



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 28, 2021 • Second Sunday of Lent

A Word from the Heart

The Gift of Confession Families of Parishes Update #10

— Fr. Patrick Gonyeau



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The Gift of Confession

As we read this weekend in Mark's Gospel about the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, we are given a beautiful image of the life of grace. good divinity that shone through Jesus on the mountain, becomes a life of grace that we participate in or as Saint Peter would say, we become sharers of the divine nature. (1 Peter 2:4) Jesus came not only to conquer sin and death but to enable us to live a life in union with Him and the Father and the Holy Spirit even now that is truly a life of grace. In His divine wisdom he set up the church to be His body through which he would powerfully distribute grace through the gift of the sacraments.

One of the sacraments of healing that Jesus gave the church is the sacrament of confession or as it is also known the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. Over the next few weeks, we will be digging into the sacrament of confession and the gift that it is to the church. It was on the evening of the day of the resurrection that Jesus gave this precious gift to the apostles for the Church. (Jn 20:19-23) The Catholic Church describes the sacraments as efficacious signs instituted by Christ. The visible sign points to an invisible reality that communicates grace, God's amazing love poured into us.

In the sacrament of confession, the visible sign is two people, but the invisible reality is that Jesus is truly there and speaks words of healing over our soul through the priest when the words are said "and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The two most powerful moments for me as a Catholic priest (where I palpably experience God's presence) are during the consecration of the bread and wine when they become the body and blood of Jesus during the mass and during the prayer of absolution in sacrament of confession.

The sacrament of confession is truly all about the healing love of Jesus washing over our souls and our minds cleansing us from sin. A priest never says what he hears in confession and on a personal note, I seem to forget everything I think it is a combination of my memory and grace. The only judgement I really care about is that Jesus thinks we are all worth dying for and in confession that sweet, beautiful merciful love is poured over our souls to forgive our sins. To be continued...

Families of Parishes Update #10

Last Sunday the Archdiocese of Detroit announced that moderator of our Family of Parishes has been named. Fr. Jaime Hinojos, the pastor of St. Juan Diego (one of the parishes in our family) will serve as the moderator for our family. Our parish is in the model of governance called the *In Solidum* model. The Archdiocese describes

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Corpus Christi Directory

Parish Office Hours:	All parish buildings remain closed		
Weekend Masses:	Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 11:00 am		
Daily / Holy Day Masses:	See weekly parish schedule		
Parish Address:	19800 Pembroke Ave Detroit MI 48219-2145		
Parish Phone:	313-537-5770		
Parish E-Mail Address:	ParishOffice@corpuschristi-detroit.org		
Parish Website:	www.corpuschristi-detroit.org		
Parish Buildings	Activities Center, 19910 Evergreen Rd Outreach Center, 16000 Pembroke Ave School Building, 19900 Evergreen Rd		
Parish Staff:			
Administrator	Fr. Patrick Gonyeau		
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313-293-8949			
Christian Service Director	Curtis.SimpsonJr	“	
313-272-9772			
Digital Media Coordinator	John.Stockwell	“	
313-636-6391			
Director of Operations	Carolyn.Wilson	“	
313-244-0677			
Faith Formation Director	Therese.MacKinnon	“	
313-437-8112			
Maintenance Assistant	DeAndre.McCloster	“	
313-537-5770			
Maintenance Coordinator	Gregory.Spight	“	
313-486-2146			
Ministers of Music	Michelle.Baines	“	
313-537-5770	Fannie.Larkins	“	
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313-537-5770			
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313-636-1741			

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, March 1

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
7:00 pm Emmaus Group 1
7:00 pm Emmaus Group 2

Tuesday, March 2

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
10:00 am Parish Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Emmaus Group 3
7:00 pm Emmaus Group 4

Wednesday, March 3

9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
1:30 pm Emmaus Group 5
3:00 pm GOF Design Team

Thursday, March 4

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer

Friday, March 5

8:30 am MASS
9:30 am Parish Staff Prayer
1:30 pm Parish Leadership Team Mtg
6:00 pm Emmaus Group (Teens)
6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 6

9:00 am EASTER PLANNING
10:00 am 1st Eucharist Preparation
10:00 am Emmaus Group 6
1:00 pm CONFESSIONS
4:00 pm MASS

Sunday, March 7

3rd Sunday of Lent
LENTEN SOUP REFLECTION DAY
9:00 am RCIA Class
11:00 am MASS/Confirmation Enrollm.
1:45 pm GOF Youth Session #5

Deacons: Paul.Mueller@corpuschristi-detroit.org 248-891-9387
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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 1–3 pm/by appointment/during Penance services 313-537-5770

Sick Calls/Prayer Requests: Please call parish office “

Sacrament of Baptism Please call parish office “

Sacrament of Marriage Please call parish office at least six months before the wedding “

Families of Parishes Update #10

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this model as follows: “The In Solidum approach to parish leadership will see the priests assigned to the Family as equals within a team, with the Moderator being the first among them and bearing responsibility for the judicial acts of the parishes under the team’s care. All of the priests in the team have responsibility for (a) each other, as brother priests in the team, and (b) the deployment of their abilities for proper care of the parishes under their care. Put simply, the team becomes the pastor.”

Fr. Jaime is wonderful man of joy and I am grateful he is our moderator. Let us keep him and the whole family in prayer!

— **Fr. Patrick**



Trinity Vicariate Family #1

Corpus Christi Parish

<http://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org>

Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish

<http://presentationourladyofvictory.org/>

SS. Peter and Paul Parish (Westside)

<http://www.sppdetroit.net>

St. Juan Diego Parish

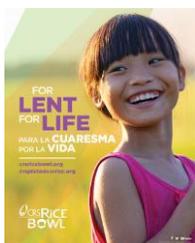
<http://www.familiamdei.com>

St. Mary of Redford Parish

<https://saintmaryofredford.church>

St. Scholastica Parish

<https://scholastica.church/>

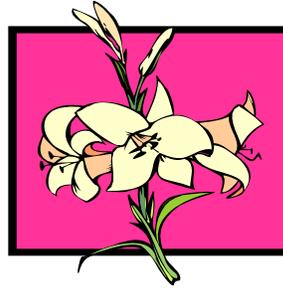


CRS Rice Bowl

“Rainbow” foods like carrots, tomatoes, and spinach have many vitamins and minerals needed for good nutrition.

Read this week’s story at crsricebowl.org.

Give 50 cents for every rainbow food in your house.



Zoom Together!

Easter Season Planning

Last month, via Zoom, seventeen parishioners, reflected on the Lenten Scriptures and offered Corpus Christi a phrase to ponder during Lent – **Let’s Listen, Be Changed, Go Love.**

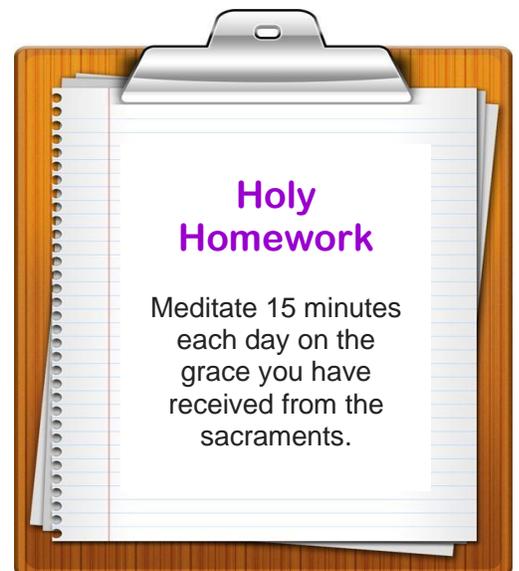
You’re invited to participate in a similar process to plan for the Easter Season. The session will be virtual, via Zoom, on **Saturday, March 6th from 9 – 11:15 am.** We will reflect on the message in God’s Word found in the Gospels of the Easter Season. All Scripture lovers welcome!

Schedule:

- ** Opening prayer
- ** The Season of Easter
- ** Reading and reflecting on the Gospels of the season
- ** Discerning together (led by Fr. Patrick) a focus for Easter 2021 at Corpus Christi.

For Zoom you will need a computer, tablet, or phone with audio (microphone). Video (camera) capabilities are helpful, but not necessary.

Call the parish at 313-537-5770 and leave your name and email address if you would like to receive the link to the Zoom session.



Holy Homework

Meditate 15 minutes each day on the grace you have received from the sacraments.



Church of the Home

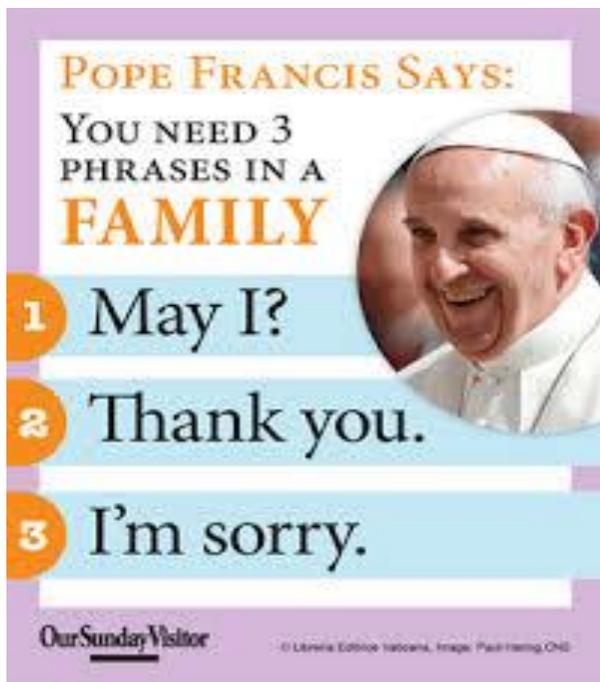
Take Time to Chat

Explore the Gospel as a family. Choose someone to read aloud **The Transfiguration of Jesus (Mark 9:2-10)**. This gospel story can be found at 52Sundays.com. Discuss the following questions as a family:

- Why do you think Jesus transfigured himself for Peter, James, and John?
- Share a time when you have encountered Jesus.
- Take a moment to reflect on this phrase from today's Gospel: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." What do you hear God saying to you in your heart?

Family Fun: Marshmallow and Toothpick Creations

Marshmallows remind us of the cloud in today's Gospel. Grab some marshmallows (mini ones work great) and toothpicks. Putting toothpicks in the marshmallows and connecting them to other toothpicks and marshmallows, your family can create towers, buildings, cities, or whatever your imagination inspires! Feeling competitive? Have a challenge to see who can build the tallest structure. For younger children, consider using full-sized marshmallows and straws.



Way of the Cross for Children

Use visuals to share faith with your children through the Scriptural Way of the Cross, a Lent/Easter family activity.

Children develop their ability to comprehend and understand ideas through images or pictures as they learn and grow. Beginning with bold color and shapes in baby books, then moving through picture books, kids eventually abandon illustration for simple words on a page when they are ready. But for much of their childhood, visuals help children learn concepts and ideas.

Throughout Church history, people used symbols or pictures to explain stories and truths. Traditionally, churches have focused on what is called the "Stations of the Cross" at some point throughout the season of Lent. These "stations" are artistic representations of the story and are often visible inside churches as paintings, sculptures, or stained glass. In an effort to make them more directly linked to biblical text, Pope John Paul II adjusted the stations to **The Scriptural Way of the Cross** in 1991.

Much like you may follow the days of Advent as you count down to Christmas, your family can follow the 14-station Scriptural Way of the Cross as you prepare your hearts for Easter. Throughout the remaining days of Lent, consider using the Scriptural Way of the Cross Lent and Easter Activity found at:

<https://www.gatherandgrow.co/the-scriptural-way-of-the-cross-for-kids/>

You might want to use plain white printer paper to draw each picture and then bind the pages together or find a blank storybook to draw each station to create your own Easter book.

NOTE: Some of the Easter story includes graphic details. Keep this in mind when completing the Scriptural Way of the Cross activity with young children. Consider using a children's storybook bible when possible.

Sunday Offertory Report

Weekly Budget	\$ 8350.00
Sunday Offerings 2-21-2021	\$ 9007.36
Shortfall for the Budget Year	\$ 28,348.46

THANK GOD FOR WHAT
YOU HAVE.
TRUST GOD FOR WHAT
YOU NEED.

Everyday Stewardship

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.*

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God

called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him. If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

March 7, 2021 — Third Sunday of Lent (Yr A)

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Questions of the Week

First Reading:

God’s request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham’s obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

Second Reading:

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God’s divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God’s protection and comfort?

Gospel:

We hear Mark’s account of the apostles’ witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?

COVID-19 UPDATE

As the parish Covid-19 protocols remain in place to keep everyone safe, more parish members and visitors have been returning to in person Mass. *(continued on page 7)*



Please Pray for Those with Covid-19:

Edward Bejesky • Christopher Davis • Sr. Elizabeth Flaherty • Dee Hunt • Ed Hustoles • Mary Catherine Hustoles • Christopher Johnson • Cassandra Lowe • Patrick O'Neill • Sean O'Neill • Terry Plain • Jean Rooney • David Slaughter • Matt Smale • Michelle Talley • Juan Windham

March 1 - 7, 2021

Monday	8:30 am	+ Msgr Richard Osebold (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Tuesday	8:30 am	+ Sr Margaret Swallow (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Wednesday	<i>No Mass or Communion Service</i>	
Thursday	8:30 am	+ Gerome Brown (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Friday	8:30 am	+ Christopher Pare (req by Corpus Christi Parish)
Saturday	4:00 pm	For An Increase In Vocations
Sunday	11:00 am	+ Theresser Topp (req by Tim Neaton)



Covid-19 Update *(continued from page 6)*

It is still very important that parish members sign up for weekend Mass each week. We are still limited in the number of people who can safely attend Mass. To be sure a space is reserved for you, please sign up at our website or call the parish office (313-537-5770) by 12 noon Saturday. Available spaces after 12 noon are given to visitors on our "waiting list."

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will expire on Saturday, March 13, 2021. The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the anticipatory Mass at 4:00 pm or later on the previous day) is to be reinstated in the Archdiocese of Detroit effective Saturday, March 13, 2021. While the general dispensation is removed, **there are specific instances where the dispensation will continue, as well as those circumstances where there is no obligation in the first place.** One does not have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday in eight circumstances. Considering the grave obligation we have of being physically present with our brothers and sisters at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation for the Eucharist, each of us is asked to make a good and sincere judgement as to whether these circumstances apply or not. For information about these specific dispensations and visit aod.org/comehometohope.

Although specific dates have not yet been set, logistics planning continues in preparation for Corpus Christi Parish serving as a Covid-19 vaccine site. **A list of parish members 65+ is being compiled** so that they can be notified when the vaccine dates are set. A number of parish members may be missing from the list because their date of birth is not in our database. If you were a member of the former St. Eugene or Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes, and you would like to be included on the phone call list, please call the parish office at 313-537-5770.

Support Corpus Christi Parish When You Shop!

There are two simple, automatic ways to support Corpus Christi Parish every time you shop, at no cost to you. **You can find links to AmazonSmile and Kroger Community Awards on our parish website.** When you shop at Amazon or Kroger, a portion of your purchases is donated to Corpus Christi. We currently have 30 people who have selected Corpus Christi as their charitable organization on Amazon and recently received a deposit from purchases made during the 4th quarter of 2020 through Amazon Smile.



Please Pray for Our Deceased Loved Ones:

Paul Archambault (1/22)	brother of Fr. Don Archambault
Gerome Brown	brother in law of Greg and Darice Spight
Christopher Pare (1/27)	cousin of Mary Power
Maria Leonard (1/30)	member of the parish
Renee Williams (2/5)	cousin of Pat Tillery
Faustino Lopez (2/9)	brother of Santos (Leo) Lopez



Please Pray for Our Sick Members:

Tony Baines • Ken Banka • Doris and Paul Billion • Marcelle Blackmon • Faye Chennault-Johnson • Jefferie Cook Sr • Karen Cook • Terrie Craighead-Henderson • Sheri Dargin • Cid Davis • Mary Davis • Kevin DeMatas • David Derouselle Sr • Renita Fletcher • Roy Ford • Bernadette and Tom Foster • Connie Gant • Gary Greening • Virginia Harkey • Clint Harris • Irma Horton • Lynn James • John Johnson • Roswitha Jordan • Fannie Larkins • Myrna Leonard • Marilyn Lewandowski • Nancy Loper • Lori Love • Felicia McPherson-Watts • Kathy Montgomery • Shirley Myles • Yve Nemeth • Sharon Ortman • Helen Parkman • Vernard Plain • Thelma Polley • Sally Rimbart • Joy Robinson • Elyse Ryder • Michael Sands • Pauline Simpson • Paula Springer • Donna Storie • Colletta Sykes • Brendia Thomas • Charlotte Turner • Harold Unsleber • Adele Waddell • Kathy Wilson • Dolores Wodarski

Please Pray for Our Homebound Members:

Etta Bagley • Jackie Bodenhorn • Evelyn Brantley • Beverly Brown-Johnson • Angeline Butler • Joe and Michelle Cagle • Clairmina Danjou • Vivian Dorsey • Ella Goldsmith • Sr. Rachelle Harper • Sr. Stephanie Holub • Ed and Mary Catherine Hustoles • Sharon Lewis • Bob Lindsay • Clemencia Massey • Beatrice Neail • Margaret Nielsen • Shirley Oldenburg • John Onwudinjo • Sue Padalino • Milford Raines • Hulda Reed • Isiah Searls • Joseph Shelton • Mary Pat Shelton • Bernice Slaughter • Irene Williford • Joyce Wilson • Audrey Zielinski

Please Pray for Our Relatives and Friends:

Susan Absher • Jim Agnello • Duncan Alfes • Gloria Alexander • Cynthia Archer-Gift • Dana Porter Ashton • Sue Bates • Marie Beard • Joan Beckley-Fletcher • Kenneth Black • Laurie Bogart • Malcom Boudreaux • Bryan Bowman • Bria Brown • Ron Brown • James Bryant • Pam Buck • Ernest Cabule • Michael Derrick Cade • Jenny Churchill • Scott Clinton • Leah Closson • Perry Conway • Nancy Copeland • Ronald Crane • Betty Cross • Chuck Davis • Natacha Desir • Shannon Dodd • Jerry Douglas • Chris Downing • Elizabeth Downing • Anita Eans • Lloyd Earl • Memphis Edison • Virginia Etherly • Joseph Evans • Stephen Farkus • Barbara Ford • Kyle Foster • Jerry and Patricia Franks • Mavis Frazer • Barbara Gay • Nestelyn Gay • Elwood Gneckow • Becky Goodrich • Marlene Grant • Morty Green • Jerry Grondin • Alfonso Harris • Millie Harris • Sharon Harris • Lisa Harston-LeDoux • Bob and Jane Hazen • Arvin Heath • Donna Hebel • Summer Henry • Carol Holm • Sullivan Horton • Jean Houck • Jeranne Jackson • Robert Jarey • Aliyaa John • Arnim Johnson • El Caleb Jones • Dorie Kaiser • Fr. Larry Kaiser • Bill Kelley • Joe Kieffer • Kristin Kingzett • Katie Lutzo Kissell • Erin Knight • Fred Kolp • Paul Kruszewski • Emilia Kullman • Marta Lagos • Antoinette Litzinger • Anthony Lorenger • Shannon Lorenger • Harold Lowe • Michael Mathis • Lisa Renee McCrary • Scott McDonald • Ethan McMaster • Anthony McNeal • Michael McNeece • John and Mary Jo Meakin • Ashley Melonson • Jerry Mercier Jr • Marilyn Mills • Ben Miller • Robert Miller Jr • Darwin Mills • Florence Mills • Willard Mitchell • James Molloy • Karen Momper • Elizabeth Moore • Shirley V. Moore • Glinda Moorner • Verita Morris • Pierce Mueller • Joyce Mulhall • Mignon Murray • Sara Nell-Wallace • Margaret Nelson • Ernestine Nimmons • Charles Nutt • Charlotte, Donna, John and Tyler O'Neill • Patty Page • Celena Parker • Willie Parker Jr. • Paula Parham • Cyndi Pask • James Pefley • Alicia Penman • Ethel Person • Marquon Perry • Matt Phillips • Reginald Phillips • Anthony Plain • Erin Plain • Robin Rau • David Remo • Sandra Reynolds • Michael Rice • Matthew Rich • Viola Richburge • Dorothy Roberson • Crystal Roberts • Eugene Rohde • Alfredo Rojas • Jean Rooney • Patrick Ryder • Frank Salem • Sherry Samuel • Ethel Mae Sanders • Larry Schneider • Mildred Scott • Alice Sheehan • Larry Shelton • Lenny Simmons • Sierra Simmons • Curtis Simpson Sr. • Donald Sims Sr. • Annice Sisco • Bee Smale • Emily Smale • Kathy Smith • Tyrone Smith • Beverly Sneed • Tom and Dorothy Sobota • Nicholas Stephens • Rochelle Stewart • Trevor Sullivan • Kevin Sweeney • Frances Sykes • Lorraine Taylor • Patt Taylor -Braxton • Rick Thompson • Carolyn Thrash • Johnny Townsend • Gerry Tremonti • Amy Turner • Eleanor Ursalan • Al Victors • Alicia Walker • Kelley Walker • Lance Walker • Andrea Weaver • Alonzo Wesley • Brady Wesley • The Wheeler Family • Ruth Wilson • Barbara Woods • Doris Woody • Kyle Yanke

Please Pray for Those in the Military:

Caija Campbell (Army) • Anthony Carson (Army) • Thomas Dixon (Navy) • Anthony Ford (Army) • Nick Goodrich (Army) • Anthony Hollins Jr. (Army) • Jonah and Jon LaTour • John Maurer (Air Force) • Robbie Mayes (Marines) • Christopher Maniere (National Guard) • Lance Walker II (Army)

Generations of Faith 2020 – 2021



THE CATHOLIC *faith* EXPLAINED



Wind, fire, dove.... What are some characteristics that these symbols have in common with the Holy Spirit? Who exactly is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit move through our lives and the life of the Church? Why do we need the Holy Spirit in our lives? You'll find teachings, dogmas, and personal witnessing about the Holy Spirit in this fifth Generations of Faith video. Can you make time during this Lenten season to view this 40-minute video?

Faith video. Can you make time during this Lenten season to view this 40-minute video?

A panel discussion with Corpus Christi parishioners can, as usual, be found at the end of the video. Don't miss it!

Find the video *The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace* at corpuschristi-detroit.org OR clickoncatholic.com OR use the link in the parish emails.

1. Click the **Generations of Faith** button on the website's Welcome Page
2. To print the handout: Click on **Session 5 Handouts/Adults**
3. To see the video: Click on **Generation of Faith Videos** then on **ADULTS 2020-2021 SESSION FIVE**

Respond: What image or title or characteristic of the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart? Email your word to corpuschristigenerations@gmail.com. Your word will become part of a "word cloud" to be published at the end of March.

Related Additional Resources:

Visually explore St. Peter Basilica in Rome, including the Holy Spirit window mentioned in this month's video.

A 2 ½ minute walk-through the Basilica with no narration:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hp0C8N2Tkx8&ab_channel=iWalkingTours

A 20-minute walk-through with comments displayed in writing on the screen:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B54PR2kvWE&ab_channel=ProwalkTours

AOD Pastoral Care Regarding The Vatican's Note on Baptism

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" instead of the proper form of "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The Vatican ruled that the form "We baptize" does not convey the Sacrament of baptism.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 – 1999, potentially invalid baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help.

If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the website aod.org/sacramentsupdate for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.



The Department of State will enable new online services for customers and expand the capability of self-service stations to include driver's license and state ID transactions when a massive upgrade of the department's driver records system is launched on March 16. Branch appointments will be unavailable from 5 pm Thursday, March 11 to 9 am Tuesday, March 16 while the system is brought online. Learn more at Michigan.gov/SOS.

Why Do We Do That? – Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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