1253

MONDAY'S PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

ARKANSAS BAPTIST COLLEGE CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA GANNON UNIVERSITY GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY	MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY PENN STATE PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON
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PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED AT WWW.DETROITMI.GOV/BRENDAJONES

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION ACCEPTED - MUST INCLUDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 313.580.0641 OR 313.303.9089
 OR EMAIL DETROITCOLLEGEFAIR@DETROITMI.GOV

Generations of Faith

Videos and handouts for children in primary and intermediate grades are available on the Corpus Christi website through the Generations of Faith button.

Everyday Stewardship

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there *(continued on page 5)*



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 11-1-2020	\$ 8926.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 210.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 26342.40

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God. — Tracy Welliver



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2020

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Our Jewish sage personifies wisdom as someone eager to be found by those seeking her. Is the virtue of wisdom something you actively seek?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the believers in Thessalonica about the sequence of events leading to the end-times. When do you find yourself thinking about the return of Christ and the final judgment?

Gospel:

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins is a lesson about being prepared for the Second Coming of Christ. How prepared are you for this event?

Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Joyce Winters (10/7), friend of Winnifred Gayle
Curtis Dickerson (10/10), member of the parish
Msgr. John Hall (10/20), Archdiocese of Detroit
Shirley Kenney (10/22), mother of Parris Kenney



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 November 9 -15

Monday	8:30 am	+ Joyce Winters (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Curtis Dickerson (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Wednesday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Thursday	8:30 am	For Our Homebound Members
Friday	8:30 am	For Those Who Are Caregivers
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Robert Keith (req by Aaron and Julie Poyer)
Sunday	9:00 am	<i>No Mass</i>
	11:00 pm	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	Bernadette Foster	Lori Love	Colletta Sykes	Joseph Cagle Sr	Beatrice Neail
Ken Banka	Tom Foster	Kathy Montgomery	Brendia Thomas	Clairmina Danjou	Margaret Nielsen
Doris Billion	Connie Gant	Shirley Myles	Charlotte Turner	Vivian Dorsey	Shirley Oldenburg
Paul Billion	Gary Greening	Yve Nemeth	Harold Unsleber	Ella Goldsmith	John Onwudinjo
Marcelle Blackmon	Virginia Harkey	Sharon Ortman	Adele Waddell	Sr Rachelle Harper	Sue Padalino
Faye C-Johnson	Clint Harris	Helen Parkman	Kathy Wilson	Ruth Hill	Milford Raines
Jefferie Cook Sr	Irma Horton	Vernard Plain	Dolores Wodarski	Ronald Hills	Hulda Reed
Karen Cook	Gloria James	Thelma Polley		Sr Stephanie Holub	Isiah Searls
Terrie C-Henderson	Lynn James	Sally Rimbart	Homebound:	Mary C. Hustoles	Joseph Shelton
Sheri Dargin	John Johnson	Joy Robinson	Etta Bagley	Edward Hustoles	Mary Pat Shelton
Cid Davis	Roswitha Jordan	Elyse Ryder	Jackie Bodenhorn	Marie Leonard	Bernice Slaughter
Kevin DeMatas	Fannie Larkins	Michael Sands	Evelyn Brantley	Sharon Lewis	Irene Williford
David Derouselle Sr	Myrna Leonard	Pauline Simpson	Beverly B-Johnson	Bob Lindsay	Joyce Wilson
Renita Fletcher	Marilyn Lewandowski	Elsie Spencer	Angeline Butler	Clemencia Massey	Audrey Zielinski
Roy Ford	Nancy Loper	Donna Storie	Michelle Cagle	Beverly Miller	

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

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

A Word From The Heart (continued from page 1)

attendance at services greatly decrease. Critical to the life of every Christian is the Word of God. As the Catholic Church starts a new liturgical cycle at the beginning of Advent (Sunday, November 29th), Corpus Christi wants to offer each household a special gift — a Sunday Missal for the new liturgical year.

The Sunday Missal has the readings for each weekend and other valuable liturgical and spiritual resources in it. The missals will be blessed at the Saturday 4:00 pm mass on November 21st and distributed after that mass. They will also be distributed for an hour and a half after the 11:00 am mass on Sunday, November 22nd. We have one copy per household and if you would like to or are willing to take a copy to a homebound member of the parish, please indicate that to us when picking up your missal. Also, the missals can be picked up after daily mass after November 22nd as well.

May the good Lord continue to fill us all with love, peace, goodness, and the joy of being in a relationship with God that brings newness and hope each day! Love and blessings,

— *Fr. Patrick*

Holy Homework



This week prayerfully read **St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians**. It's a very short, yet mighty powerful letter in the New Testament.

Monday Night



The parish Monday night Bible Study is now available virtually! Join your church family on Monday evenings to discuss the Scripture readings for each Sunday.

Please contact Rita Pridgen at 313-231-3542 for the link or for more information.

November 1, 2019
— October 31, 2020



In Memory...

of the Faithful Departed

Constance Caldwell
Matthew Onwudinjo

Phyllis Raines
Paul Anthony
Rhonda Russell
Wilfred Taylor

Ralph Conti
Irene Boudreaux
Kevin Caldwell
Demetric Rimbert

Vincent Orihel
Carol Wright
Felisa DeLuna
Martha Harris
Judories Fort
Florence Quinn
Synia Benjamin
Kirk Schwanik

Michael Foster
Juliana

Pantoja-Martin
Margaret Gassoway
Leatrice Robinson
Victoria Bennett
Jude Michael Smith
Will Mapp
Curtis Dickerson

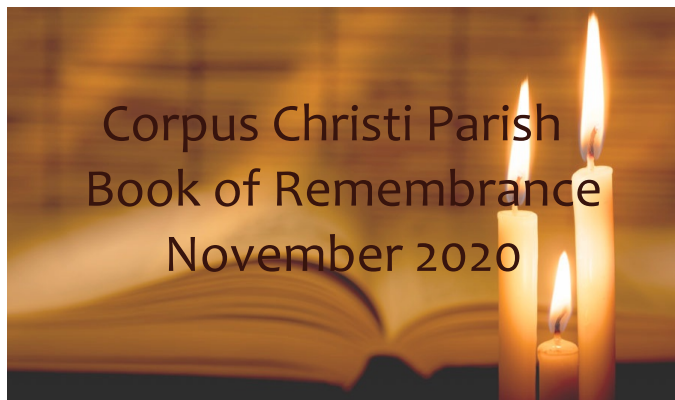
Relatives and
Friends
of the People of
Corpus Christi

Victims of the
Coronavirus
Pandemic

Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them.

Amen





The official day of **All Souls**, or the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**, is celebrated every year by the Catholic Church on November 2nd. The Church takes this day and the entire month of November to remember all those who have died and "gone before us marked with the sign of faith."

The custom at Corpus Christi Parish has been to place our **"Book of Remembrance"** near the baptismal font so that names of deceased loved ones may be inscribed and remembered during the month of November. This year, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will have an "on-line" Book of Remembrance. You are invited to submit names of the deceased loved ones and friends you wish to have remembered in prayer by the community during November.

To submit names of loved ones, send an email to corpuschristimiriam@comcast.net or call the parish office at 313-537-5770. The names will be entered into our on-line Book of Remembrance, which may be viewed at corpuschristi-detroit.org. At every Sunday Mass during November, as we pray for the dead, our community will especially remember all deceased whose names are listed in our Book of Remembrance.

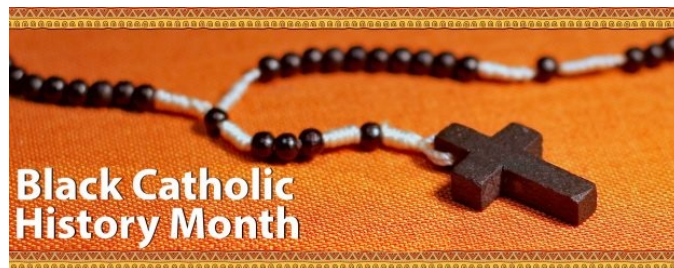
Church Announcements *(continued from page 3)*

■ **Please let us know you are coming to a weekend Mass.** Your RSVP allows us to be prepared and ready for everyone and also 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 or, if you do not have a computer or internet access, call the parish office at 313-537-5770.

■ 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 in the Activity Center. Everyone is welcome! You may also call the parish office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Patrick.



Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. This text is important for several reasons. First, it chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history. Second, the text suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and also a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism. Clearly, he was not an ignorant heathen. Third, the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion predates the conversions of Saints Paul and Cornelius. Most significantly, many cite this conversion as the very moment when the church changed from a Hebrew and Hellenist community to the truly Universal and Catholic Church.

Black Catholics trace their faith history back to Christian antiquity long before other nations heard the "Good News." Christian Africa was indeed a "leading light" in early Christendom. Black Catholics point to three popes who were born in Africa: Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I. All three shepherded the early church through tough and tumultuous times in history.

Black Catholics claim many Black Saints like Saints Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pistentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Thecla. Some of these mystics, monastics, and martyrs literally made the church what it is today. (www.nbccongress.org)

Generations of Faith 2020-2021



Session 2 Video

The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, Redemption

Already seen the video? After you've watched the second video, please help us create a Word Cloud. Email corpuschristigenerations@gmail.com and share a word or a short phrase (a person, quality, idea) that stood out to you from the video. You'll see the results in next week's bulletin!

There's still time to watch! Don't miss the panel discussion with 6 members of the parish at the end of the video! They will talk about one thing that stood out in the video and also share personal reflections on the Story of Salvation: a journey from Nigeria, praying during a journey to church in Haiti, the journey of life growing up in St. Gerard/Corpus Christi Parish, and the memories of people who journeyed with Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Gerard Parishes.

Find the videos through the Corpus Christi website:

1. go to the website, corpuschristi-detroit.org OR clickoncatholic.com OR use the link in the parish emails
2. click the **Generations of Faith** button
3. click on **Session 2 Handouts/Adults** to print the handout
4. click on **Generation of Faith Videos**
5. click on **Session Two** (adults)

A link to **two virtual tours** of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, mentioned at the beginning of the video, can be found below the Session Two video (after you click on it) or copy these links:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56kx6OMFL8I&ab_channel=Top5Studio
(8 mins of history + some pictures)
- http://www.vatican.va/various/basiliche/san_giovanni/vr_tour/index-en.html
(no explanations, just lots of beautiful pictures)

Enjoy!



The AOD Office of Black Catholic Ministry is offering a virtual four part transcendent and impactful celebration of Purpose, Pride and Power. Installment 2 will be held **Monday, November 9th at 7:00 pm via Zoom** and features an interview with Msgr. Daniel Trapp (pre-recorded). Register in advance for this meeting at <https://www.aod.org/events/560>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Workshop/Mini Retreat Sun, Nov 15, 2-5 pm @ St Paul of the Cross

— Create a unique work of art! Pray, paint, contemplate. All skill levels welcome. Cost is \$40/person. Call Cathy at 313-286-2901 to register by phone or for more information. Register online at stpaulretreat.org.



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What does the Church say about suicide?

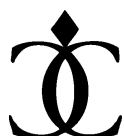
Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* reflects, “Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can “diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide” (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

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