

Church of Corpus Christi

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Sunday, August 29, 2021



22nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi

PARISH NEWS

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION



The family of longtime Corpus Christi parishioner **Agathe Selner** is holding a Memorial Celebration of Life in the Gathering Area on September 12 following the 10 am Mass. The family would like an approximate number for those attending. For more information,

contact Aimee Pasiuk at 651-387-3186.

PONDERING THE MORSELS

[Offering a look back on last weekend’s homily]

From Sunday, August 22, 2021

One day Jesus taught his disciples something new and uncomfortable to hear. They pushed back against it. It wasn’t easy to digest. Jesus stayed with them and with the truth he was sharing. He did not retreat. So, many of his longtime companions went back to their old lives, no longer accompanying Jesus. They fled from the tension. God’s ways are not our ways. Therefore, they sometimes are uncomfortable to hear. We might be tempted to flee, perhaps by walking away, perhaps by editing out the parts we don’t like, or perhaps by just saying, “whatever,” while continuing on our own way.

But what if we would stay with the tension? The Lord never flees from us, nor from where we stand at any given point. Why? It is always God’s will to live unity, no matter the price.

For your reflection: Have you in any way or to any extent fled from the tensions created by the distance between your way and God’s way? If so, how did you flee? Might it be time to return to the search for understanding with trust that the distance can be gapped? To name the leaving is the first step back, even if you’re not quite ready to take the leap. Big or small, the distance is smaller than God’s loving will to be one with you. So, today you could start by naming the distance.

PARISH NEWS

NEED PLANTS?

In an effort to refresh our worship space, we have plants that need new homes. Stop by the table in the Gathering Area



this weekend to see what is available. Thank you to those who have and will continue to care for our greenery.

SYNOD SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Save the dates for our Archdiocesan Synod Small Group Gatherings taking place on Mondays, starting October 4th. All are welcome to join us at the small group sessions. There will be options to attend a daytime gathering, a Zoom gathering, or an evening gathering. Archbishop Hebda announced three focus areas in August 2020, which arose from the listening sessions in 2019.

- Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization
- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus’ love and respond to his call
- Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young

At each session, we will use the Archdiocesan Synod materials to learn, pray, and discuss the Synod focus areas. To learn more about the Synod, please visit www.archspm.org/synod



REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION

Join us as regular “in person” Faith Formation returns for the 2021-2022 school year! [Register online here](#) for the programs for grades PreK-12. After a year of at-home formation, we are excited to come back together (following safe protocols), and to even enjoy opening prayer and games together. Contact Scott at Scott@ccmn.org with questions. **Early registration discount ends September 1, so register now!**

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR



The State Fair runs through Labor Day. The large (East) parking lot will be used for a Park & Ride. During the Fair, park in the small (West) parking lot for morning Masses, funerals or any church business. On Saturday, the first row closest to the building (East) parking lot will be available for parking for 5pm Mass. On Sunday, State Fair parking begins at 1pm.

Also, the Farmer’s Market will not be here on Tuesday, August 31, but will resume Tuesday, September 7.

WELCOME WEEKEND

The next Welcome Weekend is Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12. We are looking for someone to greet people as they walk in, and be available after Mass to answer any questions. Help is needed for Saturday, September 11 at the 5pm Mass. Please contact Maureen Connelly in the Parish Office at office@ccmn.org or 651-639-8888, if you are able to help.



THE WORD AMONG US

Complimentary copies are available in church and the parish office entryway. Feel free to pick up your copy today.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Give it all Back**

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what’s owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

—continued in next column

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that’s robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that’s justice. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi

WEEKEND MASS OFFERINGS

Saturday Mass at 5pm – no singing, masks optional
Sunday Mass at 10am – with singing, masks required

Can't make it to in-person Mass? You are welcome to join us for Mass on Sunday mornings at 10am via live stream. Visit www.ccmn.org for the link to watch.

To attend Daily Mass, times are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:30 AM. Masks are optional.





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WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH
Saturday.....5:00 pm Sunday.....10:00 am

DAILY MASS—CHURCH
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30 am

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



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 am—Mass—Church
8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 am—Mass—Church
8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride
9:30 am—Bible Study—Gathering Area
10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 6

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride
7:00 pm—Bible Study—Fire Pit

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 am—Mass—Church
8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am—State Fair Park & Ride
4:00 pm—Reconciliation—Reconciliation Room
5:00 pm—Mass—Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:00 am—Mass—Church
1:00 pm—State Fair Park & Ride

Sunday, August 29 & Sunday, September 5

Outdoor Mass at the State Fair.

Fr. Fitz will be presiding. Mass starts at 9:00 AM at the Family Stage at Baldwin Park. <https://www.mnstatefair.org/schedule/catholic-mass/>



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,
13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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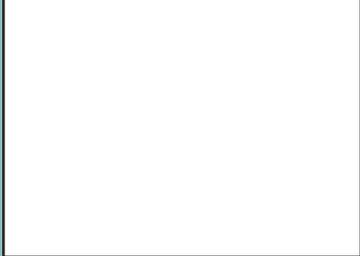


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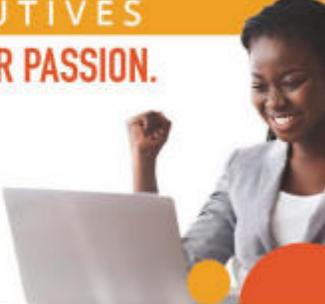

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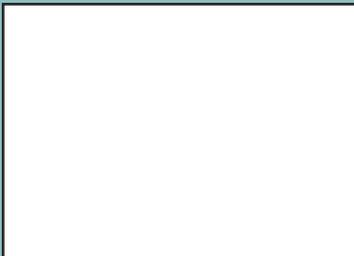
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