

# Corpus Christi Parish

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## March 29, 2020

### COVID-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult  
decisions between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial  
burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to  
immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity  
of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign  
of hope, comfort and love to all.  
Grant peace.  
Grant comfort.  
Grant healing.  
Be with us, Lord.

Amen.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Notre Dame du Perpetuel Secours**

116 Silver St. Waterville

Saturday 4:00 & 6:00PM    Sunday 9:00 & 10:30AM    Tuesday/Thursday 12:15PM

**St. John the Baptist**

26 Monument St. Winslow

Saturday 4:00PM    Sunday 7:30 & 10:00AM    Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00AM

# Parish Information

## Parish Staff

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**Rev. Daniel J. Baillargeon**, Pastor

**Rev. Patrick Finn**, Parochial Vicar

**Kim Suttie**, Pastoral Life Coordinator

**Deb Hebert**, Parish Business Coordinator &

Director of St. Francis Cemetery

**Daja Gombojav**, Catechetical Leader for grades K-8

**Marge Veilleux**, Pastoral Administrative Assistant

**Joan Hallee**, Pastoral Receptionist

**Valerie Wheeler**, Principal St. John Catholic School

## Mass Times & Intentions

All Masses within the Diocese of Portland have been suspended until further notice. All intentions will be rescheduled as soon as Masses are re-instated.

Thank you for your understanding.

### Please remember in your prayers

Helen Carey, died March 12, funeral April 25

### Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Michael James McMann

*May God's healing touch come down upon our brothers and sisters in faith.*

Please call the Parish Office to be included in our Prayer Line.

## Sacramental Information

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:00PM at St. John Church, Winslow and Notre Dame Church, Waterville  
*Suspended at this time*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Families who would like to have their child baptized need to attend our Baptism Preparation Program. Classes are offered on the last Tuesday of most months.

**Registration is required**, please call the parish office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should make arrangements by calling the parish office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date and before making reception plans.

### Anointing of the Sick

Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick is asked to call the parish office. If you or a loved one are admitted to MaineGeneral Medical Center please contact the Hospital Chaplain's Office. If you are at Inland Hospital please call the parish office.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 7:00-7:45AM St. John Church  
*Suspended at this time*

## Parish Mission Statement



The Mission of Corpus Christi Parish is to share our gifts as the body of Christ through Liturgy, Outreach and Education.

## Parish Social Media

**We will do our best in the next several weeks to keep all parishioners updated through our Social Media pages:**

**Visit our parish website at:**

[www.corpuschristimaine.org](http://www.corpuschristimaine.org)

Our easy to navigate website is your source for Mass times, ministry schedules, Mass readings and daily prayers, Catholic resources, videos and so much more.

**Like us on facebook at:**

<https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiMaine>

**CorpusChristiMaine**

View photos, videos and get inspired through fellowship with other parishioners!



**Parish Instagram Account**

Corpus Christi Parish is now on Instagram. Find us at: **@corpuschristimaine**

Access us on a computer by visiting: <https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine/>



**Download Our Parish App!**

Our Corpus Christi app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected throughout the week with instant notifications. Enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. To access: text **app** to **88202**



## The Week Ahead

All programs and meetings have been suspended until further notice.

### St. Francis Catholic Cemetery

In accordance with the Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) and the Diocese of Portland, St. Francis Catholic Cemetery's office will be closed due to the Coronavirus. We will continue to take calls and respond to them as soon as possible. Should you need to purchase a lot, we will call you to make an appointment to meet at the Cemetery office. We are continuing with our winter schedule to make burials as usual through April 15. After then we will adhere to the Diocesan guidelines that only immediate families will be allowed to come into the Cemetery for the Committal prayers and burial. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult time. May God bless you and your families and keep you safe.

# Gospel Meditation

## 5th Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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**Question for Adults** - Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

**Question for Kids** - How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

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### St. Theresa's Guild Scholarship

St. Theresa's Guild is pleased to offer two \$500 scholarships to High School Seniors who are members of Corpus Christi Parish. The deadline is **April 30**. Please write a letter telling a little about yourself and describe your church and community volunteer service. Please mail to:

Paula Giguere  
76 Crystal Spring Lane  
Rome, ME 04963

### 2019 Contribution Tax Letter

Parishioners needing a letter containing their 2019 contributions must **CALL** the parish office and make this request. This information is not automatically generated and mailed out. Please have your envelope number available when you call.

### ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION & JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Classes are held at the Faith Formation Center attached to St. John Catholic School, September-May.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Evenings 6:00 - 8:00PM  
Youth Ministry Room on the 2nd Floor at St. John School  
(enter by the Grotto)

All gathered Faith Formation programs have been suspended until at least Easter.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Mar. 22 - \$3,058.00

*Please consider mailing your weekly offering to us or dropping it off at the parish office.*

**Thank you for your continued support of our parish.**

With guidance from the Center for Disease Control, Bishop Deeley is temporarily suspending all daily and Sunday Masses and religious services throughout the diocese, effective immediately. Baptisms, funerals, and weddings may continue but only with immediate family present.

Although we are unable to attend Mass in person, it is important that we continue to support our parish as best we can to continue to carry on the mission of the Church.

Please consider mailing your weekly offering to the Parish Office at 70 Pleasant St., Waterville, ME 04901. Thank you!

A public announcement will be made when the temporary suspension of Masses concludes.

See below other ways to participate in Masses on several platforms.

### **ONLINE**

#### **Diocesan Mass with Bishop Deeley**

Bishop Deeley will celebrate a Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland each Sunday at 10AM. Although not open to the public, the Mass will be live-streamed at both [www.portlanddiocese.org](http://www.portlanddiocese.org) and [www.facebook.com/PortlandDiocese](https://www.facebook.com/PortlandDiocese).

#### **Our Lady of Hope Parish, Portland**

Viewers can visit [www.ladyofhopemaine.org](http://www.ladyofhopemaine.org) and participate in Masses from St. Pius X Church in Portland on Mondays through Fridays at 9AM, Saturdays at 4:30PM, and Sundays at 7AM and 9AM. The parish has added an additional livestreamed Mass at 7PM, Mondays through Fridays. This Mass is livestream only (church will not be open to public).

#### **Parish of the Holy Eucharist, Falmouth**

Viewers can visit [www.facebook.com/ParishOfTheHolyEucharist](https://www.facebook.com/ParishOfTheHolyEucharist) and participate in Masses from Holy Martyrs Church in Falmouth on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 5:30PM; Wednesdays at 7:30AM; Saturdays at 4PM, and Sundays at 8:30AM, 10:30AM, and 5:30PM.

#### **St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Bangor**

Viewers can visit <https://stpaulbangor.me/watch-mass-live> or [www.facebook.com/StPaulBangor](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulBangor) and participate in Masses from St. Mary Church in Bangor on Mondays through Fridays at 8:30AM, and Sundays at 7AM and 8:30AM. They can also participate in Masses from St. John Church in Bangor on Saturdays at 4PM, and Sundays at 10:30AM.

#### **Word on Fire**

Daily Mass will be offered from Bishop Barron's chapel at 8:15AM each day. [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

### **TELEVISION/ONLINE**

#### **EWTN-TV**

Viewers can participate in daily Masses at 8AM and 12noon, seven days a week, and at 7PM every day but Sunday. The Masses are broadcast over the air and online ([www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)). The Masses are also archived at the site.

#### **CatholicTV**

CatholicTV also broadcasts Masses at 9:30AM each day over the air and online ([www.catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass](http://www.catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)). The Masses are also archived at the site.

### **RADIO**

#### **Relevant Radio**

Listeners can participate in Masses each day at 1PM and 8:30PM as well as Sundays at 10AM on Relevant Radio. The network is available on a variety of platforms: 89.5 FM in Augusta [www.relevantradio.com/listen](http://www.relevantradio.com/listen); or on smartphones by downloading the Relevant Radio app.

In addition, the Diocese of Portland is offering a number of resources to assist you in participating in Mass from home.

#### **GIVE US THIS DAY**

Give Us This Day is centered on the Word of God and provides a relevant and trustworthy understanding of Scripture, including daily Mass texts. To access the resources for free, visit [www.giveusthisday.org/digital](http://www.giveusthisday.org/digital).

#### **MAGNIFICAT**

Magnificat is honored to provide [complimentary access to its online version](#) and resources to help people pray from home. To access the resources for free, visit <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

#### **USCCB**

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the daily readings along with reflections and other materials. To access the free resources, visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings). The USCCB is also offering prayers and resources for engagement during this difficult time at "Catholic Current." Explore the materials for free at [www.catholiccurrent.org/covid19](http://www.catholiccurrent.org/covid19).

# The Raising of Lazarus

*...and Jesus prayed.*

God doesn't play games with us. His ways are not our ways and his timing is not our timing. When Jesus got the message from Martha and Mary, the cry for help, the emergency-come-quickly appeal he stayed where he was for two days. What was he doing?

He was praying. It's important to realize that this wonderful story of Lazarus, one of the most powerful in the whole Bible, is not just about Lazarus. Jesus was praying for Lazarus, but he was also praying for wisdom and guidance as to his own plans and movements. What he was going to do for Lazarus would be, on one hand, a principle reason why the authorities want him out of the way. But it would be, on the other hand, the most powerful sign yet of what Jesus' life and work was all about, and how it would reach its climactic resolution. Jesus needed to be in prayer. If Jesus needed to spend time praying and waiting, how much more do we?

*...and Jesus wept.*

When we look at Jesus, not least when we look at him in tears, we are seeing not just a real flesh-and-blood human being, but the Word made Flesh. The Word, through whom the entire universe and all in it was made, weeps like a baby at the grave of his friend. Without these tears, Jesus would not be the man he is. Only when we stop and ponder this will we be able to put away our high-and-dry pictures of who God is and replace them with pictures in which the Word, who is God, can cry with the world's crying will we understand what the word *God* really means.

*...come and see.*

It is the simplest of invitations, and yet it goes to the heart of all tears, to the place of our deepest anxiety or sorrow. *Come and see*, Jesus says to us in reply, as he leads us through this place to where he dwells in light and love and resurrection glory. The new day is dawning; and, though where we live the night can be very dark, and the tears ever flowing, there is light and joy waiting not far away.

*Jesus loved Lazarus to new life.  
May he love each of us from our  
sins, our prejudices, our  
judgements, and our shattered  
hopes and dreams to new life.*

## Against Your Absence

All power, honor, and glory  
be to you!

You, sometimes hidden, silent,  
absent, unresponsive.

We imagine you defeated, weak,  
held captive.

And so we wait a day, two days,  
until the third day.

And then, most often then, quiet  
reliably then, you appear in  
your full glory.

This day we pray against your  
absence and silence.

Come with full power into  
deathly places, and we wil.  
praise you deep and full.

Amen.

*Walter Brueggeman*