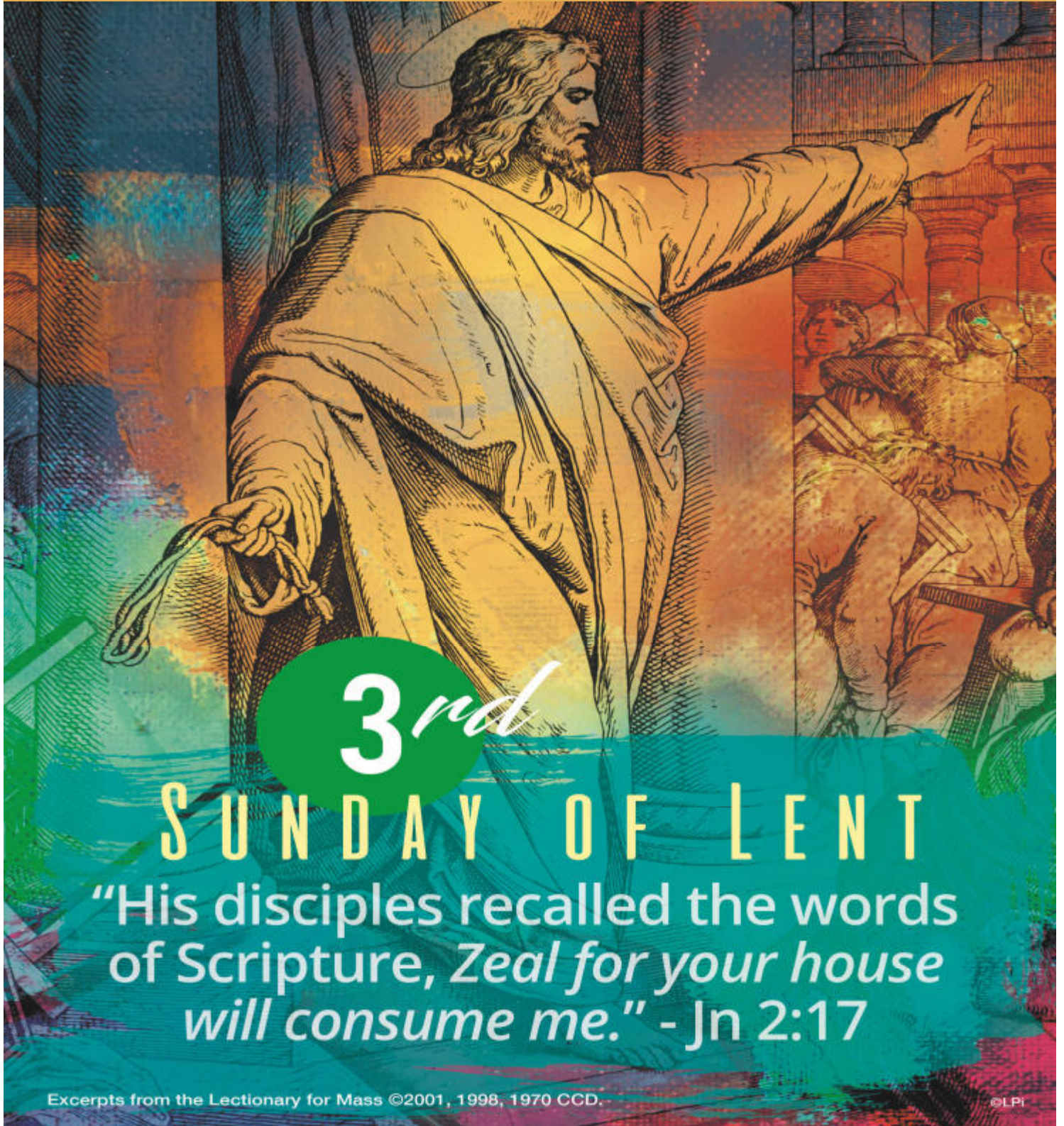


# Church of Corpus Christi

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Sunday, March 7, 2021



3<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY OF LENT

"His disciples recalled the words  
of Scripture, *Zeal for your house  
will consume me.*" - Jn 2:17

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## Mission Statement

The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

## WEEKLY LENT REFLECTION

### In the Desert: A Lenten Journey

As we begin the third week of Lent, I find myself searching for the motivation to keep on keeping on. Are you there with me? At the beginning of Lent I decided my Lenten sacrifice was going to be strict moderation for everything in my life. So moderation of TV watching, social media scrolling, eating, etc. But week three has come and I am already falling into old habits of spending too much of my time on things that hardly matter. However, ironically during a time of social media scrolling, I read a post from a Catholic small business. In this post, the business owner was talking about Lent and the difference between fasting and dieting. Her main point was fasting without prayer is just dieting, and in our Lenten journey if we are simply giving something up and not praying through our sacrifice, we're essentially just dieting from whatever we're abstaining from. This hits hard and provides that second wave of motivation for me to continue through my sacrifices because it's true.



It's true that without prayer our fasting is close to meaningless. Isn't that true for much in our lives? Prayer gives us life, motivation, direction, relationship and so much more. Prayer is the lifeblood of our faith in Jesus Christ, so why would we do anything without prayer? At the beginning of Lent I wrote that Jesus is inviting us into the desert with Him to surrender and be transformed. But we won't be transformed if we are only doing the bare minimum. Let's continue to unite our sacrifice and suffering with Christ's and make everything we say and do this Lent a prayer.

If we find ourselves falling back into old habits and not allowing Christ to work through our sacrifices, I invite you to pray the prayer below to unite your suffering with Christ and for the benefit of God's Kingdom.

"Lord, I really would love (*insert thing here*) but I'm going to deny myself for the love of You. I'd like to offer this momentary suffering for (*intention*). Thank you, Lord for your goodness in my life. Amen."

—Laura Schaad, Faith Formation Coordinator

## PARISH NEWS

### SYMPATHY

In your prayers, please remember those who have recently died: Mary Flesher, Mary McDonald, daughter of Patricia McDonald and James Ubel, son of Florian and Dorothy Ubel. Sincere sympathy is extended to their families.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

\$13,755 has been received so far with a goal of \$30,946.00. Visit [www.csafspm.org](http://www.csafspm.org) to learn more or [www.GiveCSAF.org](http://www.GiveCSAF.org) to donate or pick up an envelope in the parish office entrance, door #1.

### CRS RICE BOWL

Please pick up a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl in the entryway of the Parish Office or in the Gathering Area if you attend Mass. Use the Rice Bowl to give alms and allow the bowl to serve as a reminder to pray for those in need. These donations go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities overseas and in the U.S. Please return the Rice Bowl to the Parish Office by April 4th.

## PARISH NEWS *continued*

### WORSHIP AT HOME MATERIALS

The video can be found on the main page of our website, and is sent out via email as well. Recorded Mass will be available on Saturdays. We continue to update the Worship At Home materials, if you prefer to create your own Sunday worship experience. [www.ccmn.org/worship-at-home](http://www.ccmn.org/worship-at-home). Contact Sue at [sue@ccmn.org](mailto:sue@ccmn.org) for the link for the 10:20 Zoom Church.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©LPi

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Whatever You Do.... Every day, our parishioners reach out beyond the church walls to share God's love through their actions. Here is this month's **Corpus Christi Volunteer Spotlight**.



Name: **Jim Thompson**



**Q. What organization do you engage with?**

Bridging of Roseville, a non-profit that accepts household donations and gives them to needy families that are moving into their first homes.

**Q. What is the focus of your work?**

I repair and refurbish donated furniture and beds before they're given to our clients. We serve 14 client families per day, four days a week. Most take a complete household of goods. They either provide their own transportation or Bridging will deliver it for a nominal fee. In many cases, a sponsoring organization such as Catholic Charities will pay for the delivery.

**Q. How and why did you get involved in it?**

I had volunteered for Habitat for Humanity for 12 years as a construction site project manager. This was a few years ago when all houses were two-story and the scaffolding did not have built-in stairs. Sometime in my seventies, it was no longer easy to climb up the ladder on the scaffold, climb through it and through a second floor window to get to the work site. (Fellow parishioner) Jim Colten, who was working with both Habitat and Bridging, introduced me to Bridging where the work was safer for an old guy and much warmer in early April. I have been there for almost 11 years.

**Q. Tell us about an experience you had while engaging in this work that was particularly meaningful to you.**

Every day is a meaningful experience. We typically work on several furniture pieces every day. Each item that gets repaired means that some kid who slept in a car last night will sleep in a bed tonight.

**Q. If other parishioners are interested in getting involved with this work, what can they do?**

Please contact Wendy Erickson, Bridging's volunteer Coordinator, in Roseville at 651-631-3255.

### PARISH NEWS

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date for Vacation Bible School taking place June 21-25, 2021 at Church of Corpus Christi! This year's theme is **Treasured!** All elementary aged kids are welcome to participate. Middle and high school aged youth, and adults are invited to help lead groups, music, games, and activities for the week. More information and registration details to come. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, email Laura at [laura@ccmn.org](mailto:laura@ccmn.org).



#### FISH FRY

The annual Corpus Christi Fish Fry community building event will not take place this year due to COVID-19. We look forward to serving you next year.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year we are praying with a new resource. **The Way of the Cross: A Prayer for Hope and Healing Amidst a Global Pandemic.** In Person Stations with Deacon Glenn. Fridays, through March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Mask and Social Distancing required. Sign up at [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org) or call the office at 651-639-8888. For at home use, copies are available at Door #1 and online option is also available, see our website.



### PARISH NEWS *continued*

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM RECAP

On Wednesday, February 24, 57 parishioners and visitors gathered on Zoom for a Youth Hunger Forum, sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Father Michael stated that the speakers were, "very informative, and moved hearts." As of February 25 at 2 pm, \$5,000 was raised for their respective causes. Coupled with \$3,000 from a bequest that was used as a "match" incentive. We will be able to give each organization at least \$2,000 each. If you didn't get a chance to give, but would like to, visit [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org). Click the "Donate" button, click the "other" button and next to the asterisk, type "Youth Hunger Forum." Thanks to all who gave!

#### THE WORD AMONG US

Complimentary copies of the Lent edition of the Word Among Us, are available in the entryway to the parish offices school door #1.



#### SAVE THE DATE!

Blood Drive, March 19, 12:30 to 6:30pm, Gathering Area. Sign up at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)





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**WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Sunday.....10:00 am *VISIT WWW.CCMN.ORG*

**DAILY MASS—CHURCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30am

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**BAPTISM**

Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

**MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday at 9:00 am

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday at 9:00 am

**LISTENING FOR GOD LENTEN DAILY EXAMEN**

We launched a podcast for the season of Lent! Pray with us five minutes each day. You will be guided through the Daily Examen, prayerfully reviewing the past day to reflect where God was present and to listen to where God's voice is calling you to act as you look forward. You can find our podcast by at [www.anchor.fm/churchofcorpuschristi](http://www.anchor.fm/churchofcorpuschristi) or subscribe on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#). Paper copies of the Listening for God Lenten Daily Examen are available in the entrance to the parish offices (School Door 1).

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 am—Mass—Gathering Area † = *Bev Clarkin*  
Reservations Required [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 am—Mass—Gathering Area † = *Mark Wiseman*  
Reservations Required [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org)

9:00 am—Bible Study—Zoom Meeting

10:00 am—Bible Study—Zoom Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Skype Meeting

7:00 pm—Baptism Class—Zoom Meeting

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 am—Mass—Gathering Area † = *Ellen des Los Reyes*  
Reservations Required [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

6:00 pm—Stations of the Cross—Church  
Reservations Required [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org)



### SUNDAY, MARCH 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:45 am—9:30am—Walk-Up Communion—  
Enter School Door #1 by the Parish Offices

10:00 am—Mass—Church

Reservations Required *visit* [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org)

† = *Mass Intention*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/  
Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/ Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/ Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14


Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

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