

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.

December 13, 2020 • Third Sunday of Advent

A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau



Families of Parishes Update

Hello Corpus Christi Family! I pray this bulletin finds you staying safe, healthy, and full of the love of Jesus on your Advent journey! I have an important update this week regarding the Archdiocese of Detroit's Families of Parishes initiative.

Back in June when this initiative was first announced, I sent a letter out to all registered households. For context, I'd like to bring back a few paragraphs from that letter:

"On Pentecost Sunday the Archbishop made an important announcement regarding a new direction he has discerned the Holy Spirit is leading the Archdiocese in the Unleash the Gospel Movement. This new step will involve parishes joining together to form families of parishes."

The Archbishop has explained that: *"The current health and economic crises have disrupted our lives and the life of the Church. This new reality has exacerbated some of the challenges we were already facing. Even before the pandemic, we knew that the way we function in our parishes needed to change. In addition to the shortage of available to serve in our parishes and the shortage of vocations for future ordinations, the parish structures we inherited served our mission well in the past, (continued on page 7)*

Sunday Reflection

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me. *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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All parish buildings remain closed.

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Daily/ Holy Day Masses: See page 6

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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.

The Week Ahead



Monday, December 14

8:30 am MASS

6:00 pm NWDYC Christmas Gathering

7:00 pm Virtual Bible Study

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Parish Staff Meeting

7:00 pm PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 16

Thursday, December 17

8:30 am MASS

3:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, December 18

8:30 am MASS

Saturday, December 19

11:00 am PENANCE SERVICE

1:00 pm CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, December 20

4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 am RCIA Class

11:00 am MASS

1:45 pm CHURCH DECORATING

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:

Lee Bussie

Dee Hunt

Ed and Mary Catherine Hustoles

Elizabeth Moore

Patrick O'Neill

Terry Plain

Michelle Talley

The View From The Pew

by Mary Davis, Pastoral Minister

*From "Religion Outside the Box"
by Rabbi Brian Zachary Mayer*

"We think, most of the time, with our normal, rational, everyday mindset because that's how we are used to thinking. We are masters of logical thought. We get the most out of this world by thinking rationally. Who could fault us for wanting to use logic? But, logic can only take us so far. Logic doesn't satisfy, because you want more.

When we start to think religiously we know that thinking alone isn't enough. The spiritual, religious, faith-filled domain of life is not rational. That is not to say that it is irrational. It is pre-rational, post rational, non-rational. (Irrational is leaping off of a building towards a sunset to become one with it. Non rational is enjoying it, taking in its beauty.)

Today I am going to introduce you to and implore you to dive into a religious concept called METANOIA, which means beyond thinking. (Note: This Greek work is translated as repentance, but it only means repentance in as much as when we repent we have experienced a paradigm shift.)

When the Apostles were visited by Jesus after his death, they were confused. (Can you imagine them being otherwise?) They asked, "Brothers, what should we do?" The answer given—"Metanoia!" (If you see this response as "seek repentance for your foolish ways" you are missing some of the point.) The only way to make sense of the world is to seize the non-rational! In other words: If/When God shows God's self to you, do not ask why! Be enthralled, follow that path!

The world doesn't make logical sense. Don't force it to. We need to do and seek differently. Our regular ways got us here. To go beyond we need to stop making sense. We need to LOVE with abandon. I'm going to suggest we start a revolution by stopping our usual way of doing things. Right now email someone who you love just to let them know you are thinking about them. Or call. Spread love. Give yourself to love. Be love.

Go crazy. Seek God with your whole being. Be. Open up. Experience wonder."

Wait with joyful hope! Advent blessings!

— Mary

Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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I suppose I think about love more than anyone really should. I am constantly amazed by its sheer power to alter and define our lives.

-- IRIS (KATE WINSLET), "THE HOLIDAY"

TODAY'S #MICROCHALLENGE

REFLECT ON ONE MOMENT THAT MADE YOU FEEL LOVED THIS WEEK.



■ Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family. Choose someone to read aloud **He came to testify to the Light, John 1:6-8, 19-28** (you can find it at 52sundays.com). Then have a family discussion using

these questions:

- What does it mean for John the Baptist to "testify to the light"?
- Do you think it was hard for John to admit that he wasn't as important as Jesus?
- What is different at Mass during Advent?

■ Family Fun — Ornament Quiz

By now your Christmas tree is probably up. Count how many ornaments are on your tree. When did you get each ornament? What does it remind you of? Do any ornaments have a special story behind them? What is your favorite ornament? Bonus question: If you were an ornament, which one would you be? Why?

Christmas Tree Blessing

LEADER: Loving God, we stand before you once again. We stand here ready to celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus.

(Everyone extends a hand towards the tree in a gesture of blessing. Sprinkle water or holy water while praying the following:)

LEADER: Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day.

Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season.

**Keep us safe in our travels,
kind in our conversations,
and gracious in our giving
and receiving.**

**We ask you this in
confidence, because we
know you love us.**

ALL: Amen.

(Everyone joins in singing a favorite Christmas carol.)



ADVENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
your son, Jesus, is your
greatest gift to us,
a great sign of your love.
Guide us as we strive to walk
in that love together as a
family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,
bring us closer to each other and to your Son.
Give us the grace and strength we need
every day. Help us to always trust in you.
Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you.
Come and dispel the darkness of our world
with the light of your love. Amen.

■ Loyola HS Virtual Open Houses

If you have a son entering high school next year, you won't want to miss the Loyola High School Virtual Open House. On two separate nights, Sunday, December 13th and Wednesday, December 16th, a full range of information to families interested in enrolling for the 2021 - 2022 academic year will be presented from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Call 313-861-2407 ext. 10 or email pdavis@loyolahsdetroit.org to request the link for this event.

■ Everyday Stewardship

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his *(continued on page 5)*



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 12-6-2020	\$ 14232.50
Catholic Charities Collection	\$.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 25783.90

Everyday Stewardship (continued from page 4) presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.. — *Tracy Welliver*

Special Collection This Weekend

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.

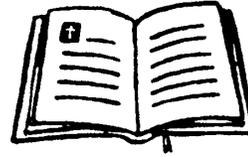


“Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be as generous as you are able. You may use one of the special envelopes at the back of church or mail a check made out to Corpus Christi Parish with “Retirement Fund for Religious” written on the memo line. To learn more about the Retirement Fund for Religious, please visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.



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).



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

Gospel:

John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?

Monday Night



Join a virtual group on Monday evenings to discuss the Scripture readings for each Sunday. Contact Rita Pridgen at 313-231-3542 for details.



Mass Intentions December 14 - 20

Monday	8:30 am	+ Gloria James (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Tuesday	8:30 am	For An Increase In Vocations
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	+ Jacques Pierre-Louis (req by Rolande Pierre-Louis)
Sunday	9:00 am	<i>No Mass</i>
	11:00 pm	+ Nathaniel Black (req by Jeannie Black)

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

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

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

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but they needed to be renewed and aligned for mission."

In my June letter, I referenced a very helpful website, <https://www.familiesofparishes.org>, which is continually updated by the Archdiocese and has lots of information about the Families of Parishes initiative.

Over the summer and fall, with the help of the Leadership Team, Parish Council, Parish Staff, and the assistance of responses received from a survey sent out to parish members via bulk email, I attended a series of meetings with Trinity Vicariate (a grouping of the parishes around us) pastors and administrators to see which parishes might become a family. In the end, my thinking was that Corpus Christi could work well with any of the parishes in our vicariate.

The Trinity Vicariate submitted some recommendations to the Archdiocese. The official announcement of which parishes would be in which family was made on Wednesday, December 9th. You can find the comprehensive list at the Families of Parishes website, <https://www.familiesofparishes.org> column.

Corpus Christi has been assigned to **Trinity Vicariate Family 1**, which consists of **Corpus Christi, Presentation – Our Lady of Victory, SS. Peter and Paul (Westside), St. Juan Diego, St. Mary of Redford, and St. Scholastica** parishes.

Our Family of Parishes has been assigned to **Wave 1** of the process, and will begin a process of preparation in January that will help get the parishes ready to become a Family beginning July 1, 2021. My sense is that this Families of Parishes initiative is about to become front and center in my ministry as parish administrator. I intend to work collaboratively with the Leadership Team, Parish Council, Finance Council, and the Parish Staff (while not excluding others) to help lead Corpus Christi into this new

Family of Parishes. I expect to be **updating you frequently** via bulletin, email, weekly announcements, and any other necessary forms of communication on the progress of this initiative.

I highly encourage you to spend some time on the Families of Parishes website if you haven't had the opportunity to do so yet. It's important to note that this move is not a cluster or merger and that Corpus Christi still remains its own parish. More to come — until then, love you and bless you!

— *Fr. Patrick*

Holy Homework



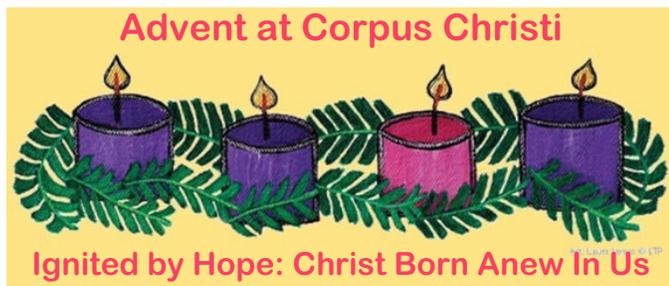
This week prayerfully meditate on this passage from Isaiah 61:

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations."

Christmas Remembrance



You are invited to make a donation towards the cost of this year's Christmas plants in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Names of those being remembered will be listed in the bulletin and on our website during the Christmas season. Special donation envelopes are available at the back of church or you may call the parish office at 313-537-5770 to request your plant.



Sunday Missals

In this Advent season, **every parish household is being gifted a copy of the Sunday Missal** for the new liturgical year (Year B). If you have not yet done so, you may pick up your missal on Mon Dec 7 from 9:30 am - 5 pm, Tue Dec 8 from 4 - 6 pm, or Wed Dec 9 from 9:30 am - 5 pm. If you **need to have your missal delivered**, please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to let us know.

If you are able to take a copy to a parish member who is unable to come to mass, please call the parish office (313-537-5770) to let us know. We also have **Sunday missals for the children of our parish age 7 thru 11**; call the parish to request copies. You are encouraged to **let your missal become a great source of prayer and encounter with God**, especially if you're not able to come to mass right now because of COVID-19. Whether you are coming to mass or participating via livestream, praying with the Sunday scriptures before mass is a great preparation for our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

Advent Giving 2020

The parish Advent Giving program continues **through Sunday, December 13**. The beneficiaries of this year's collection will be Corpus Christi households and households in our parish boundaries who find themselves unable to provide for their needs during this blessed Christmas season. Here's how you can participate:

1. **While you are out shopping** anyway, PICK UP a Kroger, Meijer, or Target gift card — any denomination will be put to good use. DROP OFF your donation at the back of church at either the 4 pm or 11 am Mass on the weekends of November 28/29, December 5/6, or December 12/13.
2. **If you're not going out**, you can MAIL a check to Corpus Christi Parish, 19800 Pembroke Ave, Detroit MI 48219-2145. Make checks payable to Corpus Christi and write "Advent Giving" on the memo line. Donation envelopes will also be available at the back of church.

Your gift cards and donations will be given to families on Saturday, December 19 so they will be able to shop for food or gifts prior to Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding of the unique challenges of Christmas giving this year. Continuing thanks and blessings in abundance to you for remaining Christ's Light in our little corner of the world!

Advent Penance Services

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Penance services with individual celebration of the sacrament will be held **Tuesday, December 15** at 7 pm and **Saturday, December 19** at 11 am.

Little Blue Book for Advent

A limited number of Little Books are available at the parish. They can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app.



■ Because your health and safety during this COVID-19 pandemic is extremely important, the Parish Leadership Team approved the purchase of **4 medical-grade air purifying units** for the church. These units are used in surgical centers, dental offices, schools, and other settings where groups of people are gathering. Because the units continually clean and filter the air in the church, the company recommends that we keep the windows closed to keep out allergens and dust particles, which will keep us safe and warm in the church during the winter. You will notice that the units will be placed against the two walls along the pew areas and the noise level is minimal.

■ With the number of COVID-19 cases of increasing and the approaching colder months, Archbishop Vigneron has decided to extend the dispensation **until Ash Wednesday of 2021**. This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus, and to care for the most vulnerable among us.

■ **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.

■ **Please continue to 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 location for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is again **in the Reconciliation Room** of the church. All are welcome to come for confession on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

■ **Be sure to wear your face mask properly.** Make sure the mask fits to cover your nose, mouth and chin. Make sure you can breathe and talk comfortably through your mask. Wash reusable masks after each use.



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Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human” (Dies Domini, no. 7). ©LPi



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