



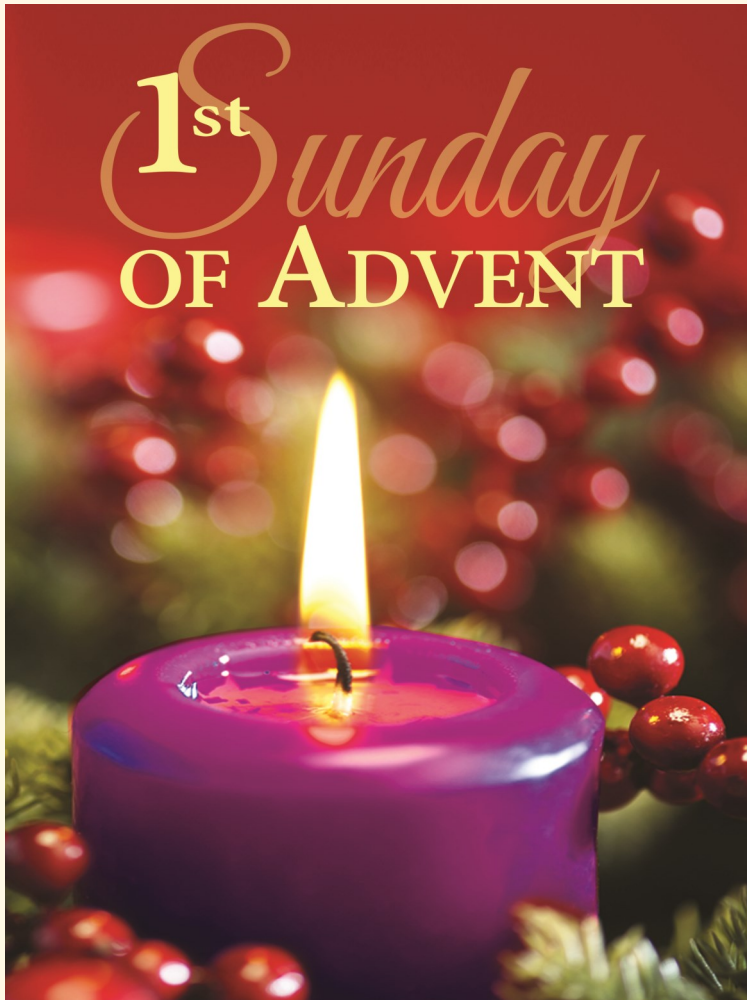
Corpus Christi Parish

"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 3, 2023



Prepare Your Heart: Jesus, the Gift, Is on the Way

Advent 2023 at Corpus Christi

Jesus is intimately in union with the Church, his body & bride, and guides the Church under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. (Mt 16:18) Through the Church, Jesus has given us a rhythm of seasons in our prayer life that we believe flows from a divine pedagogy. Like Mary, "who treasured all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:19), the liturgical cycle which the liturgical calendar gives us helps us to continue to mediate on the mysteries of our faith in Jesus in a way that helps us to continue to grow in our union with God. Now, we come to Advent 2023 at Corpus Christi.

Advent is a joyful penitential season of anticipation. The Church describes it this way in The Catechism of the Catholic Church "when the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming" (CCC, 524) The English word

advent comes to us from a combination of two Latin words *ad* and *venire*, we see that ***ad*** means ***to or towards*** and that ***venire*** means ***to come, to arrive or the coming***.

In the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ at Christmas, and yet by preparing to celebrate his birth, we are invited by Jesus to enter into an ardent desire that our lives would be more wholly rooted in Jesus and shining his presence ever brighter. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, three beautiful biblical renewal of the mind faith practices (at the heart of penance is the idea of having a change of mind) we lean into the grace of ardent desire for the Lord that leads to greater union with the Lord who continues to desire us.

This year's Advent theme at Corpus Christi is: ***Prepare Your Heart: Jesus, the Gift, Is on the Way***. Through a whole-hearted engagement with Jesus on the advent journey, the grace of new awe and wonder in our lives will arise as the Lord prepares us for renewal and new life in Him as we celebrate the mystery of Christmas.

God bless you!
Fr. Patrick

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Saturday Mass 4 pm Sunday Masses 9 am and 11 am

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.



**Corpus Christi
Image of God**

**Crisis Pregnancy Center
Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send bulletin articles and any additional information to :

(cc.bulletin@corpuschristi-detroit.org)
by **12:00 pm on Tuesday** for consideration
in the Sunday bulletin.

The Week Ahead**Monday, December 4**

8:30 am MASS

7:00 pm Bible Study (Rainbow Room)

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am MASS

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

10:00 am - Team Meeting (Virtual)

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm - Evangelization Committee Meeting (Rainbow Room)

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 am No Mass or Communion Service

2:00 pm Meeting (Rectory Living Room)

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am MASS

9:15 am - 12:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration

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

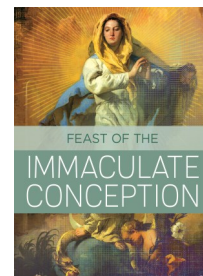
6:00 pm - Evangelical Charity Commission Meeting
(Rectory)

Friday, December 8**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

8:30 am MASS

10:00 am - Staff Christmas Gathering
(Rainbow Room)

7:00 pm - MASS

**Saturday, December 9**

9:00 am - Parish Christmas Party Set up (Gym)

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

10:00 am - 11:30 am First Reconciliation Class (Atrium,
Rooms 3, 4 Activities Center)

**10:30 am - Advent Penance Services and First
Reconciliation (Church)**

1:00 pm - 3:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confessions - Church

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

4:00 pm - MASS

5:30 pm - Parish Christmas Party (Gym)

Sunday, December 10**Second Sunday of Advent**

Coffee and Donuts after both Masses

9:00 am MASS

9:00 am CGS Level 2 (Atrium)

9:30 am OCIA (Rectory Living Room)

11:00 am MASS - Baptism

11:00 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Rectory
Basement)

12:15 pm Confirmation Class (Activities Center)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



December 3 – December 10, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Lynn Ray by Nicole Orzech
	11:00 am	+ Susan Stuchly Wilson (req by Pat and Paul Mueller)
Monday	8:30 am	Peace in our City, Country, and our World
Tuesday	8:30 am	Chris Loper
Wednesday	No Mass or Communion Service	
Thursday	8:30 am	For Frs. Patrick and Jim that the Holy Spirit fills them with joy during their transitions
Friday	8:30 am 7:00 pm	For the legal Protection of the Unborn and the Corpus Christi Crisis Pregnancy Center
Saturday	4:00 pm	Intentions of our Parishioners
Sunday	9:00 am	+ Deacon Donald P. Quigley
	11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

(Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)

Eucharistic Adoration at Corpus Christi

Tuesday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday: 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 3:15 pm



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

Shermia Anding, Jane Breslin, Michael Busby, Jr., Lucius Davis, Roy Ford, Connie Gant, Dionne Garner, Camille Graves-Douglas, Michael Lanton, Nancy Loper, Yve Nemeth, Elaine O'Neill, Varnard Plain, Sean Ross, Michael Sands, Shirley Sands, Lois Shepherd

Friends and Family of Parishioners...

Sheila Adams, Evelyn Akins, Kelly Davis, Samuel Fooks, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Seretha Howard, Robert Jarey, Pat LaRoy, Harold McRae, Sandi Neely, 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, Thelma Polley, Mary Thompson, Beverly Walker, Joyce Wilson

The Eucharist: In the Warmth of His Presence

Generations of Faith 2023/24

Pope Frances: "For in the warmth of His presence, our lives change." (June 19, 2022)

Save the date: Next session January 21, 2024



At November's Generations of Faith Session, 60 adults and 19 young people in grades 1-12 grew in "wisdom and grace" as they learned more about the Eucharist, especially Jesus as the Bread of Life. The adults focused on the Real Presence of Jesus in the bread and wine (Body and Blood,

Soul and Divinity) by reflecting on the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John 6:48 – 59 and the words of Bishop Robert Barron who explained the Church's teaching via two videos. The children in grades 1-3 learned a song about the Eucharist which they sang for the whole group!



If you missed the November Session...

If you attended and would like to review the videos...

If you are looking for some spiritual input during Advent...

Check out the parish website clickoncatholic.com; click on the **Generations of Faith** button on the Welcome Page. There you will have access to **the **handout** which includes the scripture verses from John's Gospel and some reflection questions. **Bishop Barron's **video The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist** (about 11 minutes) **Bishop Barron's **video The Mystery of Eating Jesus' Flesh Part 1** which includes the origin of the Feast of Corpus Christi (about 6 minutes)

Blessings on your **Advent** reflections as you

Holy Homework

Take a half hour this week to sit down with Jesus and put together an Advent plan (i.e. more scripture, ½ hour of prayer each day, go to confession, less media intake, etc.) that will help you to prayerfully set out with Jesus on the journey of advent.



Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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Children's Christmas Eve Mass December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Any parent who would like their child/children to participate in the children's drama during the Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Mrs. Holly Nielsen, hollydnielsen@gmail.com or Sr. Therese, Therese.mackinnon@corpuschristi-detroit.org

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.



Are you a Witness?

Christianity is about something that happened, people witnessed it and shared the story of what they saw and heard. Our faith has been passed down to us by individuals like you and I. They were normal everyday people with families, jobs, friends; doing the best they could; their lives were routine until they had their first encounter with Jesus. Someone witnesses to them about Jesus- that He loves us, about heaven, about hell, about forgiveness, about mercy and hope! Who was that first person to tell you?

Remember when you found out that Jesus loves you all the time, no matter what? We all heard our first story about Jesus because someone shared their belief with you, they passed on to us what they knew about Jesus. For some of us our lives were changed at that moment, for others a seed was planted that God then let flourish as we allowed in our heart.

As we enter Advent, Mary was the first witness to the coming of our Savior, Jesus. She went with *haste* to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Can you imagine the joy Mary felt? "I am going to be the mother of our Savior." What a smile she must have had on her face, beaming from ear to ear. She did not wait to share what she was being a witness to.

Jesus was born on Christmas day. Who were the witnesses and what did they do? They went about telling each other all about what they saw and heard. Not in fear but in joy and hope. We are to imitate them and share the good news of Jesus easily and often!

This Advent, God is inviting us into a life-giving encounter with the youth in our community who do not know Jesus. To Evangelize is to be a witness. Share your experience as you worship God here at Corpus Christi- in prayer, in song or at mass. Keep it simple, share your joy.

Let the youth and everyone know that they are loved by Jesus. God's love and mercy is more powerful than anything on earth. We witness this here every week, God working his healing love and mercy to those in need! Be a witness and your life will be blessed with joy.

Peace, Doug



The "One in the Spirit" Family of Parishes will sponsor our first Evangelization activity as a family on the first Sunday of Advent, **TODAY, Sunday, December 3, 2023.**

Please join us for the "One in the Spirit" Nativity Lighting and Caroling event. The event will take place at St. Scholastica Parish, **at 5:00 pm.** The day will include a short program, blessing & lighting of the Nativity, Caroling, prayer, Raffle. The S'mores & Hot Chocolate/Hot Cider Station run by Corpus Christi.



FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION



**This Friday, December 8th
is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**It is a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses on this Feast will be at
8:30 am and 7:00 pm
Please join us!**

(Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "When we lose you" she kept saying, instead of "When you die."

It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

"You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us."

I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.

You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mark 13:36

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A CC member learned during conversations with several devoted parish members that they are already spending Deacon Paul's suggested 15 minutes (1% plus time) in prayer. In fact, they also add scripture reflection time to their 1% plus. This is encouraging news because this Advent Season's theme is "**Prepare Your Heart: Jesus, the Gift, is on the Way!**" What better way to prepare your heart for the gift of Jesus than by intentional prayer time and scripture reflection.





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SIGN UP for the Corpus Christi Parish Family **Christmas Party**

SIGN UP STARTS NOW !!!!
Corpus Christi Parish Family
Christmas Party

THIS COMING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

The party will be held in the School Gym.

The parish will provide the main dishes from Corsi's of roast chicken and pasta marinara and beverages including water, coffee, tea and cider. **WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU TO POT LUCK SIDE DISHES AND DESSEERTS.** There will be a Christmas sing-along, activities for the children and a special visit from Santa. We will also raffle off several very nice gift baskets. We hope to see you there!!

Sign up sheets are at the back of Church on November 25 & 26 and December 2 & 3. Many hands make light work. If you would like to help with set up on Friday, December 8 at 5 pm, last minute set up on Saturday, December 9 at 2:30pm, help serve or help clean up please email Mary Davis at Mary.Davis@corpuschristi-detroit.org or call 313-506-7049 or the Parish Office at 313-537-5770.



WHITE ELEPHANT SMALL GIFT ITEMS NEEDED

The Hospitality Committee is looking for nice, small items you'd like to re-gift for use as items for baskets to be raffled at this year's Corpus Christi Family Christmas Party. Please drop off your items at the Parish House by noon Monday, December 4. Thank you!

**The Gospel Weeklies,
Faith Formation Booklets, for this quarter
are available in the back of church.
Please pick up one for your child.**

It's that time of year again!

**Make your list, check it twice,
and do your shopping at the**

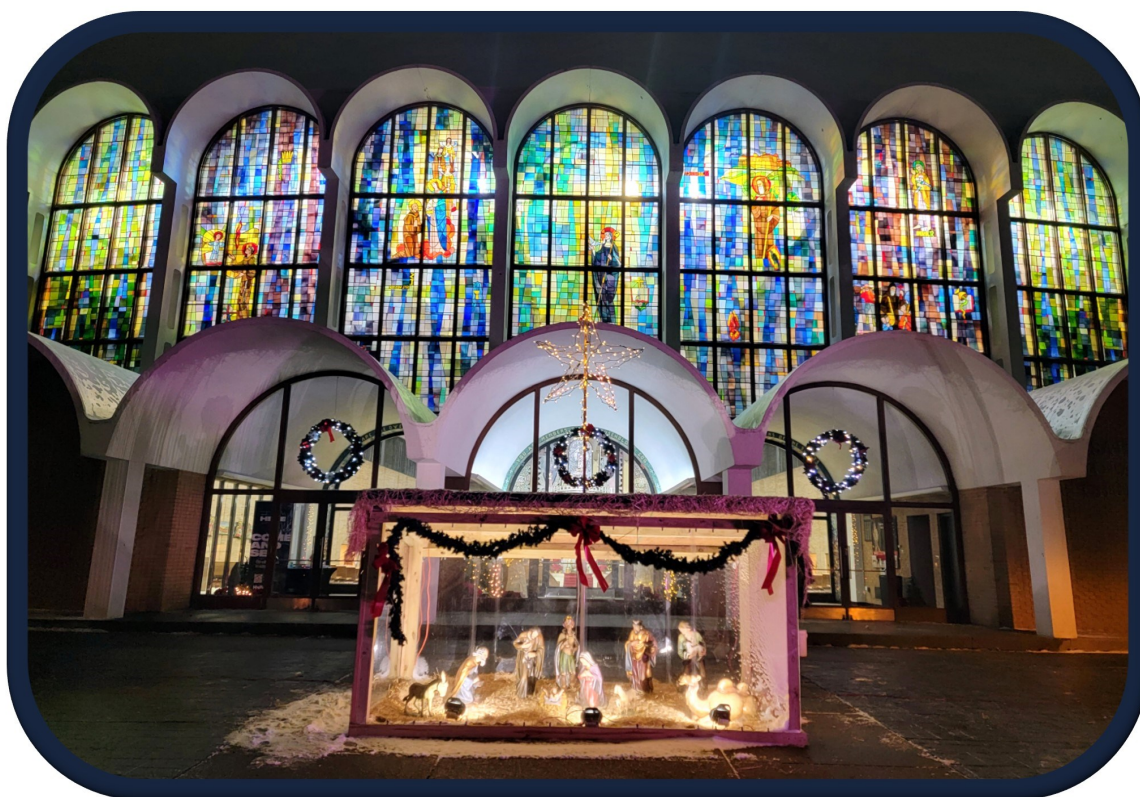
Women's Society Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

Sunday, December 3rd 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**in the Corpus Christi school building
Rainbow Room**

vendors offering unique gifts for all ages, a bake sale of delicious sweets and treats, and a chance to win some cash from our raffle to help with your shopping list!

MASS	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Servers	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee & Donuts	Sun Bus Driver	Video
December 9 Saturday 4:00pm	Colleen F.	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Alexis A	Greeter 1			Cathy L
		Ciborium -Dionne G.	Server Needed Server Needed	Michael J	Greeter 2			
December 10 Sunday 9:00am	Brenda M.	Cup - Needed	Server Needed	Kenneth T	Greeter 1	Pick-up - Needed		Marilyn W
		Ciborium -Needed	Server Needed Server Needed	Joseph N Jim Y	Greeter 2	Servers - Needed		
December 10 Sunday 11:00am	Valerie M.	Cup - Ilene J-R	Server Needed	Joseph N	Greeter 1	Server 1 - Needed	Jeff S.	John S
		Ciborium - Lori S.	Server Needed	Emmanuel P	Greeter 2	Server 2 - Needed		
		Ciborium - Needed Ciborium- Needed	Server Needed	Greg S				



3rd Annual Nativity Lighting /Caroling Event

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 5:00 pm
at St. Scholastica Church

Church Address: 8201 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48219

All are welcome!!!

Caroling
Short Program
Door Prizes

Gift Bags
Refreshments
Prayer Teams

Join your neighbors in celebrating the Reason for the Season!!!



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Corpus Christi, Presentation Our Lady of Victory-Detroit, St. Juan Diego, St. Mary's of
Redford, Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. Scholastica Parishes

PARISH TREASURE HUNT



Can you find me?

Clue: Splish, Splash! In the Bible there are stories about water, like Noah and the flood! I am the biggest pool of water in the church — can you find me?

Fact: Baptism is the very first sacrament in the life of faith, so the baptismal font is often found as one enters a church, a subtle clue about its purpose.