



# 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 04, 2024



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus often went off to a quiet place to pray.

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you.' He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.' So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee." (NAB Mk 1:35-39)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following about prayer:

## "Prayer as God's gift"

**2559** "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.' But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or 'out of the depths' of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that 'we do not know how to pray as we ought,' are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. 'Man is a beggar before God.'"

**2560** "If you knew the gift of God!' The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him."

## "Prayer as communion"

**2565** "In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. The grace of the Kingdom is 'the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity . . . with the whole human spirit.' Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him. This communion of life is always possible because, through Baptism, we have already been united with Christ. Prayer is Christian insofar as it is communion with Christ and extends throughout the Church, which is his Body. Its dimensions are those of Christ's love."

In the Gospels, Jesus modeled the importance of prayer. He often went off to a quiet place to be alone with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As His disciples, we are called to imitate His way of life. We are invited into a daily encounter with the Father and the Holy Spirit in and through Jesus. As Catholics, we have been given the incredible gift of the Eucharist. We have the privilege of celebrating Mass daily and quietly sitting with Jesus in adoration wherever the tabernacle is present. Jesus is truly with us in the flesh inviting us into an intimate union and communion with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

As we approach Ash Wednesday, I encourage you to consider making the commitment to spend more time in Mass or adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider participating in the **I AM HERE** Lent challenge ([www.iamhere.org/lent](http://www.iamhere.org/lent)). Jesus is inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for one another as we prepare to enter into this holy season. Be assured of my prayers for each of you. Please keep me, and all priests, seminarians, and religious in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

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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 arrange-  
ments 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.**Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted***(Psalm 147:1 - 2, 3 - 4, 5 - 6)***Eucharistic Adoration  
at Corpus Christi****Tuesday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Thursday: 9:15 am - 10:15 am****The Week Ahead****Sunday, February 04, 2024****5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Coffee and Donuts after both Masses

9:00 am CGS Level 2 (Atrium)

**9:00 am MASS**

9:30 am OCIA (Rectory Living Room)

**11:00 am MASS and Baptisms**

11:00 am CLOW (Rectory Basement)

11:00 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)

12:15 pm Confirmation Class (Activities Center)

**Monday, February 05, 2024****8:30 am MASS - Fr. George Berendt**

7:00 pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, February 06, 2024****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****Wednesday, February 07, 2024****No Mass****Thursday, February 08, 2024****8:30 am MASS****9:15 am-10:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration**

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

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

**Friday, February 09, 2024****8:30 am MASS - Fr. John McKenzie****Saturday, February 10, 2024**9:00 am - O'Hair Park Community Engagement Session  
(Rainbow Room)10:00 am - First Communion Class (Atrium, Classrooms  
3&4)10:00 am -12:00 pm Image of God Crisis Pregnancy  
Center (Activities Center)

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

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Confessions - Church****4:00 pm - MASS**

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Creole Class (Rainbow Room)

**Sunday, February 11, 2024****6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Coffee and Donuts after both Masses

9:00 am CGS Level 2 (Atrium)

**9:00 am MASS**

9:30 am OCIA (Rectory Living Room)

**11:00 am MASS and Baptisms**

11:00 am CLOW (Rectory Basement)

11:00 am CGS Level 1 (Atrium)

12:15 pm Confirmation Class (Activities Center)

12:45 pm Church Decorating (Church)



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## February 04 – February 11, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	11:00 am	Irma Horton Requested by the 50 & Up Group
<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am	Peace in our City, Country, and our World
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am	All the Sick and Homebound
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am	For the legal Protection of the Unborn and the Corpus Christi Crisis Pregnancy Center
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	In Loving Memory of Alice Eick Requested by Carol El-Hajj
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners
	11:00 am	Intentions of our Parishioners



### At Rest in Christ

*Please Pray for Our Deceased Loved Ones*

+ **Mary Emma Thompson, long time Parishioner**  
 + **Monsignor Daniel Trapp, Moderator, Lower East Side Family of Parishes**

### Please Remember the Sick in your Prayers

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

Shermia Anding, Paul Billion, Jane Breslin, Michael Busby, Jr., Ruth Chapman, 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, Barbara Gay, Agnes Holt, Robert Jarey, Pat LaRoy, Harold McRae, Sandi Neely, Jill Stachkunis, Marilyn Waddell, Sara Nell Wallace

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

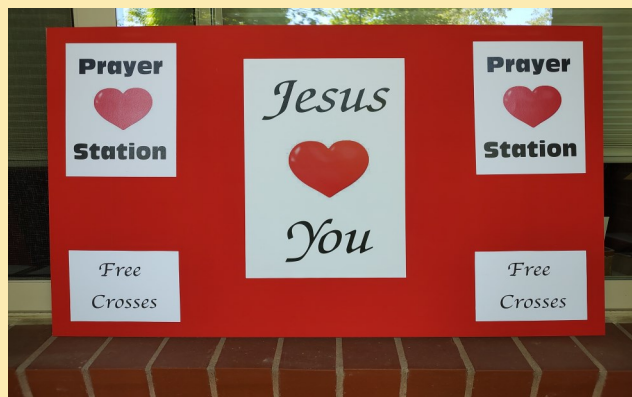
Joseph Cagle, Michelle Cagle, Beatrice Hunter, Beverley Brown-Johnson, Thelma Polley, Beverly Walker, Joyce Wilson

## Corpus Christi Evangelization

Tuesday evenings have been the focus time for Corpus Christi evangelization in 2023! ... and we have been blessed time and time again! Tuesday evenings have been focused primarily on two evangelization efforts, namely, Store Front Evangelization [SFE] (at Apollo and Foodland) and Visiting Our Neighbors [VON].

SFE is done year-round and VON is done during the nice weather in the late Spring, the Summer, and early Fall.

The SFE happens in the hall-way entrances/exits of the stores. There we use the following sign to let people know about our mission.



Our evangelization groups consist of at least two members and as many as five at each store. We enjoy wearing our red Corpus Christi T-shirts!

We use a simple three-step process. As people enter or leave the store, we offer them a "free cross," either on a metal chain or on a rosary. Our message is "Jesus loves YOU." If that message catches their attention, we start a conversation with them and ask if they have something that they would like us to pray about. After the prayer we give them a business card with information about CC parish.

In the milder weather we do the VON where we go out in parties of two and ring doorbells on a house-by-house effort. We introduce ourselves and tell them where we are from. We typically wear our red CC T-shirts. One of the amazing events is when we invite them to pray with us on their front porch... AND, people whom we have never met before are willing to come out onto their front porch, hold our hands, and pray with us!

Often, on the first Tuesday of the month we stay at Corpus Christi, have a light dinner, and meet about what's been going on in evangelization, new ideas and plans for the future efforts.

One of our many blessings is that on Tuesday evening there is Eucharistic Adoration happening in church at the same time... and those attending Adoration pray for us who are doing the SFE and/or VON. Ah, the blessings of team-work!

AND, how about you? Care to try this ministry with us??? Contact me directly at (248)891-9387.

Dcn Paul



# HOLDING THESE THINGS IN OUR HEARTS

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## "Mothers Meeting to Pray"

Our next prayer session will be held on Friday, February 16th, 2024 at 11:00 am in the St. Eugene Chapel. Thereafter, our prayer sessions will be the first and third Fridays of every month.



## EASTER SEASON GATHERING

So guess what! We are going to do it again on **Feb. 17th at 9 am** in the Rainbow Room. With the 2024 **Easter** theme as focus, we will enjoy food, fellowship and faith sharing all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Remember that our end-goal is to use our time and talents to glorify the Lord while showing love for one another. So if you missed the gathering on Jan 20th then come to the gathering on February 17th and bring a friend!



## LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament would like to extend heartfelt appreciation to our altar servers. If you are interested in serving at this event, consult with your families. If after, you want to sign up, click the link below and choose one available timeslot.

The servers will be honored here on that day - Including: letting them serve at their beautiful cathedral alongside our seasoned pros (who will provide any needed guidance); personalized recognition from the rector, Fr. J.J. Mech; and a framed certificate keepsake. They gladly welcome any Altar Server to participate. Anyone having any trouble with the sign up or with any other questions can contact Marian Bart at 313-883-2869. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4DA8A623A0FD0-47319244-altar>

## Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget 2023 – 2024	\$ 7,213.00
Sunday Offerings 01/28/2024	\$ 5,837.36
<b>Over/Under</b> for the Budget Year	<b>\$ 1,375.64</b>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for Corpus Christi office on Wednesday from 9am-5pm, and as needed on Thursday, and Friday. We will expand our office hours once we have volunteers needed to do so. Please contact Doug Buday, on my direct number (313) 244- 0677 if you are interested in assisting us. Thank you.





## Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024

### Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

### Monday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11  
Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40  
Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40  
Mk 7:24-30

### Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,  
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

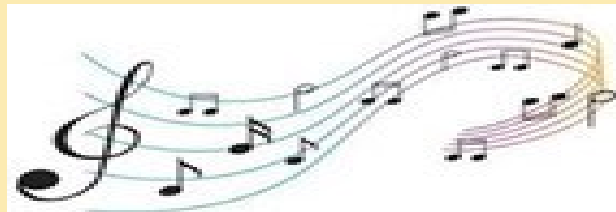
### Saturday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20,  
21-22/Mk 8:1-10

### Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day

Lv 13:1-2, 44 - 46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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## Black History Music Notes

Israel. It will become evident in Jeremiah 30:17 and 33:6 that only God can provide healing for Israel. This verse is familiar from its use in the spiritual, "There is a Balm in Gilead." This song assumes an actual answer to the questions, namely, that Christ is the "Gilead" where balm can be found (or, Gilead is the goal of the Christian where life will be restored to wholeness).

*My joy is gone,  
grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.*

*Listen! The cry of the daughter is of my people,  
far and wide in the land!  
"Is the Lord no longer in Zion, is her King no longer  
in her midst?"  
Why do they provoke me with their idols,  
with their foreign nonentities?*

*"The harvest is over, the summer ended,  
but we have not yet been saved!"*

*I am broken by the injury of the daughter of my  
people.  
I am in mourning; horror has seized me.*

*Is there no balm in Gilead,  
no healer there?  
Why does new flesh not grow  
over the wound of the daughter of my people?*

*Oh, that my head were a spring of water,  
my eyes a fountain of tears,  
That I might weep day and night  
over the slain from the daughter of my people!*

*Oh, that I had in the wilderness  
a travelers' lodging!  
That I might leave my people  
and depart from them. They are all adulterers, a  
band of traitors.*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

By Michelle Baines/Is



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Congress**

Parishes across the United States are renewing their faith in the Eucharist and the culmination of this 3-year renewal is a National Eucharistic Congress!

"We know what happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name, so what happens with 80,000?! Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress."

**Dates:** Wednesday, July 17 at 7 pm through Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis. For details and to register, google National Eucharistic Congress or use this link: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

Join the Archdiocese pilgrimage go to: <https://www.aod.org/events/pilgrimage-to-the-national-eucharistic-congress> and at the end of the article, click on "register today."

The Archdiocese is also hosting four local, smaller gatherings. The nearest one to us is on Saturday, **June 1, 2024 at St. Scholastica Parish. Mark your calendars!**



# We Are Hiring!

Tuesday - February 13th 10AM - 2PM

Ford Resource & Engagement Center

2826 Bagley St. Detroit, MI

## JOB FAIR

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Qualifying Positions

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- ✓ Teacher Coaches
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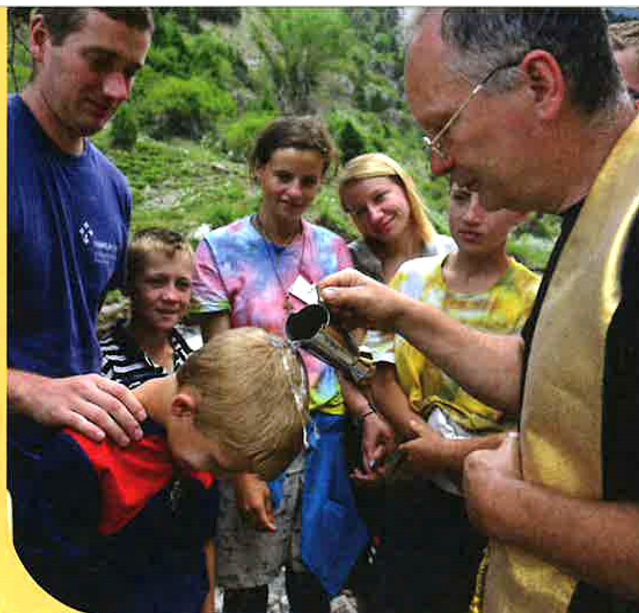




# Collection this Sunday



SUPPORT THE CHURCH  
IN CENTRAL AND  
EASTERN EUROPE



## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Catholics are called to evangelize their neighbors and loved ones by leading them into an encounter with Jesus Christ. When faithful disciples offer a visible and active presence in their communities, they live that calling through their works of mercy, their public worship, and their willingness to share the gospel message with those they meet.

In two former republics of the Soviet Union, which experienced 70 years of communist oppression, the Church is becoming that visible and active presence. Since 2018, the Center for Catholic Youth in the Republic of Georgia has brought together hundreds of children and youths for faith-enriching activities like Bible school, Lenten spiritual exercises, pilgrimages, and works of service in parish communities. Meanwhile, in central Asia, the construction of a new cathedral and pastoral center in the heart of Kyrgyzstan's capital city, Bishkek, is a

visible sign of hope and welcome in a land where 90% of the population is Muslim.

For more than 30 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has worked to restore a visible, active Church in Central and Eastern Europe and to build a hopeful new future in Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, and more than 25 other countries throughout the region. Your contributions to the USCCB's Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe fund grants to construct churches, enliven the faith of children and young people, and form disciples who live to help others encounter Christ.

More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

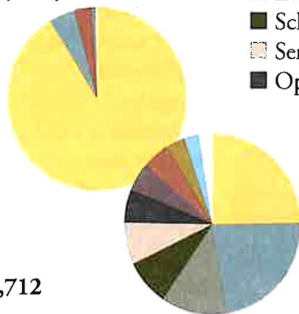
### 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

**Total Number of Grants Approved: 354**

**Total Amount Approved: \$8,522,439**

#### EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	91.28%
Program Costs	4.76%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.06%
Administrative Expenses	0.88%
Allocations-Internal Grants	0.01%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,326,712</b>



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Construction	73	\$2,108,439	24.74%
Emergency*	9	\$1,951,804	22.90%
Evangelization*	77	\$1,007,437	11.82%
Scholarships	80	\$728,122	8.54%
Seminary Support	16	\$629,884	7.39%
Operational Support	28	\$503,860	5.91%
Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	19	\$452,180	5.31%
Social Aid	21	\$412,320	4.84%
Education	10	\$283,976	3.33%
Vehicle Purchase	11	\$242,423	2.84%
Multimedia	10	\$201,994	2.37%

\*Includes grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.



### Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

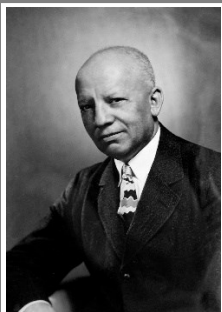
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## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH – AND WHY IT'S CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY**

Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history.

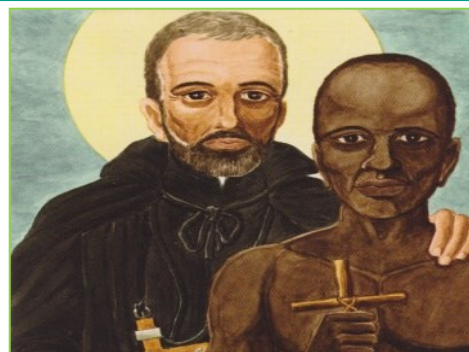
### **First, there was Negro History Week**

It was Carter G. Woodson, known as the "**Father of Black History**," who first set out in 1926 to designate a time to promote and educate people about Black history and culture. Woodson was a historian, and the president of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), which he founded in 1915.

Woodson envisioned a weeklong celebration to encourage the coordinated teaching of Black history in public schools. He designated the second week of February as Negro History Week. Woodson's goal was to make the celebration of Black history in the field of history a 'serious area of study'.

By the late 1960's, Negro History Week had evolved into what is now known as Black History Month. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history. Today, Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture, and more.

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2024 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and the Arts" explores the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more.



St. Peter Claver (Patron Saint of enslaved people) - Born in Spain in 1580 Peter Claver, a Jesuit Priest, while studying philosophy became influenced to go to 'the Indies' to Evangelize and minister to slaves.

In approximately 1610 he arrived in what is now known as Cartagena, Columbia which was the epicenter of the slave trade. His mission was to nurture physically and spiritually as many suffering slaves as he possibly could. He would enter into the deplorable conditions of the hold of the slave ship and administer aid to those suffering.

Through his efforts of ministry and evangelization, St. Peter Claver was responsible for the conversion of over 300,000 Negro Slaves and he worked tirelessly until his death for the abolition of slavery and the salvation of those who were victimized by it.

As much good as he had accomplished, the last four years of St. Peter Claver's life was spent in his room as he was too ill to leave. He was nearly forgotten, neglected and physically abused by his caretaker. He accepted the abuse as atonement for his own sins.

Take a moment to think about the literal thousands of lives he touched by his simple and austere life. Totally relying upon the Grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for those who are still enslaved not only in the human trafficking and sexual slave trade that continues this day, but those who are also in bondages and enslaved to sin. Let us continue to break the chains that keep us away from living a life of true freedom in Christ... St. Peter Claver... Ora Pro Nobis (pray for us).