

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 11, 2022

Advent 2022:

**Be patient!**

**Be ready!**

**Be amazed!**

### ***A Sacrament of Joy***

As we celebrate Gaudete (*Latin for "rejoice"*) Sunday on this Third Sunday in the Advent Season, we're just two weeks away from Christmas. Two weeks away from declaring with fresh fervor, "joy to the world, the Lord has come!" He truly has come, yes 2,000 years ago and He will come again into our hearts and lives in a new way this Christmas if we seek that most wonderful gift!

In Advent, we continue to align our minds and hearts to the love of God, not only so that we live better in general, but so that we're truly ready to receive the gift Jesus wants to give on Christmas, the gift of Himself. One of the great ways we can prepare for Christmas is to receive the Sacrament of Confession. Heading to the Sacrament of Confession in the Advent season is a great way to clear out the spiritual gunk from our minds and hearts that can accrue from sin. The Sacrament of Confession is like a power-washer of mercy for the soul, mind, and heart. After celebrating Mass, hearing confessions is my favorite aspect of serving as a priest. Can I tell you why?

In the Sacrament of Confession, there is one judgement that reigns supreme again and again: Jesus thinks you're worth dying for! He still thinks you are worth His blood and when we turn to Him in this beautiful sacrament, the effect of His love washing away sin through the **magnificently powerful prayer of absolution** is JOY. The joy of Jesus renewing you in His love in this beautiful sacrament is PALPABLE. I love being in the confessional, it is a place of grace full of JOY. There's never any judgment from the priest in confession, it's not about him, it's about you and Jesus and the priest is blessed to be present to serve Jesus in a mighty way. It's a sacrament of joy...and the manger of your heart will be in great shape for Jesus too, come Christmas!

At 7:00pm on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Corpus Christi will host a Holy Hour as part of the *I Am Here* Archdiocese of Detroit Advent Adoration series. Both during and after the Holy Hour, there will be several priests hearing confessions that night. On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am there will be a children's penance service (adults are free to go to confession after the children if they would like!) with several priests available for confession as well. Finally, the Sacrament of Confession is available every Saturday from 1:00pm-3:45pm in the reconciliation room in the Church and is also available by appointment. Also, the Sacrament of Confession is also available from 9:30am-4:30pm Monday through Saturday at the St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery at 1740 Mt. Elliott Street in Detroit. Thank you, Jesus, for your endless mercy and the fountain of grace that is this the Sacrament of Confession...a sacrament of joy.

God bless you always,

*Fr. Patrick*

### ***Holy Homework***

This week, pray the rosary daily asking Mary to help get you and your loved ones ready for a life changing encounter with Jesus at Christmas.

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**Parish Office Hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 1 pm**

**Saturday Mass** 4 pm

**Sunday Masses** 9 am and 11am

**Daily / Holy Day Masses** See weekly parish schedule

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 1-3:45 pm;** during Penance services; by appointment (call the Parish Office)

**Sick Calls/Prayer Requests:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule or visit or add someone to parish prayer list

**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date.

### Communion or Bulletins for the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to have Communion brought to you or have a bulletin mailed to you.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin articles and any additional information to :

(cc.bulletin@corpuschristi-detroit.org)

by **12:00 noon on Wednesday** for consideration in the Sunday bulletin.

## The Week Ahead



### Monday, December 12

8:30 am **MASS**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm NWDYC (virtual)

### Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am **MASS**

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm VON and SFE Ministry  
(Rainbow Room and Neighborhood)

### Wednesday, December 14

8:30 am No Mass or Communion Service

### Thursday, December 15

9:00 am **MASS**

9:15 am - 12:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Holy Hour for Priest Vocations**

### Friday, December 16

8:30 am **MASS**

11:30 am - 1:30 pm Senior Adult Luncheon  
(Nikolas Restaurant)

### Saturday, December 17

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Image of God Crisis Pregnancy  
Center - Activities Center

10:00 am - First Reconciliation Class - (Room 4)

1:00 pm - 3:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confessions - Church

4:00 pm **MASS**

### Sunday, December 18

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Coffee and Donuts after each Sunday Mass in the  
Rainbow Room**

9:00 am **MASS**

9:00 am CGS Level 2

9:30 am OCIA - (Rector)

10:30 am Women's Society (Rainbow Room)

11:00 am CGS Level 1

11:00 am **MASS**

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:30 pm **Candy Maker's Christmas Movie**  
(Activities Center)

12:30pm Church Decorating - Church

### Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget 2022 - 2023 \$ 8,115.00

Sunday Offerings 12/4/2022 \$ 6,791.00

Over/**Under** for the Budget Year \$ **27,205.14**

**Many thanks for your ongoing donations!**

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## December 12– December 18

<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am +	Deacon Eugene A. Tombler
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	For the protection of the pre-born and the Image of God Pregnancy Center
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Mass or Communion Service	
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am +	Father James Wysocki
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am +	Deceased Corpus Christi Members, Family, and Friends
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Intentions of our Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am +	Mark Subelsky (req by Lori Subelsky)
	11:00 am +	Veronica Butler (req. by Sheila Butler-Robinson)

### Please Pray for Our Deceased Loved Ones

- + Jacqueline Bodenhorn (11/21/22) former parishioner
- + Perry Cook (12/4/2022) father of Valerie McDonald
- + Mary Fladger Friend of Pat Tillery



### Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers

#### Members of our Parish Family...

Rhona Archer, Anthony Baines, Doris Billion, Jane Breslin, Mary Davis, Barbara L Gay, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Yvonne Nemeth, Elaine O'Neill, Varnard Plain, Mary Power, Shirley Sands, Vivian Spence, Charlotte Turner, Sara Nell Wallace, Joyce Wilson, Juan Windham, Evelyn Worsham

#### Friends and Family of Parishioners...

Sheila Adams, Caine Virgil Archer, James E Bowie, Michael Busby Sr, Richard Butler, Sue Deeds, Maria Elena Diaz, Chris Downing, Elizabeth Downing, Derricka Drake, Mark Duda, Anne Gorney, Marlene Grant, Agnes Holt, Margaret Horton, Robert Jarey, Christopher Johnson, Gabe Kimball, Janie King, Paul Kruszewski, Pat LaRoy, Alex Miles, Michael Mueller, Molley Myers, Charlotte O'Neill, Donna O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill, Tyler O'Neill, Bernard Regnier, Bill Robinson, Jessica Rupp, John Schaule, Tyrone Smith, William Standfield, Caine Virgin, Beverly Walker, Wayne Wax

#### Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...

Jacqueline Bondenhorn, Beverly Brown-Johnson, Joan Burch, Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle, Anna Dargin, Reginald Dargin, Bernadette Foster, Tom Foster, Sr. Stephanie Holub, Mary Catherine Hustoles, Lucy Lee, Sharon Lewis, Anthony McNeal, Beatrice Neail, Shirley Oldenburg, John Onwudinjo, Sharon Ortman, Sue Padalino, Hulda Reed, Zondra Rhim, Juanita Robinson, Isiah Searls, Mary Pat Shelton, Irene Williford, Joyce Wilson, Dolores Wodarski, Audrey Zielinski

## It Is All About You, Lord (IIAAYL)

by Dcn Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

### Repent! Change!

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So, how goes your life trying to live out last Sunday's challenges from St. John the Baptist???

One of the suggestions we had was to make use of three kinds of options for getting closer to the Lord: **Prayer! Study! Action!** Here are some additional suggestions from various sources on those three options.

#### Prayer:

Now there is yet another option for praying! Corpus Christi now has a cross in the prayer area on the south side of our front lawn. There are some benches there so we can sit and have that conversation time with the Lord.

See Psalm 139 for a very intimate prayer talking directly to the Lord ... over and over again!

How about going on a retreat at places like the Jesuit retreat place, Manresa (Quarton/Big Beaver and Woodward) or at the Passionist retreat place, St. Paul of the Cross (south side of Schoolcraft between Lahser and Telegraph.)

"I AM HERE" Read and watch stories of people like you who have been changed by the power of the Eucharist. Each story is just a few minutes long. <https://www.iamhere.org>

#### Study:

AOD website; <https://www.aod.org/>. There you can click on buttons for such things as Unleash the Gospel and I AM HERE.

#### Action:

Advent Giving Tree! Located in the "Gathering Space" as you enter church, it is near the statues of Mary and Joseph. There are envelopes in which you can place gift cards.

Tuesday evenings: Store Front Evangelization; meet from 6:00 to 6:30 pm in the Rainbow Room to pray and get organized; evangelize in one two grocery store lobbies from 6:30 to 8:00pm; meet back in the Rainbow Room to recap and return the materials.

**Blessings on your efforts to come closer to the Lord this Advent season!**





## Readings for the Week of December 11, 2022

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



## Special Notice from the Candy Man

Delicious Koeze Nuts is returning and sales will begin November 19, and continue through Sunday, December 11, 2022. Reminder: the money we raise will benefit our church. For your convenience Koeze Catalogs and order forms will be available at the back of church. You may place your order & check or money with Ken Troupe after 4 pm & 9 am Mass and with Art Glinz after 11 am Mass.

As a promotion we have a limited supply of Koeze products at a discounted price and will sell until supply runs out. We will be selling 14 oz. cans of Koeze Cashew, Koeze Mixed Nuts with Macadamia & Koeze Classic Mixed Nuts for \$22.00 each can & Jars of creamy & crunchy Peanut butter for \$6.00 Each Jar. When supply is gone it's gone!!

## Special "Candy Cane Movie"

All children are invited to the movie  
**"The Candy Maker's Christmas,"**  
**NEXT Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**(after the 11:00 Mass)**  
**12:30-1:15 p.m.**  
**in the Activities Center**

Ice Cream and candy canes will be served by the Confirmation Class.

Parents, please schedule this Christmas event for your children!



## Young People's Christmas Eve Mass

All children and teens are invited to celebrate Christmas by participating in a Christmas nativity program during the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. They may participate by being in the drama, narrating the text, singing in the choir and reading the Scriptures at Mass. If you would like your child/children to participate, please contact:

**Mrs. Holly Nielsen**

[hollydnielsen@gmail.com](mailto:hollydnielsen@gmail.com)

**248-719-6575**

We plan to have a practice on **Thursday, December 22, 5:00 p.m. in Church**. On Saturday, we ask that the students arrive at 2:30 p.m. When responding by December 15<sup>th</sup> to Holly, indicate your child's name, age, grade and how they would like to participate.

## At Rest in Christ - A Celebration of Life

**+ Perry McClaren Cook**

**Visitation: Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**O.H. Pye, III Funeral Home**

(17600 Plymouth Rd, Detroit, MI 48227)

**Service: Monday, December 12, 2022**

**1:00 pm**

**Triumph Church - East Campus**

(2760 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48211)

# Senior Adult Fellowship

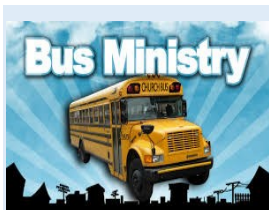
## Senior Adult Luncheon

**THIS Friday, December 16, 2022** the Seniors are going to Nikolas Restaurant on Telegraph Rd. in Southfield. The church bus will be available for those who would like the ride. For further information contact **Cheryl Hill at 313-534-4707**. Space is very limited. The bus will leave the church at 11:00a.m. Reservations are for 11:30a.m.-1:30 pm.



## Our Lady of Guadalupe

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars. Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.



**Looking for drivers for our bus to pick up parishioners.**

**Please call the Parish Office (313-537-5770) for more details**

## Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### The Season That Gives Back

*I don't have anything left to give.*

*You can't pour from an empty cup.*

*All I do is give. Who is giving to me?*

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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APRIL 14-16 - GRASS LAKE





## Strengthening Faith

### Question:

Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

### Answer:

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand. So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

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