



Corpus Christi Parish

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Welcome!

If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome!

If you are a visitor, we're glad you joined us!

If you're considering parish membership, please introduce yourself to Fr. Gary after Mass.



Parish Mission Statement

Rooted in the Word, nourished by the Eucharist, and strengthened by the sacraments, Corpus Christi Parish is a vibrant, welcoming Catholic community of many parts united in the one Body of Christ. Seeking to reflect the unconditional love and embrace of Christ, we strive to live out our baptismal call as disciples and enthusiastic witnesses to our faith.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 4:30 PM
Monday – Saturday 8:00 AM

Confessions

Monday–Friday 8:30 AM
Saturday 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM
Sunday 3:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday–Saturday 7:00-7:55 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

Doors Open For Prayer

Weekdays 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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Easter Extra Effort

As in past years, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you can do in your Easter Sunday offering. We count on the Christmas and Easter “Extra Efforts” to meet our budget for parish operation and ministries. You have always shown such remarkable generosity, whether in the almsgiving of Lent, the Flower Fund for the Liturgies of the Season, or this opportunity to continue to sustain and develop the operation of our parish. Thank you in advance for whatever you can share!

Good Friday Fast

A reminder that Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence in the Church. Fasting, one full simple meal, is for all aged 18 to 60, who are in good health. Abstinence from meat is for all ages 14 and older.

Easter Food Baskets

If your family is using the “teachable moment” of the Easter Food Basket, as explained in the brochure available at the church door, we remind you that we will gather at 4:00PM on Holy Saturday at the Lord’s Tomb scene in church to bless them and your family.



The Bunny is Back!

NEXT Saturday! We look forward to gathering our little children together on Holy Saturday morning, **April 16, at 10:00 AM** on the Parish Center grounds on Woodbury Avenue as we welcome the Easter Bunny and resume the annual Easter Egg Hunt! **(Thank you to all those who brought in candy to fill the eggs!)** Fr. Gary will offer a brief teaching to the kids on the link and symbolism between the Easter Egg and the Resurrection, then, we set them loose to hunt for the candy filled eggs. Remember to bring baskets to collect the eggs and to wear boots, as the grounds tend to be muddy at this time of year! Refreshments will be served in the Parish Center (lower level) after the hunt, while the kids open their eggs!



After the hunt, we urge parents to bring their kids to the church for a visit to the Tomb of the Lord displayed there.

Easter Flower Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to enable us to adorn our church in splendor as these days unfold—today in palms, later in the Holy Thursday Repository, then, the Garden Tomb, and finally, the full splendor of Easter! Names of loved ones, in whose memory offerings were given, will be printed in the Easter bulletin for prayerful remembrance, and all will be lifted up in the Masses of the Easter Octave Days—**April 18th to 23rd.**



The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,


During this most solemn and sacred road of the church year, we are invited to take the road with Mary and those few friends who followed Him to Calvary, silent and attentive at His side. He wants the work of His cross to be an old story, known well, but that is constantly made new, from which we can gain new insights, new strength, as we open ourselves to the abundant graces of this sacred time. The sufferings of Christ, which we recall in a special way as Holy Week unfolds, have been a source of strength to countless people throughout the ages, who draw deeply from the well of redeeming love made tangible. His Passion gives us a glimpse into the mystery of suffering that surrounds us on all sides. In times of our personal encounter with the cross in our life's journey, in whatever form it takes, our strength, courage, and inspiration to move forward comes from the knowledge that we are one with Jesus who bore the cross for us. For many it was "folly," as St. Paul put it, but, instead, it was the "wisdom of God." As the Preface of the Mass honoring the Triumph of the Cross puts it, "The tree of man's defeat became his tree of victory! Where life was lost, there, life has been restored."

In Holy Week, we come face to face with the primary Christian symbol—the Cross—without which, as He told us, we cannot be His disciples. We share the fruit of His embrace of the cross each time we partake of the gift He gave us on the night in which He was betrayed—His body broken for us, His blood poured out for us—given as food and drink in the Holy Eucharist. The Triduum opens with the celebration of that gift of the Passover "last supper," a gift renewed and given in every offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the gift of Holy Thursday night. We encounter Jesus, in His humanity, sharing what is often our struggle when confronted with suffering, as we remember His agony in the Garden while we "keep watch and pray" with Him at the Repository altar, before the Blessed Sacrament, after the Holy Thursday Mass procession. We bring our struggles and ask to be graced to pray as He did, after "sweating blood"—"If possible, let this cup of suffering pass, yet, not my will, Father, but yours!"

As we venerate the Cross in the Liturgy of Good Friday, we are afforded an opportunity to ponder what the cross is that we struggle to take up daily, or refuse to face. Where is our sharing in His Passion? There is not much point in dwelling on the crucifixion of Christ during this solemn week if it is seen as simply a "stroll down memory lane," or, an isolated event and not linked with the drama of suffering that goes on in our lives the rest of the year. Mary, who stood faithfully by the cross of her Son, unable to change the injustice or take away the pain, is the same Mother, given to us by Jesus from the Cross, who stands by us. Her example of fidelity is also a model for us as we encounter the cross in the lives of those we love, as we often feel helpless in the face of it, unable to change or make it go away.

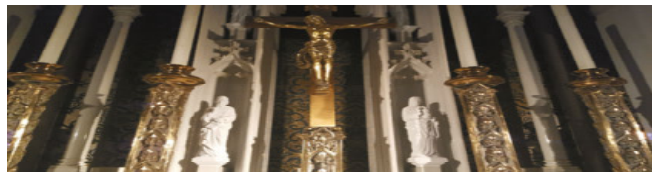
Let's create space in our schedules, our homes, and our hearts to enter into this week. Whether at liturgies, in quiet time spent with Him in the church, or while pondering these mysteries and making the connections in our prayer at home, may we be intent on walking with Him, that we might be renewed in our appreciation of how He walks with us. Truly, as the familiar prayer of the Way of the Cross declares: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world!"

With you on the Journey into these holiest of days,



fr Gary

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Intentions for Holy Mass

- Monday APRIL 11 Monday of Holy Week**
8:00AM *Kathleen M Morrissey,*
by Kathleen A Morrissey
6:30PM *George & Marion Fritz, by their Family*
- Tuesday APRIL 12 Tuesday of Holy Week**
8:00AM *Frank McLean, by Corpus Christi Staff*
- Wednesday APRIL 13 Wednesday of Holy Week**
8:00AM *Greg Ornellas, by his Mother and Sister*
6:30PM *Gerry Grady,*
by Lisa, Caroline, and Steve Grady

The Paschal Triduum

- Thursday APRIL 14 Holy Thursday**
7:00PM *For all discerning Priestly Vocation*
9:45PM *Night Prayer (Compline)*
- Friday APRIL 15 Good Friday**
12:00N *Opening of the Divine Mercy Novena*
3:00PM *Stations of the Cross*
7:00PM *Solemn Liturgy of the Passion*
- Saturday APRIL 16 Holy Saturday**
9:00AM *Morning Prayer & Divine Mercy Novena*
NO Mass today at 4:00 PM
7:30PM *Solemn Easter Vigil*
Pro Populo (For our Parish Family)
- Sunday APRIL 17 Easter Sunday**
8:00AM *Easter Flower Memorial Intentions*
9:30AM *Easter Flower Memorial Intentions*
11:00AM *Easter Flower Memorial Intentions*

Collection Report Delay

Due to an early deadline because of Holy Week, our weekly financial report was not yet available when the bulletin went to press. It will appear in next week's issue.

April 10, 2022



**Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults**

We are blessed to have seven catechumens and three candidates this year who, since early fall, have been exploring our Catholic faith and prayerfully discerning His invitation to them to become members of the Catholic community. We have been holding them in special prayer throughout these 40 days, which for them is a time of spiritual preparation to receive the sacraments of initiation and be welcomed into the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumens

Cameron Dalton
Josh Hudson
Caleb Jones
Victoria Johnson
Anna Micucci
Brittany Stuart
Elias Thomas

Candidates

Bronson Bouchard
Katharine Hughes
Joe Yukica

On Holy Saturday morning, these candidates, their sponsors, and our RCIA team will enjoy a morning retreat at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, Massachusetts in preparation for the Easter Vigil that evening. Please pray for them as they enter into these final days of prayer and reflection before celebrating the Sacraments, and sharing fully with us at the Table of the Lord.

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The votives at the Mary altar will burn for the intentions of Victoria Mailhot, requested by friends.

The votives at the Divine Mercy Shrine will burn this week with Birthday Blessings for Terry Sofarelli.



Holy Week & Easter

Passion (Palm) Sunday

- **Blessing of palms** opens each Liturgy, and Solemn Blessing, Procession, and Holy Mass at 10:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

- **Morning Mass** each day at 8:00 AM, preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00 to 7:55 AM
- **Evening Mass** at 6:30 PM on Monday and Wednesday
- **Eucharistic Adoration** 8:30 AM-6:15 PM on Wednesday
- **Confessions** will be heard for the last time this week on Monday, from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, 12 Noon to 1:00 PM, and 5:30-6:15 PM

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday

- **Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7:00 PM with Washing of the Feet and Procession to Repository
- **Adoration** at the Repository after Mass until 10:00 PM
- **Compline** (Night Prayer) at 9:45 PM

**Note: No adoration during the day; no morning Mass*

Good Friday

- **Chaplet and Divine Mercy Novena** at 12 noon
- **Stations of the Cross** at 3 PM
- **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** at 7:00 PM with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
- **Church open** till 10:00 PM for prayer at the Tomb

Holy Saturday

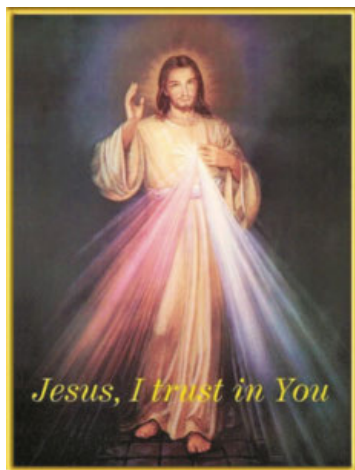
- **Church open** 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for prayer at the Tomb
- **Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena** at 9:00 AM
- **Blessing of Easter Food Baskets** at 4:00 PM
- **Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy** at 7:30 PM with the Blessing of Fire and Easter Water, Sacraments of Initiation, and First Mass of Easter

**Note: No confessions today; no 4:00 PM Mass*

Easter Sunday

Please Note: These are NOT the usual Sunday times!

- **Festive Holy Masses** at:
 8:00 AM **9:30 AM** **11:00 AM**
- **Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction** at 7:00 PM



Divine Mercy Novena APRIL 15—23

In the struggles and challenges of these difficult times, with so many challenges and affronts to truth, human dignity, and life, and with so many struggling over the past year, and presently, with the effects of the pandemic, we urge all to be united in offering this Novena, given by our Lord Himself in His revelations to Saint Faustina Kowalska. Whether alone at home, with family, or joining with us for the communal daily prayer opportunities listed below, please consider this grace-full opportunity! Red brochures containing the Novena and Chaplet prayers are available at the doors of the church.

- **Good Friday**—Novena opens with Chaplet and Prayer at 12:00N
- **Holy Saturday**—Morning Prayer, followed by Chaplet and Novena Prayer at 9:00AM
- **Easter Sunday**—Novena Prayer, chaplet, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM
- **Easter Octave Days** (Monday—Friday)—Novena Prayer and Chaplet at 6:15 PM followed by Holy Mass at 6:30 PM
- **Closing Novena Prayer and Chaplet** after 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, April 11th
- **Confessions** will be heard Monday—Friday at 5:45 PM and Saturday 8:45 AM and 3:00 PM



Feast of Divine Mercy—APRIL 24

- **Solemn Holy Mass** at 10:30 AM
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for adoration from 2:00 to 3:00 PM
- **Sung Chaplet and Benediction** at 3:00 PM, with veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina following
- **Confessions** will be heard from 2:00 to 2:45 PM

NEW! **Easter Octave Days**

It only *begins* on Easter Sunday! The Church revels in resurrection and unfolds the great gift and mystery of the life of the Risen One as fifty days of the Easter Season unfold! Forty days of fasting leads to fifty days of feasting! From Easter day until the Sunday after, the Liturgical celebrations take on a very special tone as we observe these first eight days of the season as the Easter Octave. In the rich scriptures of the Liturgy, we enter into the wonderful events of the encounters with the Risen Lord. Since this is also the period of the Divine Mercy Novena, as noted elsewhere, and in order to make it easier for more of you to join in celebration of these festive days, we will celebrate **Holy Mass at 6:30 PM Monday through Friday, April 18—22**, in addition to the 8:00 AM Mass. Plan now so you can join as much as you can!

NEW! **Recently Baptized**

We warmly welcome **Eleanor Anne Perrella**, who was given new life through water and the Holy Spirit in our parish community! To her parents and godparents we extend our congratulations and prayerful support as they live out the commitment they made to be “the first teachers of these children in the ways of faith.” In the words of the rite, “may they be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith in what they say and do.”

NEW! **Called Home to the Lord**

We remember in prayer the repose of the souls of **Seth Fournier** and **Al Romano**, whose Funeral Masses were recently celebrated in our parish, and former parishioner **Theresa Blanchette**. To their families we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEW! **Calvary Cemetery Spring Cleanup**

Calvary Cemetery will soon be undergoing its annual spring cleanup. In accordance with our published regulations, our cemetery staff will begin discarding non-compliant articles left on the graves, including unused shepherd’s hooks, tattered flags, and out-of-season artificial flowers and decorations. Please protect your articles by taking them home. We appreciate your cooperation as we prepare the cemetery for the spring and summer seasons.

NEW! **Parish Scholarships**

Each year, Corpus Christi parish offers a number of partial scholarships to students who will be/are attending college for undergraduate studies. Father David Alexander Sullivan Scholarships are available to parish members who’ve attended area high schools. Applications are available from the parish office or at www.corpuschristinh.org. **The deadline to apply is May 27th.**

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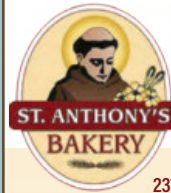


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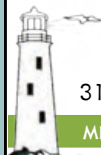


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