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JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

“Behold, the Lamb of God.”

JOHN 1:36

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Mission Statement: *Corpus Christi Catholic Church strives to be a welcoming community proclaiming the love of God and fostering a life-long personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through Scripture, Sacraments, and service.*

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
(CLOSED Mon.-Thurs. from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM)
Friday: 9:00 AM—11:30 AM
Saturday: Office Closed
Sunday: Following 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses

Catholic Education Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM– 7:30 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM– 5:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM
Friday-Sunday: Office Closed

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM (traditional)
Sunday: 7:00 AM (without music)
8:30 AM (contemporary)
10:30 AM (contemporary)
5:00 PM (contemporary)
Daily Mass: 8:15 AM (Monday—Saturday)
6:00 PM (Tuesday)
6:30 AM (Friday)

Confessions:

Tuesday: 5:00-5:45 PM
Thursday: 7:00 PM
Saturday: 2:30-3:30 PM

Devotions

Rosary: 30 minutes before daily Masses
Litany Devotions: following daily Masses
Divine Mercy in Cry Room: following daily Masses

Adoration

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel — Enter through the gate from the 36th Street parking lot to the Prayer Garden. Follow the path to the last door. **Our Adoration Ministry needs two committed Adorers for each hour. We are VERY short of this goal.** If you would like to commit to a weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour, please contact Joe Meller at catsatjoes@yahoo.com or 480-772-7504.

Adorers Needed:

Sun: 1 am, 2 am, 5 pm, 8 pm
Mon: Midnight, 2 am, 2 pm
Tues: 1 pm
Wed: 4am
Thurs: 4 pm, 7 pm
Fri: 1 am, 11 am
Sat: 4 pm, 10 pm

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Feast Days & Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are limited to **five requests** per year.

Monday, January 15

8:15 am † Ralph & † Guiliano DiFrancesco

Tuesday, January 16

8:15 am † Lisa Patterson

6:00 pm † Becky Sterart

Wednesday, January 17, St. Anthony

8:15 am † Thomas Sullivan, Sr.

Thursday, January 18

8:15 am Jose Tirador

Friday, January 19

6:30 am Deceased members of the DiFrancesco & Santomauro Families

8:15 am † Chuck Fraas

Saturday, January 20, Pope St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

8:15 am † Chet Thomas

4:00 pm † John Kane

Sunday, January 21

7:00 am † Carol McElwain

8:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am † Ryan Donos

5:00 pm Betty Brintzenhoff

Parish Contributions

January 7, 2018

Tithing*

Weekly Total.....	\$30,168.45
Weekly Budget.....	\$31,015.92
Weekly Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$847.47)
Year-to-date Total.....	\$776,673.83
Year-to-date Budget.....	\$782,945.76
Year-to-date Surplus (Deficit).....	(\$6,271.93)

*Includes Sunday collections, Online Giving, and mid-week tithing

Other Contributions

Children's Envelopes.....	\$89.00
Other (Miscellaneous).....	\$77.00
Building Fund Collection.....	\$1180.00
Building Fund Balance.....	\$85,169.24



Online Giving is a web-based electronic contribution option available at our parish. This convenient system is safe and secure and allows you to start, stop, and change your contributions at any time. You can sign-up for Online Giving through our parish website at www.corpuschristiphx.org.

Rest in Peace



*Darlene Gifford
Cristina Romero*

*May the Angels lead them into Paradise.
May the Choir of Angels welcome them
and may they have everlasting life.*

Pray for the Sick



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Editor's Note: If you or a parishioner you know recently becomes ill, please call the Parish Office to have the name added to the list for the month.

Giving Your Whole Heart: The Challenge of Discipleship

By David Kilby; May 18, 2017

Sometimes when I'm at Mass or doing something out of charity, I still feel this emptiness inside. Despite being told over and over that living the Faith will bring the greatest sense of fulfillment to my life, sometimes I'm just not feeling it.

After a closer look at Scripture, though, it becomes clear that in those moments, I'm just missing the point. In my effort to praise God through my words and deeds, I often hold back the most important thing: my heart.

When the rich man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus tells him to follow the commandments. The rich man says he has always done that, so Jesus replies, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Mark 10:19-20).

The rich man walks away sad. Why? Because he treasured his possessions, and "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mark 6:21).

God wants our hearts. Nothing less will suffice. If we put our heart in lesser things, we can't give it to God. But why does God want our hearts so much? The Catechism of the Catholic Church has a good answer:

The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live ... the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others ... The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant. (CCC 2563)

No wonder that's what God really wants. The Lord knows I have given my heart to things—and people—I shouldn't have given it to; and he knows when I give my heart to something or someone, I give them my full attention. If my favorite team's game is on, don't expect me to do anything else but watch it for those few hours. When I was a teenager, if my heart's interest happened to walk by, my whole day would stop as I looked for a chance to talk to her.

It sounds a little pathetic, but in a very real

way, I've often given my heart to nothing more than games and feelings. Clearly, whoever — or whatever — wins my heart, no matter how insignificant it may be in the big picture, has a pretty deep influence on me. Meanwhile, when I practice my faith, I must admit it's more outward, and my heart isn't always in it.

God wants me to obey his commandments, yes, but not in some rote fashion. He knows if he can win my heart, he can get me to actually enjoy following him in the same way I enjoy the much less important things to which I've given my heart.

Time and time again in the Old Testament, God tells his people to stop showing him superficial devotion, and show some heart:

"In the blood of calves, lambs, and goats I find no pleasure ... Wash yourselves clean! Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim" (Isaiah 1:10-20).

"I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart" (Jeremiah 24:7).

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord ... He who has clean hands and a pure heart... will receive blessing from the Lord" (Psalm 24:3-5).

Long before Jesus was reprimanding the Sadducees and Pharisees for their shallow religiosity, the Holy Spirit was guiding the hand of prophets and psalmists to tell us to put our hearts into our faith.

The Heart and Chastity

Thankfully, God knows we're human. He understands we're going to need some help understanding this whole heart thing. So he made us to give our hearts to another person who can aide us in loving him. In a way, he meets us in the middle. He graciously created the sacrament of matrimony to serve as a bridge between our carnal, temporal passions and the unconditional love that will bring us eternal life.

Christ sees in the heart, in man's inner self, the source of purity. —St. John Paul II

While the Church promotes the celibate religious life, she also has always upheld marriage as a sure path to holiness when lived out with integrity. St. Cyril of Jerusalem stated to fellow priests, “While you maintain perfect chastity, do not be puffed up in vain conceit against those who walk a humbler path in matrimony.... Because you have a possession of gold, do not on that account hold the silver in contempt” (The Faith of the Early Fathers, Vol. 1: 818c).

The Church lifts up marriage so highly because the love for spouse required in marriage is akin to the love for God required in our spiritual life; it’s an all-or-nothing kind of love. It requires that we love for the sake of the beloved, not just for what they can give us, not just for any particular quality they have. That is the principle underneath the virtue of chastity. More than a list of do’s and don’ts, it’s a state of the heart; and when we reach that state, it all makes sense.

Just as loving God for his own sake is the essence of holiness, loving our spouse for his or her own sake is the essence of chastity. If we don’t grasp this essence, following the Church’s teachings on sexuality doesn’t make sense. It seems foolish to say “no” to contraceptives, for example, if we do not understand the sanctity of marriage, and the spousal, theological meaning of our bodies.

Lust and Chastity

Lust is desiring sexual pleasure for itself, isolated from its procreative and unitive purposes (CCC 2351). This is very different from loving the person for their own sake. It disregards what is best for the person, and places desires of the flesh before desires of the heart.

St. Paul touches upon aspects of chastity when he explains how the desires of the flesh interfere with the desires of the Spirit:

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh” (Galatians 5:16-17).

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit” (Romans 8:5).

St. Paul’s words warning us about sins of the flesh are in accord with Jesus’ strong words regarding sins of lust:

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away.” (Matthew 5:27-30)

Let’s be careful not to lose the heart of the matter here, though. St. Paul and Jesus are not saying our bodies lead us away from God. Many people believe Jesus is speaking in hyperbole in Matthew 5:29-30, but I think his point is quite literal. When we commit sins of the flesh, it’s not our hands or our eyes that are causing us to sin. The act originates from the desire—as St. Paul suggests—and the desire comes from the heart. It is our heart that causes us to sin, not our eyes or hands.

In the days of the early Church, the heresy of Gnosticism vilified the body and blamed it for sins of the flesh, but Jesus taught that these desires originate in the heart:

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery ... All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man.” (Mark 7:21-23)

A Broken and Contrite Heart

So, if the heart is the cause of lust, then should I rip it out as well? If by “heart” you mean the innermost part of us, then yes. God wants to rip out our hearts so he can uproot sin at its source. He wants to wage battle with the devil on the battlefield that means the most, and this battle is likely to cost us our lives. For Christ tells his disciples, “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16:25).

If I am to be a disciple of Christ, I need to be that vulnerable. Christ sacrificed himself to lead by example. So, if I feel empty when doing the things the Faith calls us to do, maybe my efforts to put my heart into it have not been enough. I can put a piece of my heart into anything, or I can even put the whole thing in and then retrieve it later when I find something else to give it to. The hard part is sacrificing it—putting the whole thing in and not asking God for it back.

Older Adults Ministry

Americare presents:

Current Catholic Considerations in Healthcare and Hospice

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Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 4-5 pm at Corpus Christi in rooms 7 & 8.

Please call Vicki McAllister for more info and to RSVP: 602-397-3708.



Texas Hold'Em Poker

Saturday, January 27th

6:00 PM in rooms 5 & 6

The tournament is open to the public, so invite a friend, spouse, son, daughter, or neighbor!

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Contact event chair John Gavin at JandSGavin@cox.net or 602-670-3455 if you have any questions.

Grief Recovery Method Support Group

This is an 8 week program to help you take action steps toward recovery from any of number losses, including but not limited to death, divorce, loss of health, loss of trust, loss of a pet, etc. Participants will meet at Corpus Christi for 8 weeks **on Monday evenings, Jan. 29th thru March 19th from 6-8 pm**. People can join up until the second week.

Whether or not you plan to participate in the 8 week program, please consider joining us for an **intro talk at Corpus Christi on Monday, Jan. 22nd at 6 pm in rooms 3 & 4** to learn more about grief. For more information visit www.griefrecoverymethod.com or feel free to contact program facilitator Bobi Martinez at 480-726-7773.



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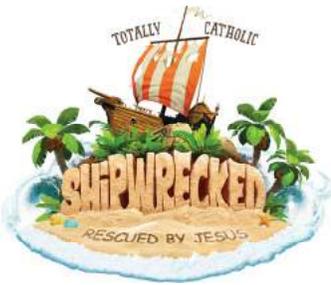
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Saturday, Feb. 24
10:00 am in the Parish Center

Make a lasting difference for our brothers and sisters overseas. Our community plans to package **14,000 meals** to send to Burkina Faso. All ages can participate in this event.

We will be accepting donations and registrations for volunteers after all the Masses the weekend of January 27 & 28. You can also visit <http://helpinghands.crs.org/events/corpus-christi/> to register or donate.

For more information, please contact Mary Long at 480-704-1745.

Vacation Bible School



Save the Date:
Monday, June 4
through
Friday, June 8

We will need help in all areas.

**Please call the Catholic Education Office at
 480-893-1160 to volunteer!**

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register? All Catholics living in the Parish area and regularly participating in the liturgy are invited to register in the Parish. **Church attendance alone does NOT make you and your family registered members.** Registration is *required* for Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage and Catholic Education programs.

Adults 18 and over need to be registered separately from their parents in order to get married, have their own children baptized, or be Godparents or Sponsors.

In order to be a **Godparent or Sponsor or to receive discounted tuition rates at Catholic Schools**, one must be a registered Catholic and active in the parish, which is indicated by use of contribution envelopes or the Online Giving program. Registration forms can be filled out in the Parish Office or via our parish website.

How do I have my child Baptized? Before scheduling the date, please call the Office for a welcoming conversation with the priest. A preparation class is also required for parents prior to the child's Baptism and are offered once a month.

How do I request a Communion Call or Anointing of the Sick? Please call the parish office at 480-893-8770. **DO NOT WAIT until someone is near death to have the person anointed!** Although Anointing of the Sick was once known as "Last Rites," waiting until a person is near death could risk that person not being able to receive the Sacrament if he or she should pass away prior to the priest being able to arrive. Anointing of the Sick can only be administered while the person is still alive.

How do I get married in the Church? The Diocese of Phoenix requires a **NINE MONTH** marriage preparation process. John Deg, Director of Married Life Ministries, will meet with you to explain the process, including when you will meet with the Pastor to set a date. **Do NOT set the date** prior to this meeting as it cannot be guaranteed until then.

Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Schools Office

For parents registering their children for the 2018-2019 school year, please note: In order to receive the school's reduced Catholic Tuition Rate, your pastor must determine whether your family meets the criteria set by your parish for *Registered, Active, Participating members*. The definition of registered, active, and participating varies by parish, but usually includes attending Mass regularly as well as contributing with an envelope to the offertory along with supporting the ministry life of the parish. If you have questions about your family's status, please contact your pastor directly. (Note: All Diocesan high school students receiving the reduced tuition rate for the coming year must have their status verified by their home pastor before they can be registered as Catholic.)

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Ladies' Lenten Prep Retreat

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Saturday, February 10

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 2121 S. Rural Rd. in Tempe AZ

We will begin with Mass at 8 am followed by a king cake (cinnamon roll) breakfast. The retreat will be hosted by Fr. John Bonavitacola & Dr. Monica Breaux and will end at noon. Babies are welcome. **There is no charge for this retreat.** Please register with unruffledladies@gmail.com or 602-228-2126.

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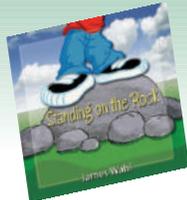
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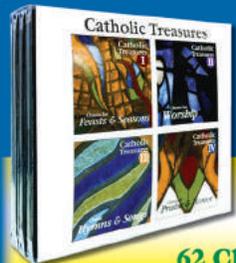
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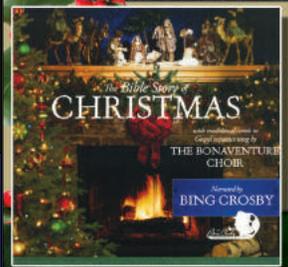
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