



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.

February 21, 2021 • First Sunday of Lent

A Word from the Heart

Why Jesus Suffered / Confession Families of Parishes Update #9

— Fr. Patrick Gonyeau



Why Jesus Suffered / Confession

In this weekend's second reading, we read, "beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous." (1 Peter 3:18) It is a sobering and soaking experience to consider that Jesus suffered for my sins. My past was quite dark prior to a life-changing period of conversion when I was 26 & 27. When I was 27 and in the midst of this conversion, I went to confession for the second time in my life; the first was 20 years prior when I was getting ready for first communion as a child. The priest was very kind and calmly explained to me, after I shared my heart and life of serious sin, that Jesus suffered and died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven of these sins. He had a crucifix nearby that he pointed to. I can still see that simple crucifix in my mind's eye. The mystery of Jesus suffering love for me will never lose the taste of love. On one hand, it's sobering, it reminds me (brings me back) to ground zero for love in my love and the truth that I was completely lost and headed for utter eternal darkness on my prior path apart from Jesus. This love also intoxicates, it's a radically liberating love that reveals our true identity: sons and daughters ransomed by a perfect Father through the blood of our savior and God Jesus who *still thinks we are worth dying for*. How can the soul not rejoice over such love? How can lips stay silent and not sing for joy!

The experience of confession was amazing too. In this sacrament that Jesus gave to us on the evening of the day of the resurrection, Jesus truly speaks his words of healing over us through the priest, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen." The two most powerful experiences in my life as a Catholic priest happen continually at the altar, when the miracle of bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Jesus occurs and, in the confessional, when Jesus forgives sins with words that carry life-changing grace. Personally, I go to confession once a week, it's an incredibly sweet sacrament of love. Our lives as Catholics run on grace and the sacraments are the most powerful outpouring of grace!

When it comes to the sacrament of confession, please know that 1 – I'm in the confessional at Corpus Christi every Saturday from 1pm-3:45pm 2 - A priest can never tell what he has heard in confession (and with my memory, I forget anyway!) 3 – There is **no judgement from me**, sometimes people fear how a priest may see them if they go to confession with them...I promise you, the only judgement I care about is that Jesus thinks you're worth dying for – his love for us guides my heart in confession. 4 – The only sin Jesus can't forgive is the sin we don't confess. 5 – Jesus suffered for us out of love, in the sacrament of confession he forgives us out of the same love that led him to the cross for us...it's all about his merciful love. 6 – Confession gives us the strength to turn away from sin. 7 – Don't worry if it's been a while (even decades, that's ok!) I'll help you through it (or whichever priest if you choose to go somewhere else for confession). 8 – Confession is a healing sacrament, we experience deep healing and new life in Christ through the grace in this sacrament.

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Corpus Christi Directory

Parish Office Hours:	All parish buildings remain closed		
Weekend Masses:	Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am		
Daily / Holy Day Masses:	See weekly parish schedule		
Parish Address:	19800 Pembroke Ave Detroit MI 48219-2145		
Parish Phone:	313-537-5770		
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Sick Calls/Prayer Requests: Please call parish office “

Sacrament of Baptism Please call parish office “

Sacrament of Marriage Please call parish office at least six months before the wedding “



Monday, February 22

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, February 23

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
10:00 am Parish Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 24

9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer

Thursday, February 25

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

Friday, February 26

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
1:30 pm Parish Leadership Team Mtg
6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, February 27

10:00 am 1st Eucharist Preparation
1:00 pm CONFESSIONS
1:30 pm VIRTUAL TOUR OF ROSA
PARKS MUSEUM
4:00 pm MASS / GOF#5 Intro

Sunday, February 21

2nd Sunday of Lent
9:00 am RCIA Class
11:00 am MASS / GOF #5 Intro

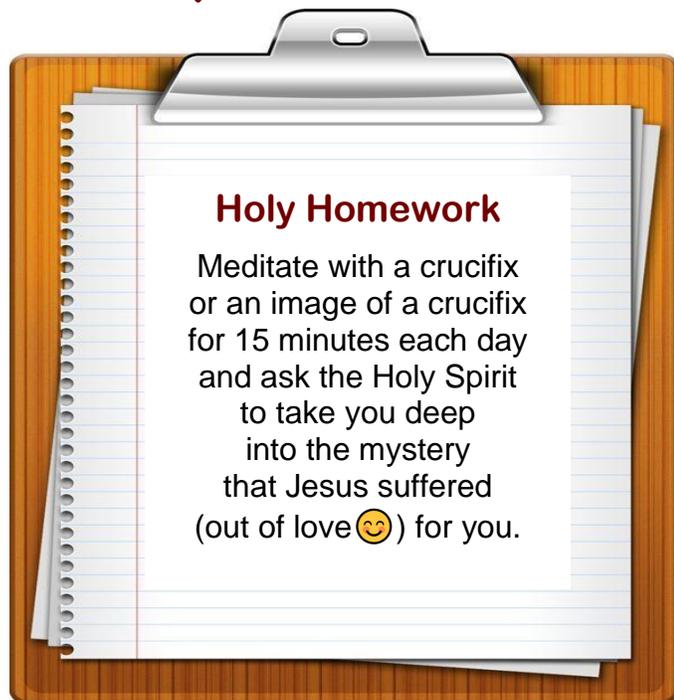
Lent 2021

Listen - Be Changed - Go Love

Families of Parishes #9

This week just a reminder. If you haven't visited familiesofparishes.org, please do so! It is very informative about the Families of Parishes Initiative! God bless you!

— **Fr. Patrick**



Holy Homework

Meditate with a crucifix or an image of a crucifix for 15 minutes each day and ask the Holy Spirit to take you deep into the mystery that Jesus suffered (out of love 😊) for you.



**SENT ON
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FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Trinity Vicariate Family #1

Corpus Christi Parish

<http://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org>

Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish

<http://presentationourladyofvictory.org/>

SS. Peter and Paul Parish (Westside)

<http://www.ssppdetroit.net>

St. Juan Diego Parish

<http://www.familiamdei.com>

St. Mary of Redford Parish

<https://saintmaryofredford.church>

St. Scholastica Parish

<https://scholastica.church/>

Course Start Date: Sunday, February 21, 2021

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Corpus Christi Parish

and Family

Zoom Gathering

(Link will be distributed via email)

10 Nonconsecutive Weeks

• 5 Weeks Understanding Charisms

• 1 Hour Interview

• 4 Weeks of Group Discernment



Saturdays February 27 - May 22

10:00am - 12:00pm

\$40 Includes - Workbook

& six months access to siena.org

REGISTER @ www.scholastica.church

The workshop is designed to help Christians discern the presence of spiritual gifts that are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Whether extraordinary or ordinary, all charisms ought to be exercised in the service of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2003).

Saturdays, February 27 – May 22

10 am – 12 noon via Zoom

(10 non-consecutive weeks)

Cost is \$40.

Register at www.scholastica.church



Sunday Reflection

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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Join A Lenten Emmaus Group!

The Power of the Gospel Today is our theme for the Lenten Emmaus faith sharing groups. The Gospel of Jesus gives us the strength, hope and love that we need in our lives. The faith sharing groups will be meeting virtually. The source and guide that we will be using are the Scripture readings for the Sundays of Lent as found in **52 Sundays**, which includes the Sunday readings, prayers, reflection questions, ideas for putting the Gospel message into action, a brief biography of a saint, and even a recipe. In addition to the text we will have a short video clip to stimulate and enhance our discussion. Most of the group leaders are the same as last year. Email and contact information is available on the Corpus Christi website.

Please register at corpuschristi-detroit.org by clicking on the “Emmaus” button and filling in your information. If you are unable to register that way, please call or email Sr. Therese (therese.mackinnon@corpuschristi.org, 313-434-8112) or call the parish office at 313-537-5770.

Here are some reflection questions for the First Sunday of Lent (Mark 1:12-15).

1. What emotions do you think Jesus felt while he was in the desert?
2. What do you think he thought or prayed about when he was there?
3. Today’s Gospel says that angels ministered to Jesus. Have you ever felt the presence of angels in your life?
4. Jesus said, “This is the time of fulfillment.” What does he mean by this?
5. What would it be like to be a missionary to people of other faiths and cultures?

Check out 52 Sundays at www.52sundays.com. If you can click into the Emmaus Groups that would be great. You can also check out the weekly references and share your insights with a family member or friend. Give someone a phone call. Take some time to share the blessings and insights God has given you. The power of love that Jesus shows us in the Gospels is for us personally and for all those whom we meet.



Church of the Home

Take Time to Chat

Explore the Gospel as a family. Choose someone to read aloud **The Temptation of Jesus (Mark 1:12-15)**. This gospel story can be found at 52Sundays.com. Discuss the following questions as a family:

- What emotions do you think Jesus felt while he was in the desert? What do you think he thought or prayed about when he was there?
- Today's Gospel says that angels ministered to Jesus. Have you ever felt the presence of angels in your life?
- Jesus said, "This is the time of fulfillment." What does he mean by this?

Family Prayer

The Our Father and Guardian Angel Prayer

We hear today of Jesus being tempted and the angels ministering to Him. Today, ask for God's protection by praying the Our Father and calling on your Guardian Angel.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Guardian Angels Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard to rule and guide. Amen.



Letters to the Domestic Church: You Are Broken

Claiming our place as taken and blessed can be positive experiences but as we live life, it can sometimes feel at odds with the brokenness we see in our world and ourselves. The tension we feel often stems from our hearts where we struggle with a sense of rejection, being ignored or questioning our worth and value in relationships and work. God can speak to us through our brokenness.

Acknowledging our brokenness is part of what helps us fully claim who we are as beloved children of God, which allows us to bless the brokenness. It also helps us recognize that God is with us no matter where we are or what we're going through. This is where "joy and sorrow are no longer each other's opposites but have become the two sides of the same desire to grow to the fullness of the Beloved."

What are some ways we can *befriend* and *bless* our brokenness? There are three ways to start: Scripture, the Rosary, and connecting with others. Our brokenness can be both the easiest and most difficult thing to talk about—with others and in our personal prayer. Henri Nouwen reminds us, "The deep truth is that our human suffering need not be an obstacle to the joy and peace we so desire, but can become, instead, the means to it."

(excerpted from an UTG article written by Nicole Joyce and Tara Stenger, published February 12, 2021. Read the entire article at <https://www.unleashthegospel.org/2021/02/letters-to-the-domestic-church-you-are-broken/>)

Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 2-14-2021	\$ 7633.00
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 29,005.82

**"What shall I render to the
LORD For all His benefits
toward me?"**

Psalm 116:12

hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/ /Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/ /Mt 5:43-48

February 28, 2021 — Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10

Obligation To Attend Mass

Archbishop Vigneron announced that **the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will expire on Saturday, March 13, 2021.** In its place, he is *(continued on page 7)*

Everyday Stewardship

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "amongst the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects? Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

Gospel:

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

Mass INTENTIONS

February 22 - 28, 2021

Monday	8:30 am	+ Donna Jasin (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Patrick Flaherty (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Wednesday	<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>	
Thursday	8:30 am	+ Sr. Lisa Rieman (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Friday	8:30 am	+ Deacon Kevin Breen (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Wilfred Darwin Taylor (req by the Family)
Sunday	11:00 am	+ Paul Archambault (req by Corpus Christi Parish)



Obligation To Attend Mass

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granting a number of particular dispensations for the faithful who may find themselves in specific circumstances. The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the anticipatory Mass at 4:00 pm or later on the previous day) is to be reinstated in the Archdiocese of Detroit effective Saturday, March 13, 2021. Considering the grave obligation we have of being physically present with our brothers and sisters at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation for the Eucharist, each of us is asked to make a good and sincere judgement as to whether these circumstances apply or not. Where doubt or confusion persists, consult any priest for clarity.

While the general dispensation is removed, **there are specific instances where the dispensation will continue, as well as those circumstances where there is no obligation in the first place.** One does not have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday in eight circumstances.

For information about these specific dispensations and visit aod.org/comehometohope.

Help Wanted

St. Suzanne/Our Lady Gate of Heaven Parish (19321 West Chicago, Detroit, MI 48228) is looking to fill 2 part-time office positions (can be one person or two) — Office Manager and Bookkeeper. For more information or job description, contact Fr. Vic Clore at vclore@hotmail.com.

Legatus, a membership organization for Catholic CEOs, is seeking a full-time Advertising Sales Account Manager who can assist the organization with developing and nurturing existing and potential advertisers and sponsors in the Catholic community. Candidate must have 2 – 5 years of sales experience and live near or be willing to relocate to Ann Arbor, MI. For more information, visit [//www.legatus.org/join-our-team](http://www.legatus.org/join-our-team).

Journey To Sainthood

The Tolton Ambassadors of Detroit ask for your continued support to help the **Cause of Canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton** by

- praying daily the special prayer for his canonization
- telling the story of Fr. Tolton to your parish members, children, and grandchildren
- attending events sponsored by the Tolton Ambassadors for the promotion of the cause

Learn more about Fr. Tolton at <https://tolton.archchicago.org/the-cause/tolton-ambassador>



Please Pray for Our Deceased Loved Ones:

Patrick Flaherty (1/22) uncle of Colleen Flaherty
 Sr. Lisa Rieman (1/22) former member of the parish
 Deacon Kevin Breen (1/22) AOD associate director
 Sr. Margaret Swallow (1/22) former member of the parish
 Paul Archambault (1/22) brother of Fr. Don Archambault
 Gerome Brown brother in law of Greg and Darice Spight



Please Pray for Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines • Ken Banka • Doris and Paul Billion • Marcelle Blackmon • Faye Chennault-Johnson • Jefferie Cook Sr
 • Karen Cook • Terrie Craighead-Henderson • Sheri Dargin • Cid Davis • Mary Davis • Kevin DeMatas • David
 Derouselle Sr • Renita Fletcher • Roy Ford • Bernadette and Tom Foster • Connie Gant • Gary Greening • Virginia
 Harkey • Clint Harris • Irma Horton • Lynn James • John Johnson • Roswitha Jordan • Fannie Larkins • Myrna Leonard
 • Marilyn Lewandowski • Nancy Loper • Lori Love • Felicia McPherson-Watts • Kathy Montgomery • Shirley Myles •
 Yve Nemeth • Sharon Ortman • Helen Parkman • Vernard Plain • Thelma Polley • Sally Rimbart • Joy Robinson •
 Elyse Ryder • Michael Sands • Pauline Simpson • Paula Springer • Donna Storie • Colletta Sykes • Brendia Thomas
 • Charlotte Turner • Harold Unsleber • Adele Waddell • Kathy Wilson • Dolores Wodarski

Please Pray for Our Homebound Members:

Etta Bagley • Jackie Bodenhorn • Evelyn Brantley • Beverly Brown-Johnson • Angeline Butler • Joe and Michelle
 Cagle • Clairmina Danjou • Vivian Dorsey • Ella Goldsmith • Sr. Rachelle Harper • Sr. Stephanie Holub • Ed and Mary
 Catherine Hustoles • Sharon Lewis • Bob Lindsay • Clemencia Massey • Beatrice Neail • Margaret Nielsen • Shirley
 Oldenburg • John Onwudinjo • Sue Padalino • Milford Raines • Hulda Reed • Isiah Searls • Joseph Shelton • Mary
 Pat Shelton • Bernice Slaughter • Irene Williford • Joyce Wilson • Audrey Zielinski

Please Pray for Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher • Jim Agnello • Duncan Alfes • Gloria Alexander • Cynthia Archer-Gift • Dana Porter Ashton • Jackie Baines-
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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 and Jon LaTour • John Maurer (Air Force) • Robbie Mayes (Marines) • Christopher
 Maniere (National Guard) • Lance Walker II (Army)

GOD HAS CREATED EACH OF US FOR A SPIRITUAL DESTINY

by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

The Lenten journey on which embark today only makes sense in the light of the goal that lies at the end of that road. The call to repentance which we hear in the season of Lent must be shaped by the clear conviction about why we are called to repent—called so that we can fulfill our destiny to be the Father's own adopted sons and daughters, to be by grace what Jesus is by nature. While it's accurate to say that we're made for Heaven, that might seem bland unless we testify to the marvel of what Heaven is: sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity forever.

The announcement that God offers us this happiness, which is so far beyond what we deserve, finds an echo in the hearts of our listeners. It may sound too good to be true, but the goodness of it has its own power to persuade, to persuade one to set out once more on the path of repentance. Our Lenten journey of prayer, penance, and almsgiving must be imbued by the clear truth that our sacrifices here on Earth are a means by which to store up treasures in Heaven—treasures that are incomparably greater than anything we could ever experience here on Earth. In the 13th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a "pearl of great price." When it is found, one sells "all he has" to purchase the field where it is contained. If we miss this context for all of the other truths we'll consider during Lent, we are like the older brother in the Prodigal Son; we tarry for a taskmaster rather than cooperate with a loving Father.

As you make your plans for Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, spend 10 minutes in quiet prayer today considering this truth of our relationship with God that St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved."

Archbishop Vigneron will share the 10 truths on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout Lent.



AOD Pastoral Care Regarding The Vatican's Note on Baptism

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" instead of the proper form of "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The Vatican ruled that the form "We baptize" does not convey the Sacrament of baptism.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 – 1999, potentially invalid baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help.

If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the website aod.org/sacramentsupdate for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 AT 8PM EST

A LIVESTREAM PANEL DISCUSSION



**Women's Health and Wellness
Friday, February 26, 8:00 pm via Zoom**

Featuring Dr. Lydia Rayes, local physician
Vickie Figueroa, Black Catholic Ministries
Nicole Joyce, Fertility Care Practitioner
email Figueroa.Vickie@aod.org for link

Why Do We Do That? – Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

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

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

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

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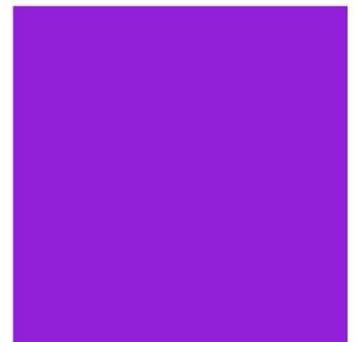
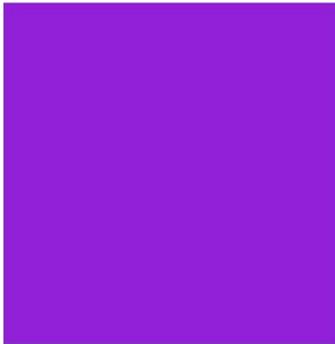
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Favorite Crosses of Corpus Christi Parishioners

Submitted after studying the video *The Paschal Mystery*

May the cross in your home be a visual reminder for you of this Lenten season.



Four of these crosses were made by Paul Billion (one at the time of his marriage to Doris 57 years ago); one made by Deacon Al Hogrebe. Another was designed and made by a favorite grandchild. One was purchased in Uganda; another in Nigeria. One is the much-loved processional cross from St. Alexander Church. One is a St. Francis at San Damiano cross received while on retreat; another a Jerusalem cross. All are beloved by the parishioners who submitted the photos.