

Church of Corpus Christi

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Sunday, March 14, 2021



4th

SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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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

We are half way through our Lenten season, and is it just me or is it going fast? I truly feel like it was Ash Wednesday just yesterday. As we grow nearer to the Easter season and begin our fourth week of Lent, I invite you to turn your attention to Jesus.

Throughout our Lenten journey in the desert, we know that Jesus has been with us. We know that we are out in the desert to draw closer to Jesus and listen to his voice guiding us in truth and faith. But I challenge you to take your Lenten journey one step further, however that may look or consist of, and focus on Jesus even greater and deeper than before.

I listen to a lot of podcasts. In fact I considered fasting from podcasts for Lent because it would be a real sacrifice for me, however, many of the podcasts I listen to are about the Catholic faith and they help me discover and grow in my personal life. A podcast new to me that I listen to is *Ave Explores*. This podcast is all about our Mother Mary and finding ways to know Mary, have a relationship with our Mother, and ultimately come to know Jesus through His Mother. *Ave Explores* has deepened my understanding of the Blessed Virgin and given me the desire to know our Mother more fully. So, for these last few weeks of Lent, I've discerned that Jesus is calling me to grow in my relationship with Mama Mary so that I may come to know and focus on Jesus through her even greater and deeper than before.

So, at this half way mark of Lent, perhaps focusing greater and deeper on Jesus means an adjustment, addition, or discernment of our Lenten routine so far. Adjusting our Lenten routine so that is more likely we will be successful in our fasting. Adding to our Lenten routine so that our prayer life will be rejuvenated. And continued discernment of God's Will so that we are transformed through Christ. Our journey is not over and there are still many gifts that Jesus wants to give us. I am choosing to stay in the desert with Jesus a little while longer and, now, He's giving the gift of His Mother to guide me. So, what is Jesus calling you to these last weeks in the desert? Let's keep praying, giving, and repenting as we walk through the desert with Jesus. Our surrender and yes to God is powerful, and we will be transformed because of it.

—Laura Schaad, Faith Formation Coordinator



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. Contact Sue at sue@ccmn.org for the link for the 10:20 Zoom Church.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin. ©LPi

PARISH NEWS

SYMPATHY

In your prayers, please remember those who have recently died especially

Jerome Lynch and Margaret O'Loughlin.

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 to learn more or www.GiveCSAF.org to donate or pick up an envelope in the parish office entrance, door #1.

PARISH NEWS *continued*

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY—MARCH 14

Global Solidarity Sunday This weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday as we celebrate "For God so loved the world..." (Jn. 3:16).

This is a unique opportunity to share God's love in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the Church in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share the love of God with your brothers and sisters overseas.

Please use the envelope you received in the envelope mailing. Thank you!



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.

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.



EASTER BASKETS FOR KEYSTONE



This Lent, we will be making Easter baskets which will be donated to the Keystone Food Shelf. We are currently collecting individually wrapped Easter candy and snacks, small toys, and tiny stuffed animals. Cash donations are also accepted and will be used to purchase materials. Please drop off all donations by Sunday, March 28.

Since we are not able to hold our annual Service Saturday event to assemble Easter baskets at church, we are looking for families who would like to assemble baskets at home.

Contact Liz Russell at liz@ccmn.org if interested and we will drop supplies off on your doorstep.

PARISH NEWS *continued*

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM RECAP

Thank you to all who attended the Lenten Youth Hunger Forum. The evening was very informative and very successful. The presenters from the following organizations did a wonderful job:

Every Meal
Keystone Community Services
Department of Indian Works
Good Club

Thanks to 30 very generous contributors who donated \$6,022 of which, \$3,000 was matched by a bequest made to the parish, Checks in the amount of \$2255.00 will be sent this week to each of the presenter's organizations.

If you didn't get a chance to give, but would like to, visit 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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Blood Drive, March 19, 12:30 to 6:30pm in the Gathering Area.

Sign up at www.redcross.org



STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

Eat less meat and reduce your carbon and water footprint. Meat production is energy and water intensive. Studies have shown that someone who is vegan has half the carbon footprint of a meat eater. Consider eating vegetarian for at least 2 meals a day. When you do eat meat, buy grass fed, locally raised products.



EASTER FLOWERS REMEMBRANCE

We invite you to donate in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of someone living, toward and flowers for our Church for the Easter season. If you wish to do so, please fill out this form and return it with \$10 for each name to the Parish Center office, school door #1 or in the collection. You may use the "Easter Flowers" envelope found in the entrance to the parish offices, school door #1, or place it in a separate envelope marked "Easter Flowers." We will publish this list in the bulletin on Sunday, April 4. **The deadline is Tuesday, March 23.**



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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

VISIT WWW.CCMN.ORG

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 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 15

7:30 am—Mass—Gathering Area
Reservations Required www.ccmn.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

7:30 am—Mass—Gathering Area
Reservations Required www.ccmn.org
9:00 am—Bible Study—Zoom Meeting
10:00 am—Bible Study—Zoom Meeting
6:00 pm—Finance Meeting—Zoom Meeting
7:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting—Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Zoom Meeting
7:00 pm—Bible Study—Skype Meeting
7:00 pm—Discipleship Groups Gathering—
Zoom Gathering



THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 am—Mass—Gathering Area
Reservations Required www.ccmn.org

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

12:30 pm—Blood Drive—Gathering Area
6:00 pm—Stations of the Cross—Church
Reservations Required www.ccmn.org



SUNDAY, MARCH 21 FIFTH 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)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

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 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a
and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/
Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
[37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/
Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb
5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or
11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45


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