



Corpus Christi Catholic Community

Building the Body of Christ

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday of Lent

Sunday Reflection



Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith *(cont. on page 3)*

Prayer For Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things
and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually in my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

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Corpus Christi Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Sat, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Weekend Masses:

Sat 4 pm, Sun 9 am & 11 am

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See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Available on Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:45 pm; by appointment (call the Parish Office); during the parish Advent and Lent penance services.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls: Please call the Parish Office when there is serious illness in your household so that we may place the sick on our prayer list and arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing.

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings: Please call the Parish Office 6 months before wedding.

Bulletin Copy: Please contact Miriam Hudson by phone or email.



PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

O Mary,
you always shine on our path as a sign
of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide so that,
as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us,
through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties
of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.



Facilities and Finances

by Carolyn Wilson, Director of Operations

Hello everyone and Happy Spring!

I know that this time is especially difficult for us as we attempt to wrap our minds around the Coronavirus pandemic and the shelter-in-place order for Michigan. In support of this, the Archbishop has ordered that parish offices be closed, along with the continuation of no public masses through Easter at this point. Please know, however, that the office is open remotely and that the phones at both the Parish Office and Outreach Center are being monitored and voice mails responded to as quickly as possible.

Please know that we have contracted with a company to provide electrostatic disinfection of the church, the rectory, and our many meeting rooms. This will kill the Coronavirus and many other germs as we make every attempt to assure that our church and its campus is safe for our return.

Finally, please continue to send your offertory donations to the parish address: 19800 Pembroke, Detroit, 48219, or consider donating online at <https://www.corpuschristi-detroit.org/how-to-donate>, which can be found on our Corpus Christi website. If you have questions or would like help setting up online giving, please call the office (313-537-5770) and I will return your call.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity to our parish in so many ways! Take care of yourselves and your families. Be safe. And please call if you need assistance.

You will continue to be in my prayers and those of all the parish staff. — *Carolyn*

Sunday Reflection *(continued from page 1)*

can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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Young Adult News

Encounter Christ Free Online Course

March 2 - April 12, 7 - 10 pm

— Visit shms.edu/encounter.

Keeping The Faith

— Busted Halo.com recognizes the fear and anxiety in the air as we all continue to grapple with the effects of the COVID-19 virus on our nation and world. Busted Halo hopes to help you navigate this time of uncertainty with a spirit of calm, hope, and faith. Please know that they are keeping you in their prayers, and they invite you to pray for the sick, the healthcare workers, those on the front lines of the crisis, and for healing for all. Please visit www.Bustedhalo.com for a Facebook Live broadcast,
