



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.

January 10, 2021 • The Baptism of the Lord

A Word From The Heart
from
Fr Patrick Gonyeau

The Baptism of the Lord and Families of Parishes Update

Hello Corpus Christi Family! I pray this bulletin finds you well, staying safe, prayerful, and radiating the love of Jesus!

The Baptism of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. In this cherished scene in sacred scripture, Jesus comes to be baptized by John the Baptist. John was performing a baptism for the repentance of sins (Mt 3:6). In Matthew's Gospel we hear that when Jesus came to be baptized by John the Baptist this happened: "John tried to prevent him, saying *I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?*" (Mt 3:14) Don't you just love John the Baptist?

John was absolutely right. Jesus had no sin and no need to go down into the Jordan River for a baptism of repentance. So why did he go? For the same reason He came from heaven to earth and was born of the Virgin Mary — to be in solidarity with us! Jesus came into our human condition to free us from the sin and death that had reigned over the human condition since the fall of Adam and Eve. *(continued on page 7)*



Lived and Spoken

Sunday Reflection

As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the *(continued on page 3)*

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Corpus Christi Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

All parish buildings remain closed.

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Daily/ Holy Day Masses: See page 6

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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.

The Week Ahead



Monday, January 11

8:30 am MASS
9:30 pm Parish Staff Prayer

Tuesday, January 12

8:30 am MASS
9:30 pm Parish Staff Prayer
10:00 am Parish Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Evangelization Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

9:30 pm Parish Staff Prayer

Thursday, January 14

8:30 am MASS
9:30 pm Parish Staff Prayer
3:30 pm Parish Leadership Team Meeting
6:30 pm Stewardship Commission Meeting

Friday, January 15

8:30 am MASS
9:30 pm Parish Staff Prayer

Saturday, January 16

10:00 am SVDP Food Pantry
10:00 am 1st Eucharist Preparation
1:00 pm CONFESSIONS
4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, January 17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am RCIA Class
11:00 am MASS
1:30 pm VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO NONVIOLENCE
w/ ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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

Edward Bejesky, Christopher Davis, Sr. Elizabeth Flaherty,
Dee Hunt, Ed Hustoles, Mary Catherine Hustoles,
Cassandra Lowe, Patrick O'Neil, Sean O'Neill, Terry Plain,
David Slaughter, Michelle Talley,
Renee Williams, Juan Windham

You Should Celebrate This!

by Marilyn Webb
Youth Minister

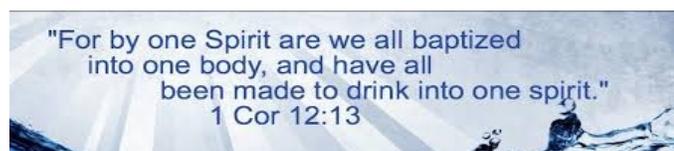
Here's a riddle: We drink it, we are mostly made of it, and we get clean with it. So what is it? You've got it! Water. And water is important for us today because we are celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Remember when Mama Mary visits Elizabeth and the baby leapt in Elizabeth's womb? Well now, that baby, John, is all grown up and today we learn of how he baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River. (Mt 3:13-17)

Time flies right? We celebrated Jesus' birth 16 days ago. We next had the Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph). We screamed "Happy New Year" on January 1st, which is also the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (thank you Mama Mary for saying "Yes"). And last Sunday, we had the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, where the Holy Family is visited by the Magi, the three kings. That day was one of the manifestations of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God and Savior of the world. And scripture tells us about the finding of Jesus in the temple, and now Jesus is an adult and getting baptized.

But Jesus is pure and perfect, born without sin and didn't need to be baptized, right? Correct. He does this as an example for us by sharing the importance of new life through our own sacrament of baptism and also shares with us His true identity. See the Blessed Trinity at work in scripture. We have the Spirit of God descending like a dove over Jesus and God's voice from heaven saying "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased". (Mk 1:9-11). Thanks be to God!

Here's a way you can celebrate. Ask about your own baptism. Maybe take a look at your baptismal record or photos/videos. Now thank God for your parents and godparents, and mark this date on your calendar every year. This is a day to be celebrated, because it's your birthday into the largest family in and out of this world.

— Marilyn



Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPI

Young Adult News

GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum Jun 9 - 13, 2021 | Washington DC

— The GIVEN Forum is designed for young adult Catholic women, ages 21-30. The application deadline is February 12, 2021. To learn more and how to get involved, visit www.giveninstitute.com or follow @giveninstitute on social media.

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan *Jesus' Challenge To Young Adults* Scripture Study

Weds starting Feb 3 | 6 - 7:30 pm | In Person

— Enjoy seminary level instruction while enjoying fellowship with other young adults at St. Mary Parish in downtown Royal Oak. Tuition is \$99 for the first 15 students (\$198; books not included); BYO dinner. Registration deadline is February 1. For more information, visit <https://cbasmich.org/challenge>.



■ Take Time To Chat

Explore the Sunday Gospel as a family. Choose someone to read aloud **The Preaching of John the Baptist and The Baptism of the Lord (Mark 1:7-11)**. This gospel story can be found at 52sundays.com. After the reading, as a family, discuss the questions below:

- **John the Baptist said that Jesus is mighty (powerful). How have you seen Jesus' power at work in your life?**
- **What is the difference between being baptized with water and being baptized with the Holy Spirit?**
- **Why do you think God spoke from the heavens when Jesus was baptized?**
- **How is God calling you to live out your faith?**

■ Unleashing The Gospel In Your Family

Write the text of Mark 1:11, "You are my beloved [son/daughter]; with you I am well pleased" on a 3x5 card. Place it on the bathroom mirror. Each family member can read it out loud each day when brushing their teeth and recall that God knows and loves them personally.

Family Prayer

Gracious God,
you have called me to life
and gifted me in many ways.
Through Baptism you have sent me
to continue the mission of Jesus
by sharing my love with others.

Strengthen me to respond to your call each day.
Help me to become all you desire of me.
Inspire me to make a difference in others' lives.

Lead me to choose the way of life
you have planned for me.

Open the hearts of all to listen to your call.
Fill all with your Holy Spirit
that we may have listening hearts
and the courage to respond to you.

Enkindle in my heart and the hearts of others
the desire to make the world a better place
by serving you.

Amen.

■ Family Life & Parenting Resources

- *"The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church"* (Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 1). Family life – though not without its challenges – is a great gift! It is in the family that all of us learn what it means to love and be loved, to forgive, and how to maintain relationships over time. The family is called to welcome others, in particular children, and to care for those in need. Content in the **"family life and parenting"** section of ForYourMarriage.com can help families become places of prayer and faith (domestic Churches) and navigate the challenges that come with parenting, extended family relationships, caregiving, and more.
- Experience a new way to celebrate the Lord's day at home with **52 Sundays!** 52 Sundays is a family guide to Sunday engagement. It includes the weekly Gospel reading, stories about the saints, fun and tasty recipes and other activities for the whole family. Get your copy today (or give it as a gift) for just \$9.95. Order 52 Sundays at <http://www.4lpi.com/52-sundays/>.
- There are many reasons and factors why family life can become stressful or problematic. The following resources are offered by the Archdiocese of Detroit at <https://www.aod.org/family-support> to assist with the different challenges and needs your family may be encountering as spouses and parents.

■ Everyday Stewardship

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine." Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person. *(to page 5)*



Stewardship UPDATE



Collection Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 1-3-2020	\$ 2858.08
Christmas Offerings	\$ 7578.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 20222.82

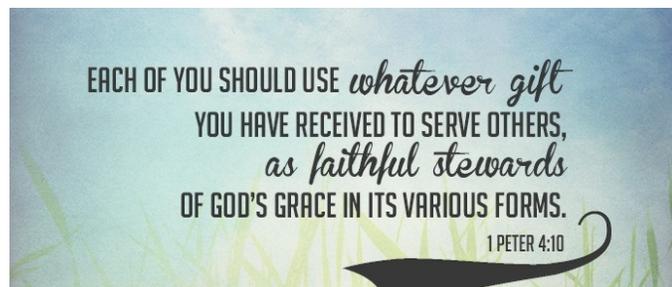
Everyday Stewardship *(continued from page 4)*

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Welliver



Please Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones:

Beverly Harper Miller (12/17)
member of the parish

Pauline Riley (12/20)
father of Julie Poyer

Rita Turner (12/21)
friend of Mary Mathis

Peter Maurer
in-law of Sue Vanden Berg

Brian Stuck (12/21)
nephew of Colleen Flaherty

De'Lon & Demarion Wheeler (12/25)
cousins of the Jones Family



Scriptures for the Week

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday:	Is 55:1-11/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday:	Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

Second Reading:

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

Gospel Question:

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

Monday Night

BIBLE STUDY

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 January 11 - 17

Monday	8:30 am	For Our Homebound Members
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Roy Grundy (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Wednesday		<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday	8:30 am	For An Increase In Vocations
Friday	8:30 am	+ Wilfred D. Taylor (req by the Family)
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Deceased Relatives and Friends (req by Parishioners)
Sunday	9:00 am	No Mass
	11:00 am	+ Fletcher Williams (req by Gwen McNeal)

Please Pray For Our Sick Members:

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

Please Pray For Our Relatives and Friends:

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

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)

He went down to the Jordan to stand in the place of the sinners he came to save.

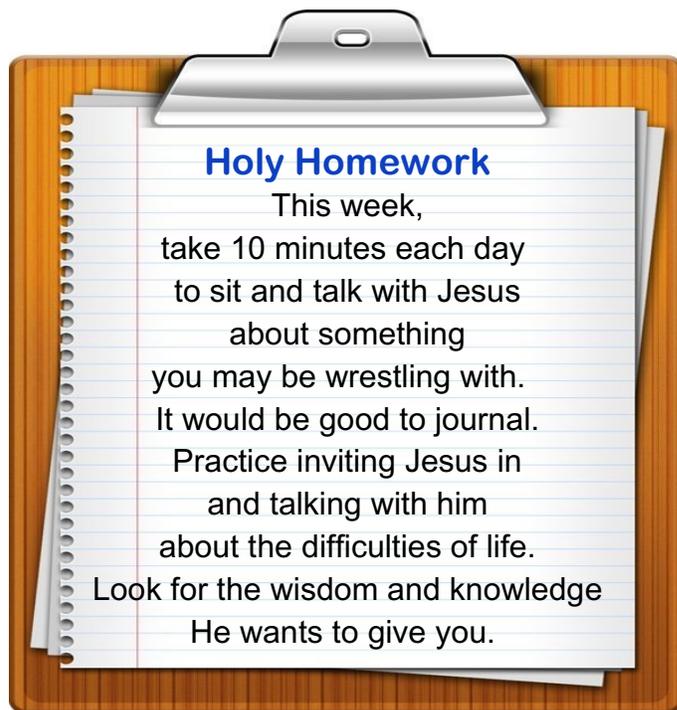
There is no place in our life, no area, no difficulty that we can't invite Jesus into. He will come and stand with us and give us wisdom and courage — wisdom to know how to see the situation and courage to know how to act in the situation according to His will. And as the letter to the Hebrews notes, “*we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin.*” (Heb 4:15) No matter what the struggle, call on Jesus! Sit and talk with him. He loves you and wants to be with you.

Families of Parishes (FOP) Update #4

As we journey toward becoming a Family of Parishes (FOP) with Presentation/Our Lady of Victory, SS. Peter and Paul (Westside), St. Juan Diego, St. Mary of Redford, and St. Scholastica parishes, I'd like to share this week about the Archdiocese *FOP Governance Structure*, which has two models. Model 1 is *Multiple Family — Pastors In Solidum* and Model 2 is *One Pastor*. Model 1 envisions the priests assigned to the FOP as equals with a Moderator being the first among them and bearing responsibility for the judicial acts of the parishes under the team's care.

The moderator of each family will be appointed by the Archbishop, and will effectively be *the lead* for the team of priests that serve the FOP. Model 2 envisions one priest serving as the pastor for each family and for all the parishes within the family. The other priests of the family serve as associate pastors essentially. As I understand it, each FOP will begin with Model 1 and, over time, have the option (and in some cases needed necessity) to embrace Model 2. You can read more about Families of Parishes at <https://www.familiesofparishes.org>.

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



Holy Homework

This week,
take 10 minutes each day
to sit and talk with Jesus
about something
you may be wrestling with.
It would be good to journal.
Practice inviting Jesus in
and talking with him
about the difficulties of life.
Look for the wisdom and knowledge
He wants to give you.

Zoom Together! Lenten Season Planning



Last fall, thirteen parishioners on Zoom reflected on the Advent Scriptures and offered Corpus Christi a phrase to ponder during Advent: *Ignited by Hope: Christ Born Anew in Us.*

It's time to engage in a similar process for Lent, and you're invited to participate with other parishioners. The session will be virtual, via Zoom, on **Saturday, January 23rd from 9 - 11 am**. We will reflect on the message in God's Word found in the scriptures of the Lenten Season. All Scripture lovers welcome!

Schedule:

- Opening prayer
- Meaning of Lent
- Reading and reflecting on the Gospels of the season
- Discerning together (led by Fr. Patrick) a focus for Lent 2021 at Corpus Christi

For Zoom you will need a computer, tablet, or phone with audio (microphone). Video (camera) capabilities are helpful, but not necessary. Call the parish at 313-537-5770 and leave your name and email address if you would like to receive the link to the Zoom session.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparation of 2020 contribution statements will begin soon. **Sunday Offerings** and **Christmas donations** received after Sunday, January 10 will be posted to 2021 contribution records.

The number of persons attending our weekend masses in-person is still limited and **sign up is required** so that we are prepared to welcome everyone safely. Please visit the parish website to sign up. Go to corpuschristi-detroit.org and click on the “Weekend Mass Sign Up” button. Your RSVP provides us with the needed information should we need to do COVID-19 contact tracing.

Our COVID-19 protocol for mass attendance continues. **All parish members and visitors** have a temperature check and brief health screening before entering church. Masks are required as well as physical distancing. Four medical-grade air purifying units have been purchased and are located against two walls along the pew areas.

The **parish buildings are still closed** at this time. Staff continue to work from home and come in only for essential tasks. Please call the parish office regarding illness, hospitalization, deaths, emergency needs, or other parish business. Voicemail messages are checked regularly. Be sure to speak clearly and to leave your first and last name.



6 Habits of Highly Effective Disciples

Are you a better disciple than you were a year ago? It's a great time of year to review what we need to change and improve in our lives. To be a better follower of Jesus, we should be practicing the habits of good discipleship.

Jesus should be at the center of our lives. Who is he to you? Is he at the center of your life? Do you prioritize time with him? Look at this honestly with Jesus — he

is not harshly judging you for imperfections — he wants to draw you closer to him. Recognize where growth is needed and pick what qualities of discipleship you will focus on this year to develop these good habits.

Sacramental Life

Sacraments are the lifeblood of a disciple. If you are able, attend mass on Sundays and more often if possible. If you are unable to attend mass, keep the Lord's day holy by making spiritual communion. Go to confession regularly. Jesus is waiting for us in the confessional with special sacramental graces of his mercy.

Prayer

Prayer is essential for communicating with God and developing a personal relationship with God. Set a routine of prayer each day (vocal prayers and time in silence) and allow God to bring you closer.

Scripture

The Word of God is living, and the Holy Spirit breathes in and out of the words of Scripture. Set aside a few minutes each day to read Scripture.

Community

We are not saved as individuals but as members of the body of Christ and where two or three are gathered, there Jesus is in the midst of them. One of the best ways to connect with a community of disciples is to participate in a small group to share faith and reflect on Scripture together.

Evangelization

As disciples we are called to bear fruit. God will present opportunities to share the love and truth of Jesus Christ; practicing the habits of discipleship will prepare you to be a channel of God's grace to others.

Obedience to Christ through the Church

God has revealed the truth about how we have been created to live. Practice obedience to Christ. Ask Jesus to help you remain faithful to him, resist temptation, develop virtues, be faithful to your vocation, and live in accordance with love and truth.

Take this opportunity to choose habits of discipleship that you want to practice this year, so that a year from today, you can look back and see how Jesus has drawn you closer to him through your active participation in the gifts of grace he offers you.

(excerpted from 6 Habits of Highly Effective Disciples by Patrick Howard, <https://www.unleashthegospel.org/2020/12/6-habits-of-highly-effective-disciples/>)



STRONG FAITH—
VITAL CONNECTIONS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021 @ 7PM
HOUSING: HOMEOWNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY FOR ALL

Join us and New Hope Non-profit Housing Corp as we discuss creating home owners and building communities in NW Detroit.

Guest panelist: Dana Christian, MBA, executive director, New Hope Non-profit Housing Corp.

Register: ZOOM Link [click here](https://aod.zoom.us/j/8142021) JAN142021

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In the Black Catholic Ministry FB Poll last fall on pro-life issues, the topic of housing ranked very high. New Hope, founded in 1990 with support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development CCHD, has been working for 30+ years to improve the quality of living for NW Detroiters. Join a great conversation at:

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Pilgrimage To Non-Violence Sunday, January 17, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Jesus lived a life of nonviolence, refusing to fight back even against those who came to arrest him or those who tortured and killed him. During the long fight for civil rights in America, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. showed us an example of how the tools of nonviolence can be used to change the world. But nonviolent protest is not easy, as protesters are often met with extreme violence from those they are protesting against.

Have you ever wondered why Dr. King chose that approach? Or how he could have believed it would succeed?

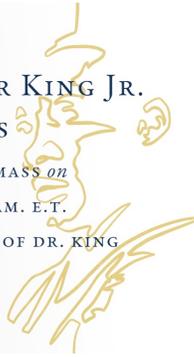
The Corpus Christi Social Justice Committee and the Life, Peace, and Justice Committee of our sister parish, St. Francis of Assisi are coordinating a **virtual presentation** by **Yolanda Jack**, educator and Youth Programs Coordinator from the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. Ms. Jack will speak on **Dr. King's Pilgrimage To Nonviolence**, and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Register for this virtual event at:

<https://www.stfrancisa2.com/martin-luther-king-day/>

You will receive an email (from Bill O'Brien) with a personalized webinar link. The event will open at 1:00 pm with an optional discussion and fellowship time, followed by the presentation at 1:30 pm.

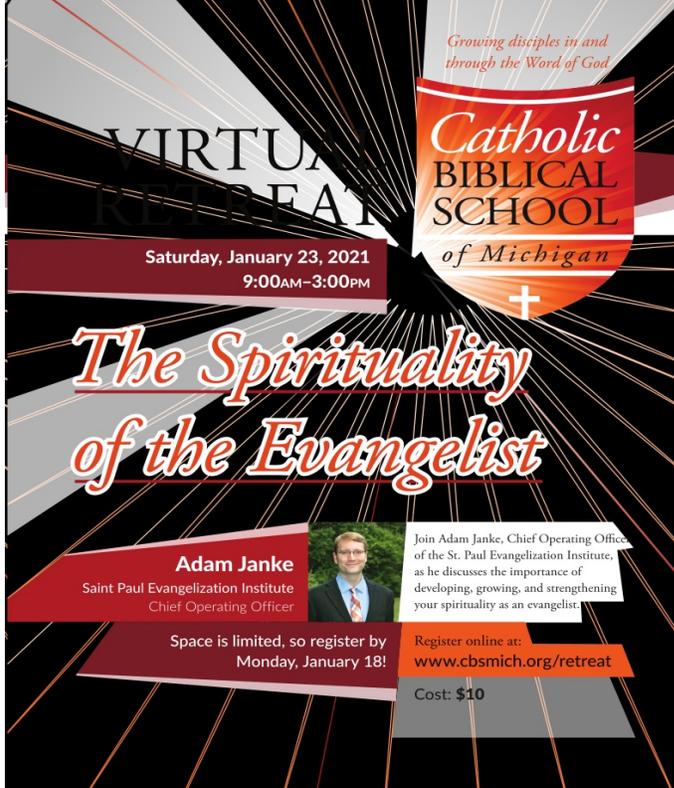
REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL MASS

JOIN US FOR A LIVESTREAMED MASS ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT 11AM. E.T.
TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND WORK OF DR. KING

A champion of civil rights, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams were much aligned with many of our Catholic teachings: care for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity in our one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious, or economic differences; the life and dignity of all people; fair wages and treatment in civic matters; peace, equality, and social justice among all; and discipleship of Christ. Join us for a livestreamed Mass on **Monday, January 18th at 11:00 am** to celebrate the life and work of Dr. King. To attend Mass in person at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, go to <https://www.aod.org/events/639>.

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Adam Janke
Saint Paul Evangelization Institute
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Cost: \$10

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Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

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The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion. And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer. ©LPi



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