



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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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.

September 10, 2023



If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Eucharistic Adoration at Corpus Christi

Tuesday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

(Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations
from 9:15am-10:15am)

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm

The Teaching of Jesus on Fraternal Correction

In this weekend's gospel (Mt 18:15-20), we read of the teaching of Jesus on fraternal correction. This is quite remarkable stuff, the mind of Jesus on how we should deal with someone who has wronged us. We know that, for our own spiritual wellbeing we are to forgive. Jesus makes that abundantly clear in His teachings, that unforgiveness is not an option, even when reconciliation with the party who has wronged us isn't possible. This particular teaching of Jesus hones in on the question, *how should we respond to a brother or sister who sins against us?*

First, Jesus teaches us to go the person one on one. (Mt 18:15) Simply go and talk with the person and share what you think they have done to wrong you. But what's very important to remember prior to doing this is what our motive is. Jesus makes it clear, the context for this healthy one on one is that the person is *your brother or sister*...not just biologically, but indeed spiritually. While it's always good to be able to talk one on one with someone who has wronged you and give them the opportunity to correct it, there is a special impetus in the family of God to work things out. Why? Because it's the family of God, not the family of the world or the family of the devil.

We know the worldly ways of dealing with someone who has wronged us: *gossip, bitterness, division, revenge and on and on*. The devil operates in all those ways too, but with an even more malicious intent: steal, kill and destroy. (Jn 10:10) So, if possible, when you are sinned against, simply go and talk with the person and

explain what you think has been done to them by you. Yet it's key to remember two things: that there's two sides/perspectives to what has happened and that we must move in love.

When our motive is love, we truly want what is good for the person who has wronged us. We communicate best when we do so in love as well. Justice will involve the person who has sinned (if this is indeed the case) being able to own what they've done and make it right. Redemption will involve the person who was sinned against being able to offer some salutary peace to the person upon true justice being accomplished.

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Happy Grandparents Day!

There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren.

— POPE FRANCIS —



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Attention: All Catechists:

You are invited to Sunday Brunch

after the 11:00 Mass on September 17

in the Rectory Basement.

RSVP: Sr. Therese

**The Week Ahead****Monday, September 11**8:30 am **MASS****Tuesday, September 12**8:30 am **MASS**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Emergency Food Pantry (Rainbow Room Annex)

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

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

Wednesday, September 13**NO MASS or Communion Service****Thursday, September 14**8:30 am **MASS**9:15 am - 12:15 pm **Eucharistic Adoration**9:15 am - 10:15 am **Holy Hour for Priest Vocations**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Emergency Food Pantry (Rainbow Room Annex)

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Stewardship Meeting (Rectory)

Friday, September 15

8:00 am - 4:30 pm New St Paul Staff Training

(Rainbow Room)

8:30 am **Communion Service**

10:30 am - 3:00 pm Seniors Meet for Outing

(Rainbow Room and Van reserved)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Private Prayer (St. Eugene Chapel)

Saturday, September 16

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

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

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Recovery (Rectory Basement)

4:00 pm - MASS**Sunday, September 17****24th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Catechetical Sunday****Coffee and Donuts after both Masses****9:00 am MASS**

9:00 am CGS Level 2 (Atrium)

9:30 am - 10:30 am Considering Catholicism?
(Activities Center Room C)**11:00 am MASS**

11:00 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Catechists Meeting (Activities Center Rooms A,B)

12:45 pm - 1:30 pm Social Justice Committee (RR)



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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



September 10 – September 17, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
Monday	8:30 am	+ Agnes Lipa Patauave Maa Tuaniu
Tuesday	8:30 am	For all the Sick and Homebound and their Caregivers
Wednesday	No Mass or Communion Service	
Thursday	8:30 am	Increased vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
Friday	8:30 am	For the legal Protection of the Unborn and the Corpus Christi Crisis Pregnancy Center
Saturday	4:00 pm	+ Margaret Watson
Sunday	9:00 am	+ All Deceased Members of Corpus Christi
	11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners



The Eucharist: In the Warmth of His Presence Generations of Faith 2023/24

How did we decide on this topic? It was at the suggestion of the Bishops who are calling on each parish across the country to “renew, refresh, and deepen our understanding, love and devotion to the Eucharist.” Their hope is that everyone will “rekindle a relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist.” They add, “We all need continual formation in the Sacrament of Love, the Holy Eucharist, so that we can be more effective servants of our Lord.” So, your Generations of Faith Design Team took up the challenge thus our topic for this year.

Session One: **Water, Word, and Worship**

Adults and teens (grs. 7-12) will begin this session where our sacramental life began, in the **WATERS of Baptism...with the light of Christ (candle)...at the Baptismal Font in Church.

Our journey continues to the St. Eugene Chapel where we reflect on God's **WORD** from scripture.

Then we gather at the main altar of **WORSHIP** to reflect on the Liturgy of the Eucharist where bread is blessed, broken and shared.

Our guide on this journey is Fr. Patrick!



**Students in grs. 4-6 will explore the Mass using the book *Encounter with Christ* over the 5 Generations' sessions.

**Students in grs. 1-3 will use the book, *The Joy of the Mass*, over the 5 sessions.

Register the whole family after all the Masses in the back of church or online through the parish website: clickoncatholic.org. Click the **red** *Generations of Faith* button; then the **red** *Sign Up to Attend Session One* button to get to the *Sign-Up Genius*.

Follow the directions to sign up!

BE SURE to register for lunch if you intend to stay!!

Schedule: 12:30 – 1:40 pm In person or video presentations, discussion, and reflection in age groups

Adults: in Church

Teens with Marilyn Webb in Church

Grades 4-6 students: Room 3

Grades 1-3 students in the Atrium, Room 4

1:50 – 3:00 Lunch in the gym (or you may choose to go home)

Children eat free

Adults – freewill donation

Sunday, September 24, 12:30 – 3pm



NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH FOR MASS ON SUNDAY?

**Call the Parish Office
313-537-5770
by noon on Thursday
to request a ride!**

Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers Members of our Parish Family...

Shermia Anding, Michelle Baines, Paul Billion, Jane Breslin, Michael Busby, Jr., Lucius Davis, Mary Davis, Roy Ford, Connie Gant, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Yve Nemeth, Elaine O'Neill, Sean Ross, Shirley Sands, Lois Shepherd

Friends and Family of Parishioners...

Sheila Adams, Evelyn Akins, Kelly Davis, Sue Deeds, Samuel Fooks, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Robert Jarey, Pat LaRoy, Harold McRae, Jill Stachkunis, Marilyn Waddell, Sara Nell Wallace

Please Remember the Homebound in your Prayers...

Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle, Beatrice Hunter, Beverley Brown-Johnson, Lucy Lee, Sandi Neely, Thelma Polley, Mary Thompson, Beverly Walker, Joyce Wilson



Readings for the Week of September 10, 2023

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Grandparents' Day

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Patriot Day

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7
Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Catechetical Sunday

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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It Is All About You, Lord (IIAAYL)

by Dcn Paul Mueller, Pastoral Associate

Some History Tidbits!

Hope you had a happy Labor Day weekend! Labor Day was made a National Holiday in 1894 ... 129 years ago... "to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States." Thank you for all **YOUR** work over the years!

Happy Grandparents Day, today, Sept. 10th! It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. President Jimmy Carter made it a national "observance" not a "holiday" in 1978. Blessings for all you grandparents here at Corpus Christi! Last Sunday [not so long ago in history!] Fr. Patrick made a great point by speaking about anakainosis (a-nah-kai-no-sis) which is a Greek word for **"renewal or change of heart and life."** We use it to describe changing our lives to make us closer to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The suggested four steps in that effort are:

1. Give your heart to Jesus Christ
2. Have conversations with Jesus
3. Read Sacred Scriptures daily
4. Adore Him

Yes, Jesus walked here on earth about 2000 years ago in history, but, amazingly is here and now ... most notably, in the forms of bread and wine, the Eucharist. Can we find more ways to bring him closer into our lives, our **daily** lives?

Have you ever read the Bible? Historically speaking, that is a really old, old book! Have you managed to read the whole Bible? Several Corpus Christi members have done that as part of a program called: Catholic Bible School – Michigan. It is offered in several locations in Michigan and several of those are in our suburban areas. There are live and remote options. Check it out online at: **cbsmich.org**. Contact me if you care for a strong, personal "endorsement"!



The 50 & Up Senior Group will be going out to eat at the **Ford Garage Restaurant** **THIS Friday, September 15, 2023.**

Limited bus transportation will be available from the church at 11:00 am. We anticipate returning around 2:00 pm. For further info, **please contact Cheryl Hill at 313-534-4707.**

MASS	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee & Donuts	Sun Bus Driver	Video
September 16 Saturday 4:00pm	Colleen F	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Alexis A	Greeter 1			Cathy L
		Ciborium –Lori S.	Server Needed Server Needed	Michael J	Greeter 2			
September 17 Sunday 9:00am	Needed	Cup – Needed	Server Needed	Kenneth T	Greeter 1	Pick-up - Needed		Marilyn W
		Ciborium –Hayden A	Server Needed Server Needed	Joseph N Jim Y	Greeter 2	Server 1 -Needed Server 2 -Needed		
September 17 Sunday 11:00am	Valerie M	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Joseph N	Greeter 1	Server 1 -Needed	Needed	John S
		Ciborium – Tracy J.	Server Needed	Emmanuel P	Greeter 2	Server 2 -Needed		
		Ciborium - Needed	Server Needed	Greg S				
		Ciborium– Needed						

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once

resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching.

I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95

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The Teaching of Jesus on Fraternal Correction)

Sin is a destructive and divisive force, and how we deal with it is important. Things can go from bad to worse quickly if we don't deal with sin carefully in the love of Christ. With sin in our own lives, we repent and are wise to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation, especially when serious sin is involved. When others have sinned against us, Jesus teaches us to first go to the person and talk to with them. Go as a brother or sister, go with an open mind (remembering there are two perspectives) and go with love as your motive and that you truly want what's good for your brother or sister.

When that doesn't work, Jesus teaches us to involve others who can be trusted to assist in charity in this difficult dynamic. If that doesn't work, Jesus teaches us to draw help from the Church, ideally a clergy/elder/leader you can trust to move in charity and fairness in the situation. If that doesn't work...there is going to be effectively a breakdown of the familial bond to some degree, as Jesus indicates, "treat them as you would a gentile or tax collector." It doesn't mean you're cruel to them, God doesn't teach us that, but there is indeed a different relationship dynamic then. When you've done what you can to rightly follow the teaching of Jesus in these difficult situations and it just doesn't seem to work, be at peace. It's an act of love to still pray for the person but also not an act of cruelty to experience desires for distance from them and to not have a bond with them when a healthy bond can't be established. It's true, we are called to love everyone, but it's also true we don't have to like everyone. And sometimes, on this side of eternity, the best way to love someone who has wronged us is from a distance...while still praying for them with the understanding that their salvation is as important to Jesus as ours.

God bless you!

Fr. Patrick



**Corpus Christi
Image of God
Crisis Pregnancy Center**
Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Holy Homework

Try to keep the themes of wisdom and mercy in your prayer this week! Jesus, give me wisdom please, Jesus teach me to be merciful. It's in His wisdom and mercy (tremendous graces) that we're able to live with and like Jesus in all circumstances.



Encountering Jesus at the Wellspring of Life

Join the Women of Corpus Christi Church

For a Women's Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:30 am - 2:00 pm

19800 Pembroke Avenue (Rainbow Room)

Detroit, MI 48219

Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Raffle Drawing

(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

Free Will Love Offering

Checks made payable to Corpus Christi (Women's Day of Reflection)

Limited Space - Must Register on Signup Genius By October 7, 2023

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC4FAAAf29AAfAC25-womens>

Or use the QR Code shown below



Paper Registration - Contact Valerie Berry (313) 408-9565



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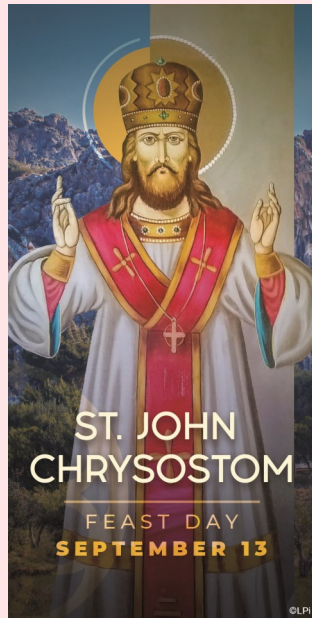
Saint John Chrysostom

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568. ©LPi



Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question: After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you. ©LPi

Patriot Day

Heavenly Father, Creator of All,
You have created the human person as good.
You have placed us in the world as one human family,
as sisters and brothers.
We pray today for all victims
of violence across the world,
for the healing of their mind and body,
for their mourning family members,
for the repose of their souls.
Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies,
and to pray for those who persecute us.
Give us the strength and courage to forgive.
Remove all lingering desire for revenge.
Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God.
Give us the gift of Your peace
that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Call the Parish Office
(313-537-5770)
to volunteer !!!

How can my gifts, skills and talents be a blessing to Corpus Christi?