

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 20, 2020 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau

Heaven Holding Its Breath & Families of Parishes Update

Hello Corpus Christi Family! I pray this bulletin finds you well and nearing the end of a very fruitful Advent journey to the glory of Christmas!

Heaven Holding its Breath

In our Gospel passage this weekend (Lk 1:26-38) we hear of the marvelous event known as **The Annunciation**, when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to announce to her God's plan for her to bear Jesus, the son of God, in her womb. After Gabriel's initial announcement "you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus..." Mary had a question. She asked, "how can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" The angel Gabriel responded, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you ... therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

In reflecting on this passage, St. Bernard of Clairvaux described the moment after Gabriel's announcement and before Mary's response as **all of heaven and earth holding its breath**. What a beautiful image! *(continued on page 7)*



Sunday Reflection

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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All parish buildings remain closed.

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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 21

8:30 am MASS

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am Parish Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 23

6:00 pm SVDP Conference

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm MASS W/ CHILDREN

9:00 pm Carols (live stream)

10:00 pm MASS (live stream)

Friday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am MASS

12:00 pm SVDP Conference

Saturday, December 26

1:00 pm CONFESSIONS

4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family

11:00 am MASS

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth
You showed Your power and caring
by healing people of all ages and stations of life
from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments.

Be present now to people who need
Your loving touch because of COVID-19.

May they feel Your power of healing
through the care of doctors and nurses.

Amen.

Please Pray For:

Colleen Biddinger

Mary Catherine Hustoles

Lee Bussie

Cassandra Lowe

Christopher Davis

Patrick O'Neill

Maureen Grisius

Terry Plain

Dee Hunt

Michelle Talley

Ed Hustoles

Rita Turner

I AAYL (it is all about YOU, Lord)

by Deacon Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

Ignited by HOPE: Christ born anew in US. Our Corpus Christi Advent theme acknowledges where we are and gives us such hope for the future! And Christmas is just five days from now! So ... how has Advent 2020 gone for all of us? Have we noticed anything? Have we had any amazing memories? Has anything prompted us to change? Any hopes? Any tingles of Jesus, the Christ-child, being re-born in our lives? Let's explore a few ideas:

1. "Jesus comes; that makes us happy!"
"We change; that makes Jesus happy!"
2. St. John the Baptist's feast day is June 24th, 6 months before the birth of his cousin, Jesus. After John's birth the days of the year grow shorter and shorter. After the birth of Jesus, the days get longer and longer. In Jn 3:30, John the Baptist says of Jesus: "He must increase and I must decrease." Interesting coincidence!
3. Last Tuesday we had a psalm (Psalm 67) in the Morning Prayer that repeated a verse at three different times. The verse was:

"Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you."

Oh? *"Repetition is the mother of learning."*

Hear — Grasp — Remember — Impact

4. Recommended reading for 2021:

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents

— published by Random House in 2020 and written by Isabel Wilkerson, the first woman of African-American heritage to win the Pulitzer Prize in journalism (1994).

Blessings to you and yours over the Christmas holidays and throughout all of 2021!!! *(Repeat three times!!!)*

— Deacon Paul

Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come. ©LPI

Young Adult News

Unshakeable Joy Advent Retreat

Daily 1st Sunday of Advent to Christmas | Online

— Join Chris Stefanick and Cardinal Cantalamessa, preacher to the papal household for Popes St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis, for a FREE online 26-day Advent retreat with daily videos and reflections. Visit www.aod.org/young-adult-events to sign up.

The Mass: When Heaven Touches Earth

Advent Retreat

Mon Dec 21 | 7:30 pm | Online

— "Why Worship" will be presented by Fr. Lee Acervo. Visit <https://www.aod.org/events/599> to watch. The retreat will also be streamed live to the AOD Facebook and YouTube pages and will be available to watch on YouTube after as well.

Avow Discernment Group

Mon Jan 4 | 6:30 - 8:00 pm | In Person

— Hosted by The Women of Jesus' Merciful Passion, Clinton Township. AVOW is a small group for single Catholic women 16 - 40, to gather for a pressure-free, heart-to-heart conversation for discerning religious life together. Join Sr. Carla and Sr. Sarah for dinner, discussion and prayer. To register, please go to <https://www.aod.org/events/568>.



■ Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family. Choose someone to read aloud the **Announcement of the Birth of Jesus, Luke 1:26-38** (you can find it at 52sundays.com). Then have a family discussion using

these questions:

- Why does the angel say "Do not be afraid" to Mary? Do you think she was scared?
- How do you think Mary felt when the angel departed?
- The angel tells Mary, "Nothing is impossible for God." Have you seen or heard of God doing something that seemed impossible?

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.

■ Family Fun — Christmas Lights Road Trip

After dinner, drive through the lighting displays around town or around your neighborhood looking at Christmas lights. See how many homes have something from our Catholic faith in their display (Nativity scene, statue of Mary, etc.). Play Christmas music while you drive and find the house with your favorite display.

■ Catholic High Schools Guide

Students in the Archdiocese of Detroit's Catholic high schools acquire the tools to seek wisdom and truth, the discipline to achieve academic excellence, and the capability to transform and enrich the world with the light of Christ's gospel. The 2020-21 **Catholic High Schools Guide** is now available. Please call the parish office or send an email to corpuschristidetroit.org to request a copy.

■ Handling Holiday Stress

The ongoing period of the pandemic has resulted in many of our normal activities and rituals being temporarily limited or eliminated. In anticipating the holidays, many families may feel anxious or sad that their holiday plans may look different because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Here are some resources to help couples and families have a more peaceful and joyful holiday season:

For families experiencing stress

<https://www.archbalt.org/control-holiday-stress-by-emp-hasizing-what-matters/>

<https://catholicexchange.com/managing-holiday-stress>

For families experiencing grief

<https://grief.com/grief-the-holidays/>

<https://todayscatholic.org/managing-grief-during-the-holidays/>

For families experiencing depression and anxiety

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/stress-management/in-depth/stress/art-20047544>

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/what-holiday-stress-means-for-couples/>

For families looking to start new traditions

<https://occatholic.com/comfort-and-joy/>

<https://catholic-link.org/7-advent-resources-the-whole-family-will-love/>

(How Parishes Can Help Couples and Families Handle Holiday Stress by David Grobbel, December 9, 2020)

■ Everyday Stewardship

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent *(continued on page 5)*



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 12-13-2020	\$ 10982.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 23151.90

Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)* didn't go as you had hoped, remember it is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Welliver

Thank You For Giving

**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

Please give to
those who have
given a lifetime.



"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's second collection.

If you missed the collection, you may still make a donation. 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 fund, please visit <https://retiredreligious.org/>.

Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones:

Gloria James (11/12), member of the parish; **Donald Patillo** (11/21), brother of Helen Parkman; **Ted Stanislawski** (11/21), member of IHM Parish; **Keith Feathergill**, friend of Steve and Carol Lawrence; **Fr. Richard Rakoczy** (11/14), **Fr. Ronald Sayes** (11/15), **Fr. Michael Cooney** (11/26)



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	Is 62:1-5/Heb 1:1-6/Lk 2:1-14
Friday:	Is 62:1-5/Heb 1:1-6/Lk 2:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

Second Reading:

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

Gospel:

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?

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 21 - 27

Monday	8:30 am	+ Ted Stanislawski (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Donald Patillo (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Wednesday		<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>
Thursday	4:00 pm 10:00 pm	For Friends and Benefactors of the Adrian Dominican Sisters + Erick Strand (req by Rosemary Burke)
Friday	10:00 am	+ Ike and Tom Waddell (req by Adele Waddell)
Saturday	4:00 pm	For Friends and Benefactors of the Adrian Dominican Sisters
Sunday	9:00 am 11:00 am	<i>No Mass</i> For Laura Izquierdo (req by Oliva Ibarra)

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

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

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

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

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).

A Word From The Heart (continued from page 1)

Mary had free will and was free to choose, and the plan of the Father to send His Son Jesus, and the plan of Jesus to indeed come and redeem us — **that plan** needed a free and loving yes. Heaven was waiting, God was waiting, all of creation was waiting.

Similarly, this Christmas the Lord Jesus will come into our hearts anew if we are longing for this gift — the gift of Christmas that is Jesus himself. He is coming with purpose. Indeed, He loves us and has been with us, for he is Emmanuel, God with us! Yet, there is more to come. On the day of Christmas, entering open hearts anew, Jesus comes to offer us a new awareness of life with Him — life lived with him like never before. Once again, Heaven awaits — God awaits — our response. Does Jesus have permission to come into your life and my life and be the center — the pivot — upon which our life continually turns?

Families of Parishes Update #2

When I found out that Corpus Christi was assigned to be in Wave 1 of the Families of Parishes initiative, I committed in my heart to give some form of a weekly update and/or informational piece in the bulletin each week. Last week, I shared that we have 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.

This week I would like to share a few words from a two-and-a-half-minute video from the Archdiocese of Detroit titled “**How Will Families of Parishes Work?**” We will go deeper in the weeks and months to come with various details (as best as I am able) but for now another introductory sort of statement is found in the “How Will Families of Parishes Work? video.

“Beginning in July 2021 and continuing over the course of 2022, 216 parishes across the Archdiocese will come together to form 51 Families of Parishes. A Family of Parishes is a group of three or more parishes working together in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before.

Each parish within a Family will retain its own unique identity, similar to how siblings have their own unique roles in their families.

While this is a new model for us, similar structures are working successfully in other parts of the country and in Canada. Families of Parishes will empower priests, deacons, and lay staff to share their gifts and talents with all of the parishes in the Family.”

To watch the entire video and to find lots of helpful information about Families of Parishes visit <https://www.familiesofparishes.org/>

— Fr. Patrick

Holy Homework



This week, ask daily — with a fervent and expectant faith — for Jesus to come into your life anew on Christmas in a life-changing way!

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 copy after weekend mass or you may call the parish office to make arrangements. *(next page)*

Please Join Us For Christmas at Corpus Christi!

Christmas Vigil with Children

Thursday, December 24 • 4 pm

Carols

Thursday, December 24 • 9 pm

Christmas Mass at Night

Thursday, December 24 • 10 pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday, December 25 • 10 am

Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, December 26 • 4 pm

and Sunday, December 27 • 11 am

New Year Eve Mass

Thursday, December 31 • 11 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1 • 10 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2 • 4 pm

and Sunday, January 3 • 11 am

You and your household are welcome to join us for any or all of our Christmas Season masses. To help us with our COVID-19 planning, **YOU MUST LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING** — sign up online OR call 313-537-5770.

To sign up online, visit www.corpuschristi-detroit.org. Click on the “Register for Mass” button and sign up for each service you plan to attend) The RSVP deadline is 12 noon Thursday, December 24.

Please visit our website to view the live stream Carols (9 pm) and Christmas Eve Mass (10 pm) on Thursday, December 24.

Invite family members and friends to join us — remind them to sign up by 12 noon Thursday, December 24.

recommends keeping the windows closed to keep out allergens and dust particles. This will keep us safe and warm in the church during the winter. The units are located against two walls along the pew areas and the noise level is minimal.

■ Archbishop Vigneron has decided to extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass **until Ash Wednesday 2021**. This extension is given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the pandemic and to care for the most vulnerable among us.

Sunday Missals *(continued from page 7)*

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.



■ 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 manufacturer

■ **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 when 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. Friends and family members are welcome, but if they are not living with you, they need to rsvp separately from your household.

■ Please call the parish office to **let us know about illness, hospitalization, death, and requests for prayer** or the Sacrament of the Sick. Voicemail is checked regularly and 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 you leave you message.

Generations of Faith 2020-2021



THE CATHOLIC *faith* EXPLAINED

Christ Born Anew in Us! is part of Corpus Christi's focus for Advent 2020. Prepare for His coming by reflecting on the content of the FORMED video titled: *Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives?* (The discussion with our 4 young adults is still at the end of FORMED's video!)

Respond by Monday December 21st with your favorite name/title of Jesus so we can build a Corpus Christi **Word Cloud**. Use the form at the bottom of the Generations of Faith page on the parish website or send an email to corpuschristigenerations@gmail.com.

Find the video on the parish website: corpuschristi-detroit.org
OR clickonatholic.com OR use the link in the parish emails, then:

1. Click the **Generations of Faith** button on the website's Welcome Page
2. To print the handout: Click on Session 3 Handouts/**Adults**
3. To see the video: click on **Generation of Faith Videos** then on **ADULTS 2020-2021 SESSION THREE**

Related Additional Resources:

A History of the Church of the Nativity in Jerusalem (11 minutes):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjSKADyQRbU&ab_channel=ChristianMediaCenter-English

A Tour of the Church of the Nativity 2020 (6 minutes):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aQVIQzPhk8&ab_channel=206Tours

Blessings on your Advent from the Generations of Faith Team.

Behold Thy Mother: Getting to Know the Blessed Virgin Mary



Join Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty from **November 29 thru December 27** for an Advent retreat experience centered on our Catholic faith's beautiful teachings about Mary. Learn at your own pace and from the comfort of your home. Learn more and register at shms.edu/mary.



ADVENT ONLINE RETREAT

THE MASS:

WHEN HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH

NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 7, 14, & 21



Prepare for Christmas by rediscovering the beauty of the Mass. Fr. Lee Acervo will present "Why Worship" on Monday, December 21 with discussion led by Fr. Steve Pullis via [livestream at 7:30 pm at facebook.com/ArchOfDet](https://www.facebook.com/ArchOfDet).

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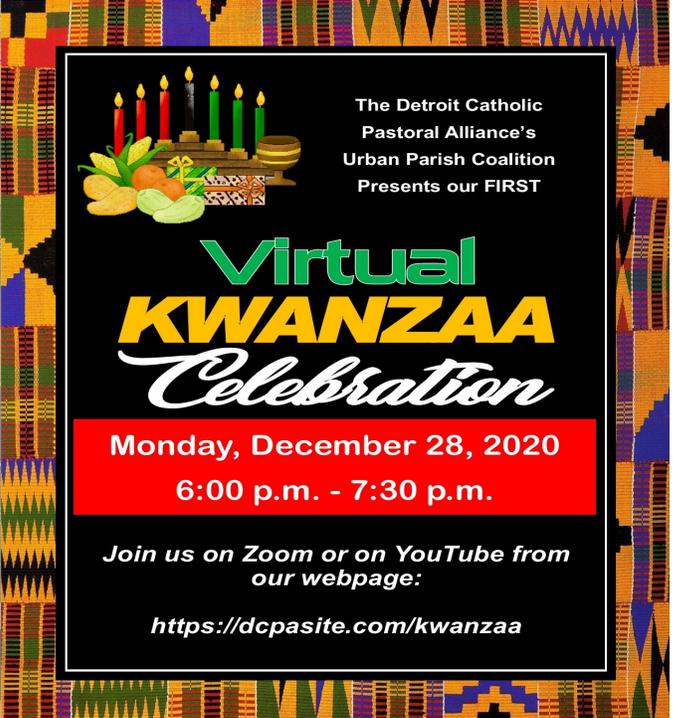
CHRISTMAS JOYS 2020

Tuesday, Dec 22 - 7pm

Come celebrate the year end with us
- sing, laugh, pray, share traditions

ZOOM Link to register:

https://aod.zoom.us/join/register/WN_VY7ymb53RBCVYDPdx5ujfw



The Detroit Catholic
Pastoral Alliance's
Urban Parish Coalition
Presents our FIRST

Virtual KWANZAA Celebration

Monday, December 28, 2020
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join us on Zoom or on YouTube from
our webpage:

<https://dcpasite.com/kwanzaa>



What is the difference between apostles and disciples?

When we look at the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, we see two special titles applied to his followers: *apostles* and *disciples*. At first glance, we might think that these two words are interchangeable, but when we look at what each one means, we quickly see that the evangelists were using them very specifically. When we look more closely, we see that while Jesus had many *disciples*, the group of *apostles* was much more limited and referred to Jesus' closest collaborators.

The word *apostle* essentially means "one who is sent forth" or, as we might think of it today, "an ambassador." The group of apostles — sometimes called the Twelve — included those twelve men who formed Jesus' inner circle (see Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13). It was this group that received the gift of the Holy Spirit and who were sent out by Jesus with the special mission of forgiving sins on that first Easter Sunday (see John 20:19-23). In time, the Catholic Tradition also recognize Saint Paul and Saint Barnabas as apostles, recognizing that they also shared the mandate of going out in the Lord's name to pray, to bless, and to preach. In 2016, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis raised the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of feast, recognizing that she also received a special mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the Eleven, becoming the "apostle to the apostles." In a particular way, the bishops continue the mission of the apostles in our own time.

When we think of the word *disciple*, we see that it has a very different meaning. Rather than referring to those who were sent out to carry on the mission of Jesus, disciple literally means "student" or, more specially, an "apprentice learner." The task of the disciple is to learn and integrate into their lives the teachings, values, and way of life of their master teacher. Although a disciple might be called on to explain or represent aspects of their life, in light of the teachings they receive from this master teacher, Christian discipleship is ultimately about living our lives with faith and integrity, guided by the life and mission of Jesus, our Master Teacher. The call to discipleship is the common vocation of all Christians. ©LPi



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