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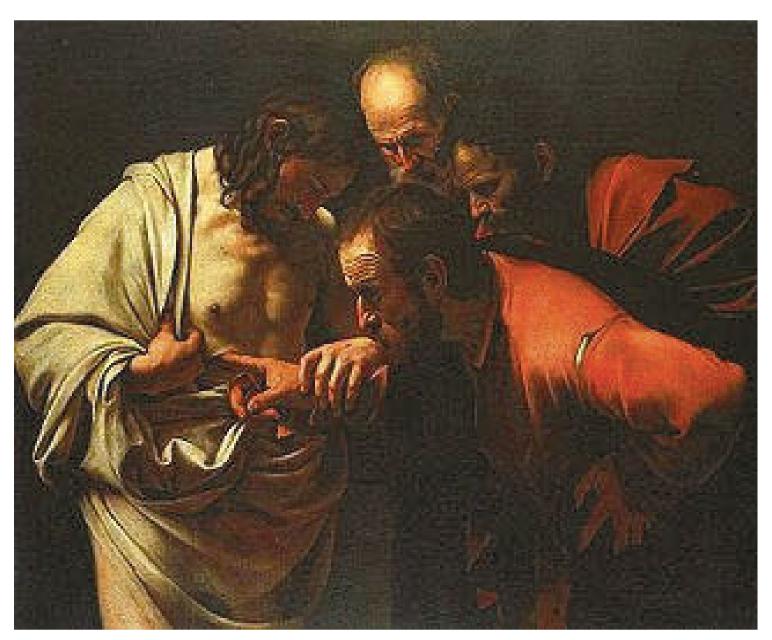
EMBRACING A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE!

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Immaculate Conception Church 98 Summer Street

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

Parish Center & Parish Office

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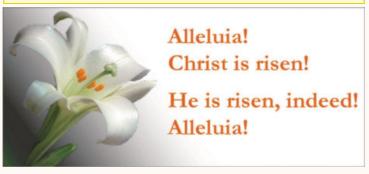
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The Week at a Glance



Monday, April 25th

Young Adult Bible Study-7:00 PM (JPII)

Tuesday, April 26th

Prayer Cenacle—2:00 PM (C) RCIA—6:30 PM (PC LH)

Finance Council Meeting—6:30 PM (PO) Televised Parish Mass—7:00 PM, Channel 98

Wednesday, April 27th

Exposition/Adoration—8:30AM-6:00 PM (C) Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:30 PM (PC UH)

Thursday, April 28th

Lay Carmelite Book Study-6:30 PM (PC LH) Televised Parish Mass-7:00 PM, Channel 98

Friday, April 29th

Saturday, April 30th

Baptism—10:00 AM (C) Baptism—10:45 AM (C) Rosary—3:30 PM (C)

Sunday, May 1st

Televised Parish Mass—10:00 AM, Channel 98 Wedding Music Consultation—11:45 AM (C)

Sanctuary Lamp & Votives

The sanctuary lamp will burn this week in gratitude for Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Burns and Rev. Thomas Savage, on the anniversary of their deaths.



The votives at the Mary altar will burn in memory of Beth Alyssa Sumalinog, as requested by her family.

At the St. Joseph altar, the votives will burn for Fran Price.

At the Divine Mercy shrine, the votives will burn with Birthday Blessings for Sr. Nina Underwood and Rev. Marcos Gonzalez.

The votives at the Black Madonna shrine will burn in memory of Doris Gionet, requested by her friends.

The Pastor's Letter

Dear Family in the Lord,

In our Church, Easter has always been a celebration of the great restorative love that God has for His Creation—love that was shown when the Divine Son became incarnate and dwelt among us, sharing in our lot, showing us the way to the Father, and making the perfect offering in atonement for our sins, conquering sin and death!

On this first Sunday after Easter, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast based upon the private revelations of Jesus to St. Faustina. In extending this Feast to the entire Church, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized the resurrection context of Easter, citing St. Faustina's diary: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." In describing this feast, Pope St. John Paul II says: "Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ, a gift which it offers to all humanity."

The first epistle of St. John declares to the entire world that "God is love;" and in his encyclical letter, *Rich in Mercy*, St. John Paul II wrote "Mercy is love's second name." If we understand mercy in the Biblical sense, then without any fear of error contrary to the faith, it can be said, as John Paul II said, that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. This Biblically formulated relationship between love and mercy is expressed by St. Faustina when she says: "Love is the flower, mercy the fruit."

Divine Mercy is the form that God's eternal love takes when He reaches out to us in the midst of our misery and our brokenness. Whatever the nature of our need might be—sin, guilt, suffering, or death—He is always ready to pour out His merciful, compassionate love for us, to help us. Where there was only despair, loneliness, and heartache before, comes joy, fruitfulness, and abiding love.



The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us and wants us to approach Him in constant prayer, repenting of our sins while asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. He wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others, extending our love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

We must realize that God does not do anything in portions. He is infinite and the amount of His Divine Mercy available to us is infinite. The only limiting factor is us. The more we trust in Jesus, the more graces we will receive and the more all will come to share His joy. This is the message Jesus is giving us through today's devotion to His Divine Mercy, a mercy which He tells us is unfathomable, and which He wants us to spread throughout the world through our own actions and love for others. As we entered Lent, we were invited to dive deeply into the mystery of the Lord's great gift—"Even while we were still sinners, Christ died for us," as St. Paul reminded us. That simple motto now propels us to live Divine Mercy, recognizing that it is a gift offered "for us and for the whole world," and we are agents used by the Lord to make mercy tangible. We celebrate this day in response to the call: *Know Mercy*, *Show Mercy*!

Blessings as these Fifty Days of Easter Unfold!

Divine Mercy Sunday



Intentions for Holy Mass

Monday APR 25 St. Mark

8:00AM June Doherty, by Bill & Gemma Curran (At SPA) Beth Alyssa Sumalinog, by her Family

Tuesday APR 26 Easter Feria (weekday) 8:00AM Stephen Robbins, by Barbara McKechnie

Wednesday APR 27 Easter Feria 8:00AM Greg Guerra, by his Family

Thursday APR 28 St. Louis de Montfort 8:00AM Colette Murray, by her Sister and Brother

Friday APR 29 St. Catherine of Siena

8:00AM Doris Gionet,

by Joan & Paul Strait & Family

Saturday APR 30 St. Pius V

8:00AM Intentions of David & Hannah Perrella,

by a Parishioner

Vigil Third Sunday of Easter

4:00PM Doris Gionet,

by the Mystical Rose Prayer Group

Sunday MAY 1 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30AM Greg Guerra, by his Family

10:30AM Dante Leo Tosi, by his Family

4:30PM Victor, Mary, and John Valeri,

by Robert & Kathy Valeri

To schedule Mass intentions or to request sacramental records, please contact Kathy Kelleher at the parish office at 845 Woodbury Avenue, or call 603-436-0344.

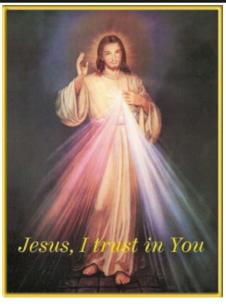


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Divine Mercy Celebration



We observe this solemn day at each Holy Mass this weekend, and, in addition, invite you to **JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON at 3:00 PM** for the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. For those who wish some personal adoration time, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 2:00 PM. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 until 2:45 PM as well. Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom our Lord entrusted the message of Divine Mercy, will follow the afternoon devotions.

Our reflection of God's generosity to us!

Weekend of April 2/3, 2022

 Online Giving
 \$ 3,723.00

 Envelopes
 \$ 9,467.00

 Loose
 \$ 2,163.00

 Total
 \$ 15,353.00

That weekend 152 envelope/76 Online Giving users contributed 86% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations \$ 4,485.33

Weekend of April 9/10, 2022

 Online Giving
 \$ 5,483.00

 Envelopes
 \$ 11,045.43

 Loose
 \$ 2,262.38

 Total
 \$ 18,790.81

That weekend 155 envelope/95 Online Giving users contributed 88% of our income.

Poor Box /SHARE Donations \$ 1,580.00 Capital Campaign a/o 4/18/22 \$ 2,420,127.00

Living & Present Among Us!

As we "revel in Resurrection" in these Easter days, perhaps we can renew our zeal to draw close to the Risen Lord, substantially present among us—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Holy Eucharist! We remind you that our center church door is open every day for you from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. In addition, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration opportunity from 7:00 to 7:55 AM Monday through Saturday, prior to Daily Mass. Each Wednesday we observe our Parish Adoration Day with Exposition from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. What a wonderful opportunity to step away, come before His Real Presence, and rest in Him! As the gospels relate, we too are invited to "come and see" and then "go and tell" the Good News of the Risen One present among us in the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, given on the night before He died. Moments spent before Him, receptive of Him in Holy Communion, are the means we have here and now to get closer to Him than any other time, as He fulfills His promise: "I will be with you always!" Seize an opportunity! Carve out space! As Lent was about "cutting out," so let Easter be about "pulling in" and drawing closer!

NEWD Recently Baptized

We warmly welcome **Ava Therese LeBlanc**, 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."

NEWD Called Home to the Lord

We remember in prayer the repose of the soul of **Mary Thelma Ludwick**, whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated in our parish. To her family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayerful support as well.

NEWD 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.

Solution Wight for Grownups

Join us for dinner and Game Night, an informal gathering open to all aged 18 and up, on **Saturday**, **April 30th**, beginning at 5:00 PM, at our Parish Center, Lower Hall. We'll have a variety of board games (Qwirkle, Rummikub, Apples to Apples), card games (cribbage, canasta), and dice games (LCR, Farkel) to choose from, or bring a favorite game of your own. We're aiming for easy setup and cleanup, so we'll order pizza (\$5 per person, to be collected that night). Beverages will be provided. **RSVP by 4/28** to Mary Kay or Kathy at 603-436-4555. Please bring \$3.00 to play an ice breaker game! Bring a friend!

Thank You

A Note of Thanks

On this final day of the Easter Octave, and as we continue in the coming weeks to live the Easter Season—50 days of feasting that follow the 40 days of fasting—I wish to express my deepest thanks for all who so generously shared time, talent, and treasure over the 40 days of Lent and the most solemn days of Holy Week and this past week of the Octave. We can never take for granted all we are blest with!

Whether visible or behind the scenes, investment in care and deep faith by many have enabled us to offer the beautiful opportunities held out in these days, for our renewal and the glory and praise of God! Liturgical ministers, music ministers, schedulers, Martha/Mary Ministry, those who recorded our celebrations for YouTube, Richard from Woodbury Florist, and all who helped clean, set up, and break down, and all details done lovingly for the Lord and His people; all deserve our deepest thanks! I pray for abundant graces to flow in these Easter days upon all who made so much possible, and who continue to do so day in and day out!

Generosity in Lenten almsgiving will allow us to continue our efforts of outreach, both locally and in our adopted parish mission. I extend, once again, my thanks for your weekly faithfulness in offertory support and your extra effort in the Easter collection and in the memorial Flower Fund as well.

May the unfolding days of this Easter Season find us opening up more and more, and, may the "fasting" that characterized our lives lead us to feasting, with deeper zeal and appreciation, for faith, family, relationships and opportunities to be, more and more, that community of disciples of the Risen One we hear described in the liturgies of these days! Know I give thanks from the depth of my heart!

~Fr. Gary

Red Cross Training Opportunity

The Young Adult Ministry will be hosting an opportunity for you to earn your Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED certification from the American Red Cross. The tentative timeline will be to host this 5-hour class at the Parish Center on a Saturday in early June. The cost is \$102/person for the certification fees, plus a \$250 delivery fee that will be split amongst the entire group of attendees. If you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn, practice, and/or renew these life-saving skills, RSVP that you are going to attend to Pat Hampson, by emailing PatHampson@proton mail.com, no later than May 1st.



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Once again we invite you to enroll mothers in our Spiritual Bouquet of Masses for Mother's Day. Whether living or deceased, they can be included and lifted up in all Masses offered here on the May 7/8 weekend, and then the names are placed on our Lady's altar for the remainder of the month. The enrollment envelopes available on the table in the back of the church are to be used to submit the names—no later than Friday, May 6th. Your own mom, godmother, and grandmother, or women you know who are moms, such as your daughters, would appreciate this beautiful remembrance for sure! (The table is under the last window to your right as you enter church.)

Easter Flower Offerings

In addition to all those printed in last week's bulletin, the following intentions have also come in, after our printing deadline, but were remembered in the Masses of the Easter Octave as well. Thanks to all of our generous donors!



James Hathaway
Neil Plaisted
Ruth Plaisted
Anthony Scarlotto
Tina Scarlotto
Beth Alyssa Sumalinog
Bill Tacy
Jerry & Catherine Talty
William A Thomson
Bob Young

Videographers Needed



We are currently looking for volunteers to videotape our Saturday afternoon Mass. Volunteers rotate so it's not an everyweek commitment, and training will be provided. If you're interested in helping with this, please contact Carol Jacques-Dow, Pastoral Minister at 436-4555, X 115 or pastoralassoc.ccnh@gmail.com to get more details. We need your help!



Seacoast Catholic Education

An Information Session
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Saturday, May 7th 9:30-11:30am

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