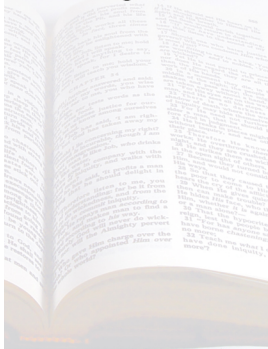




With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they may be able to share with others that they themselves derive from pondering your word and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring and serving your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen, Book of Blessings*

Parents  
are truly  
the primary  
catechists  
of their  
children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.



## *A Catechist's Prayer*

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Corpus Christi Cathedral

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## The Most Reverend

WM. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD

Bishop of Corpus Christi

Very Rev. James G. Stembler, Rector

Rev. Peter Thenan, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Raymond Pendleton, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Mantz

Deacon Adelfino Palacios

Deacon Amando R. Leal Jr.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm-1:30pm

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Call Parish Office S=six months before  
wedding date

## Sacrament of Baptism

Call Parish Office (361) 883-4213 (ext. 4)

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Anytime on call and First Friday after the  
7:00am and 12:05pm Masses

## For New Parishoners:

Registration onlie or call Parish Office

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

([www.CCCATHEDRAL.com](http://www.CCCATHEDRAL.com))

([info@cccathedral.com](mailto:info@cccathedral.com))

## MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday 7:00am (Main Church)

Monday - Friday 12:05pm (Main Church)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm

## SUNDAY MASSES

7:00am, 9:30am, 12:30pm

11:00am (Spanish)

9:30am & 11:00am Live Streamed

([www.CCCATHEDRAL.com](http://www.CCCATHEDRAL.com))

([www.facebook.com/CCCATHEDRAL](https://www.facebook.com/CCCATHEDRAL))

9:30am Mass Live Broadcast @ KDF-TV &  
KLUX Radio

Adoration	Joan Hamill	361-883-6650
St. Anne's Altar & Rosary Society	Mary Lawson	361-882-5725
Altar Servers	Parish Office	361-883-4213
Arts & Entertain- ment	Vicki Compian	361-944-5534
Catholic Daugh- ters	Andrea Bell	361-799-0799
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon Armando R. Leal Jr.	361-442-9947
Knights of Co- lumbus	Fred Celaya	361-442-9947
Lectors	Mary Christmas	361-739-2415
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Religious Educa- tion	Nellie Serna	361-883-4213
Ushers	Raul Castillo	361-774-2645

# September 17th, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

# MASS INTENTIONS



**Scripture Reading**   
For the week of September 17th, 2023

Mass Intentions for: September 18th - September 24th

**Monday, September 18**

7:00 a.m. Powell Family by John Powell

12:05 p.m. Matt Ryan Boringot by Christine Dumlao

**Tuesday, September 19 St. Januarius**

7:00 a.m. Powell Family by John Powell

12:05 p.m. Ninfa Bosquez by Rebecca Johnson Ellis

**Wednesday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gõn and Paul Chõng Ha-Sang and Companions**

7:00 a.m. George B. Cantu by Nora Maria Perez

12:05 p.m. (Open Mass)

Selwyn Puig & +Sylvia Puig by Patty Mueller

**Thursday, September 21 St. Matthew**

7:00 a.m. Powell Family by John Powell

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions by Claude D'Unger

**Friday, September 22**

7:00 a.m. Powell Family by John Powell

12:05 p.m. Carlos Flores

**Saturday, September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

5:30 p.m. Nathaniel Garcia by Aurora Garcia

Alejandro S. Mejia by Linda Starcher

Alex Richards by Stacy Figueroa

**Sunday, September 24 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 a.m. Mr. & +Mrs. Gregorio Farias & +Ruben Moreno by Gonzales Family

9:30 a.m. (Open Mass)

Janet Mathieu by Mathieu Family

Marcelino B. Gonzales, +Jesusita J. Canales & +Yomeida Gonzales by Gonzales Family

Paul Pineda by Myrna Pineda

McCabe & Villarreal Family Tree by Rick McCabe

Naven Garcia by Rick McCabe

Sterling Murphy by Mom

11:00 a.m. Merced Torres by Torres Family

12:30 pm For the People of Corpus Christi Cathedral

*Sanctuary Lamps*

Blessed Sacrament Chapel:

Guillermo Gonzalez

## PRAYERS

Contact the Faith, Hope, and Charity Ministry to pray for you by calling Joan Hamill at 361-883-6650 during particularly trying times.

The Society of the Body of Christ Ministry: from Conception to Natural Death spiritually serves the sick, elderly, and dying.  
Contact: Sr. Anne Sophie | 361-814-7685 | savesoul@att.net

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;  
Lk 7:11-17

**Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5;  
Mt 9:9-13

**Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20;  
Lk 8:1-3

**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;  
Lk 8:4-15

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## Sponsor of the Week

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**Stewardship for Sunday September 3rd, 2023**  
**Thank You For Your Generosity!**

Collection	\$ 8,055.53
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,197.50
The Ark	\$ 101.00



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### **Faithful Finds: Explore Our Catholic Bookstore's Treasures**

Have you been to the bookstore yet? Stop by and see our assortment of spiritual books and religious items including 6-day or 12-day devotional candles, prayer books, Holy cards, rosaries, medals, children's books, and so much more.

We're located in the courtyard (next door to the office). We look forward to your visit!

Monday – Friday	11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

### **"Bishop Mulvey Invites You To A Special Thanksgiving Mass**

Bishop Mulvey invites you to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, October 15, at 12:30 p.m., marking the conclusion of the Gen Verde Five-Day Youth Performance Arts Camp. This would be an opportunity to encourage the 170 youth who participated in the camp and celebrate their accomplishment.

The Gen Verde is a professional performing arts group comprised of nineteen consecrated women who are top-tier artists from fourteen countries. They will sing at Mass with the Cathedral choir on Sunday, October 15.

## **2023-2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

Sept 17, 2023- Parent/Student Orientation immediately following the 9:30am mass in St. Joseph's Hall.

September 24, 2023- First Day of Religious Education Sessions.

Religious Education and RCIA classes will begin on Sunday, September 24th at 10:45 am. If you still need to register the Religious Education office will be open on Sundays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

**Online registration at**  
**[www.CCCATHEDRAL.com/religious-education](http://www.CCCATHEDRAL.com/religious-education)**

### **Catholic Scouting Committee**

The Catholic Committee on Scouting is starting up meetings for the 2023-2024 year on Wednesday, September 13th. We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Adults are invited to come help plan and provide a Catholic based program for your Girl Scouts or Scouts (formerly Boy Scouts).

There are also workbooks that can be completed for each level of Girl Scouts and Scouts. A religious emblem can be earned at a mass presented in May/June after workbooks are completed.

If you are interested in your Scout working on their level religious emblem please contact Andrea Bell (361) 799-0799 or [andrea.bell1013@yahoo.com](mailto:andrea.bell1013@yahoo.com) for more information.

## \*\*\*Parish Pulse: Announcements and Upcoming Activities\*\*\*

### Altar Server Coordinator Needed!

The Cathedral is in search of an Altar Server Coordinator. The Altar Server Coordinator would be responsible for recruiting and scheduling Altar Servers. For more information or if you are interested in taking on this important ministry, please contact the parish office at 361-883-4213.

### Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on September 17th at the 12:30 pm Mass. Please consider joining us in preparation for the upcoming Rel. Ed. school year and the commissioning of the catechists.

### St. Anne's Altar and Rosary Society - First Meeting

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the St. Anne's Altar and Rosary Society in our first meeting of the year. We will begin with a Rosary, followed by a short program and planning meeting and then election of new officers. Monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm in CR 4.

For more information, call Carmen Hernandez at 361-443-0891 or Roseanne Norman at 361-215-7299.

### Rummage Sale

Join us for the Cathedral Rummage Sale on October 27th - October 29th in St. Joseph Hall. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Corpus Christi Cathedral Maintenance Fund. We are currently accepting donations during regular office hours, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Last day to donate will be Wednesday, October 18th. We kindly ask that all donations are clean and ready for sale, and please no clothes. If you are interested in volunteering for the Rummage Sale please call the parish office at 361-883-4213.

### Join Us for an Informative Meet and Greet!

Meet our dedicated RCIA and Religious Education teachers downstairs in St. Joseph's Hall. It's your chance to connect, ask questions, and get to know the instructors who will guide you on your faith journey.

Parents and adults interested in our programs are encouraged to attend. Whether you're curious about Religious Education or considering the RCIA program, this meet and greet is the perfect opportunity to learn more.

Date: TODAY!

Time: 10:30am after 9:30am mass

Location: St. Joseph's Hall

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you on your spiritual path!

### Knights of Columbus #11107 | Annual Raffle



### Are You Ready For Some Football?

Win a pair of tickets to the Cowboys vs Commanders Thanksgiving Day Game, \$200 Traveling Money, and More!

Drawing will be held on **Sunday November, 5th 2023** after noon mass. Winner need not be present to win. (10% of money collected will go to the C.C. Cathedral) Purchase a ticket from any Knight member or call Rudy Ortiz, Jr. at (361) 549-9528

## **\*\*Exciting News: Youth and Young Adult Ministries Coming to CC Cathedral!\*\***

Dear Parish Family,

We're thrilled to share some exciting news! In response to the growing needs of our vibrant community, CC Cathedral will soon be launching both a Youth Ministry for teenagers aged 13-18 and a Young Adult Ministry for those in their early 20s and beyond.

### **\*\*Why Youth and Young Adult Ministries?\*\***

Our mission is to nurture faith and inspire futures. We recognize the importance of creating spaces where our young parishioners can grow spiritually, build meaningful connections, and contribute to our community.

### **\*\*What to Expect\*\***

These ministries will offer faith formation, service opportunities, fellowship, and leadership development tailored to each age group. Whether you're a parent, a teenager, or a young adult, there's a place for you to connect, grow, and be inspired.

### **\*\*Get Involved\*\***

We invite you to get involved by volunteering as a leader or mentor. Your guidance will help shape the faith and character of our young members.

Stay connected with us for updates on our upcoming activities through our parish newsletter, social media, or by visiting our parish office.

Exciting times are ahead, and together, we'll create a stronger, more vibrant CC Cathedral community.

In Christ's love and grace,

### **For More Information, Contact:**

**Jason Garcia**  
**(210) 723-3900**  
**Media Coordinator**  
**CC Cathedral**

## **Calling All Ye Faithful, Join The Cathedral Pastoral Council!**

Fr. Stembler is interested in putting together a Cathedral Pastoral Council to meet on a regular basis and discuss who we are as a Cathedral parish. This will be a visionary council put together to assess how the Holy Spirit is guiding us as a parish. He is also interested in bring back Sunday fellowship after the Sunday Masses. If you are interested in participating or coordinating either of these please call the parish office at 361-883-4213.

## **State of the Diocese**

This year's State of the Diocese will be on October 25, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Richard Borchard Fairgrounds in Ballroom B. The State of the Diocese will be an evening where we can all come together as parishioners of the Diocese of Corpus Christi and disciples of our Lord. Bishop Michael Mulvey will update us on the state of our Diocese, where we are now and where we want to be. We will celebrate being Catholic together and thank the Lord for the great gifts He gives us every day. It will be an evening of fun for the whole family. We will provide dinner. Bring the kids. All we ask is that you register online at [diocesecc.org](http://diocesecc.org). Cost is \$10 per adult and \$7 for youth under 12.

## **Follow Us!**



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For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission is the North American (USA and Canada) Final Document for the 2021-2024 Synod. The first part of the worldwide Synod talks will be held in Rome throughout the month of October, 2023. This Document, which was prepared by the Most Reverend Raymond Poisson, the President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a former Rector of Corpus Christi Cathedral, the Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, the Chair of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, is the response of the Church in Canada and the United States to the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to embrace synodality as the way forward of the Church in the modern world. It is a testament to the work of the Holy Spirit within the communion of the baptized. In the Introduction of this document, it is noted that through the discussions leading up to this document, it was shared and heard that by our common baptism, we are each called by God and gifted by God with dignity. There are stresses evident within our communion, but as we become more and more missionary disciples, the more we will address these challenges in an appropriate manner. Our baptismal dignity is inseparable from our baptismal responsibility, which sends us forth on mission. As one attendee noted, Many times, we focus on the negative and forget the joy; the Spirit we experience in our core is to be a missionary.

In brief, the document indicates that the delegates expressed a desire for formation that is life-long and offered to all members of the communion of the baptized, whatever their vocation. Not only formation in the fundamental teachings of our faith, but also formation for synodality, co-responsibility, welcoming, and going to the peripheries. This enables us to present the beauty of our faith, rather than a list of rules. Deeper formation is central to our ability to live out our baptismal dignity and strengthen communion with Christ and with each other.

The document also notes that synodality is a great source of hope for renewing and strengthening communion. In becoming more synodal, the Church, would create safe places where people can ask their real questions about Church teaching without judgement or punishment. This formation would not only help the development of deeper bonds of communion within the Church, but also would be a stimulus for evangelization and mission. Proper formation is the key to embracing our baptismal call to go out on mission. This responsibility is not just for clergy, but it is for each baptized person. The responsibility to know and live the teachings of our Catholic faith, including the Church's social teaching, flows from our baptism, but it is not always easy and requires intentional formation. It's not so much about the "what" as it is about the "how."

In conclusion, as was pointed out in the process, the Synodal process has not been perfect, but it has been good. Being able to share was good, rather than just being talked to us all we continue to be the Church that God is calling us to be. God bless us everyone...

These are just some highlights from the document. You may read the entire document on the website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), and then search for items under "Synod for Synodality" and then click on "2021-2024 Synod." Aside from this document, there is a Synod website, and a Prayer for the Synod.

May God be with the Church as a whole during this time of Synodality, and may the Holy Spirit guide



**Very Reverend James G. Stembler**  
**Rector**