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APRIL 14, 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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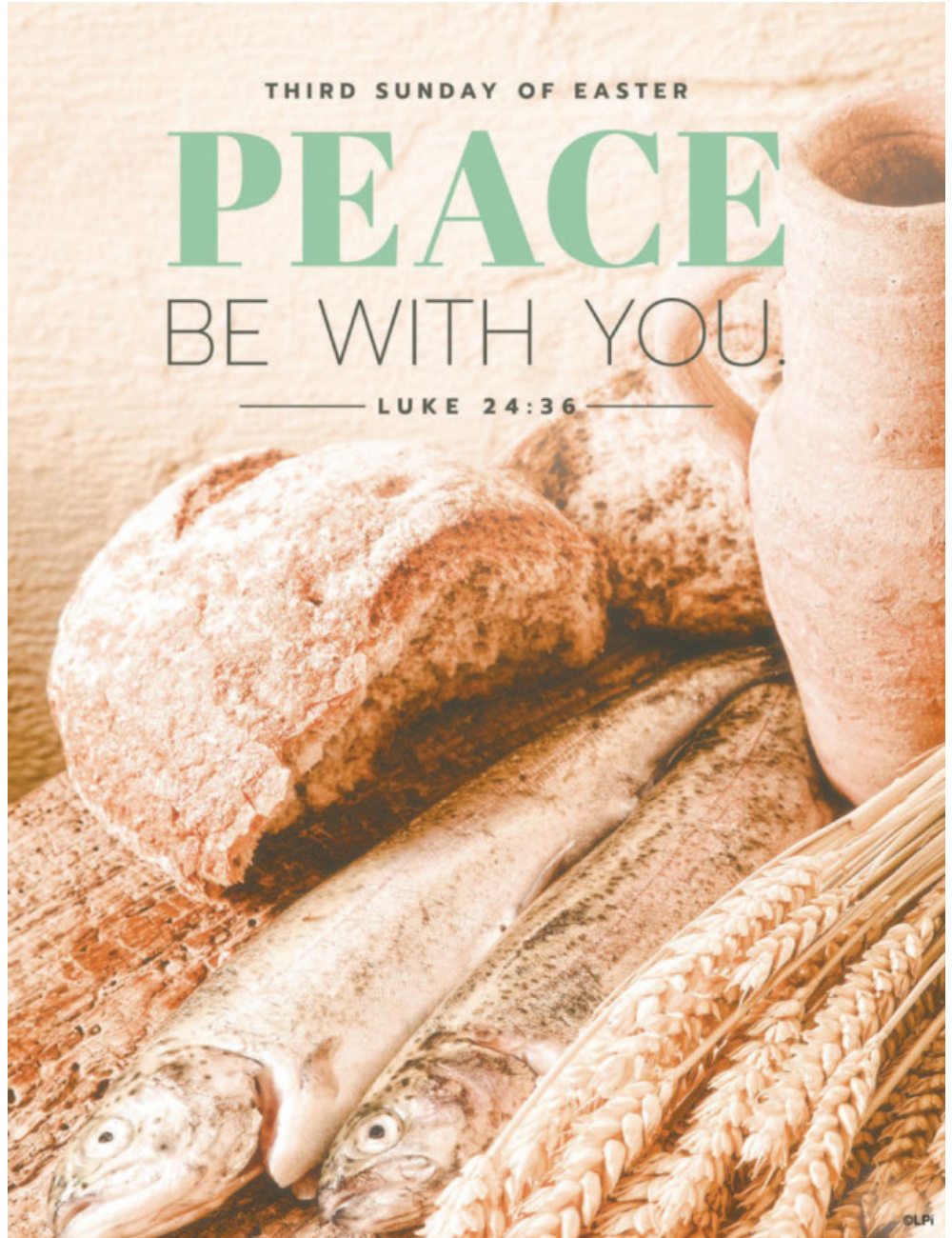
Today, Sunday, April 14

2pm in the Church

followed by a reception in the Parish Center

All Active & Auxiliary members are invited to this beautiful ceremony to renew our consecration to our Blessed Mother. We are all an integral part of Mary's army and quest of souls for Christ. Please come and join us on this special day to honor Our Lady. Our guest speaker is Fr. Johnson. A spiritual bouquet basket will be provided to offer rosaries, prayers, and other devotions. **Please bring your favorite dish or appetizer to share.**

Contact Ann Marie Adams for info about the Legion of Mary: annieg7477@cox.net or 480-688-2096.



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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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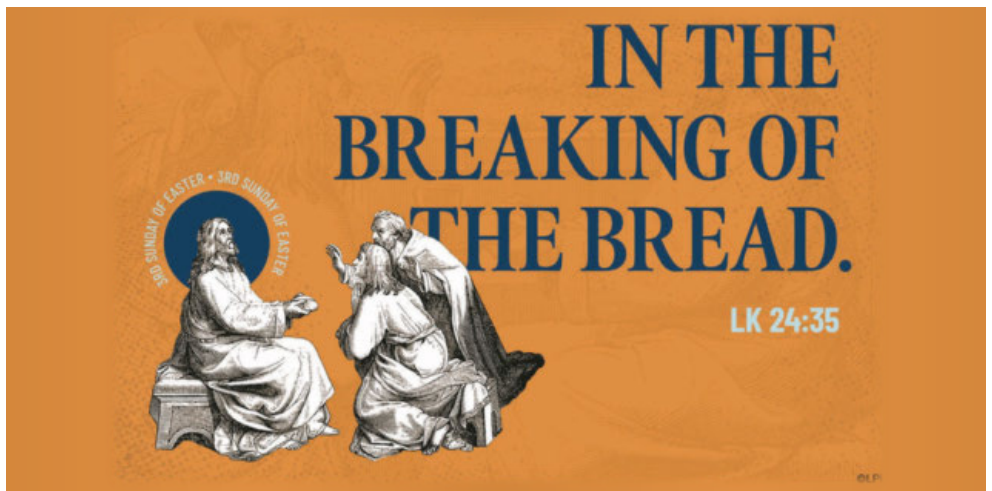
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Sat. Vigil: 4pm

Sun.: 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm

DAILY MASS

Mon.-Sat.: 8:15am

Tues.: 6:00pm

Fri.: 6:30am

CONFESSIONS

Tues.: 5:00-5:45pm

Thurs.: 7:00-8:00pm

Sat.: 2:30-3:30pm

ROSARY

Sun.: 4:15pm (Family Holy Rosary)

Tue.: 9:15am (Rosario en Español)
5:15pm (Rosary for our Youth)

Thu.: 6:30pm (Rosary for Life)

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE

Sunday: 9:30am-12:00pm

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00-11:30am

Mon.-Thurs.: 1:00-5:00pm

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Mon.: 9:30am-2:00pm

Tues.: 2:30pm-7:30pm

Wed.: 9:30am-4:30pm

Thurs.: 9:30am-2:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Open after the Saturday Vigil Mass & the Sunday morning Masses.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Make a weekly appointment with the best spiritual director EVER!

Please help us keep every hour covered by checking AdorationPro.org/corpusaz for any times when adorers are urgently needed.

Prayer partners are also wanted for any hour. They are especially needed each day from midnight-6am.

"The lives of the saints and blessed show us the importance of the Eucharist on our journey as disciples of Jesus."

- *The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church* (51)

Become a prayer partner!

Help each other on your journey to become saints!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 14

7:00 am † Donuta & † Michal
Namiestnik
8:30 am Parishioners
10:30 am Supporters of SVdP
5:00 pm John & Cathy Rao's
50th Wedding
Anniversary

Monday, April 15

8:15 am † Loretta Pavlak

Tuesday, April 16

8:15 am Lien Ninh (healing)
6:00 pm † Richard Thomas

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 am † Arlene Hoffner

Thursday, April 18

8:15 am † John Tomp

Friday, April 19

6:30 am † Kevin Krappitz
8:15 am † Derek Dean
Reynolds

Saturday, April 20

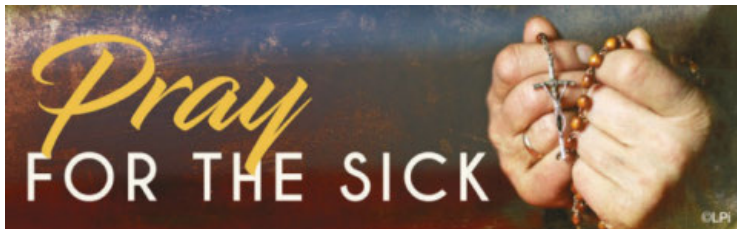
8:15 am † Claudia
Schumacher
4:00 pm Cleopatra,
Constantine,
Catalina, Mark,
& Stephan

Sunday, April 21

7:00 am † James & † Norma
Milby
8:30 am † Ralph Colella
10:30 am Parishioners
5:00 pm † Edna Quintana

2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS FULL!

Due to the popularity of this devotion, our Masses are typically booked out 9 to 12 months and we must limit Mass Intention requests to five per year. Requests for 2025 will not be available until this summer. Thank you for understanding.



Jackie Benhoff, Mark Blayney-Moore, Bobbie Braden, Christopher Brassington, Randy Booth, Josefina Caisido, Dale Crawford, Barbara Danielson, Kathy Delacluyse, Val Doering, Andrew Dull, Kathleen Fordyce, Louise Gnaller, Rosie Grover, Julia Haggerty, Harold Henry, Jr., Vera Jakubicek, Noah Johnson, Marie Klingenberg, Lori Klipfel, Pat Koling, Graciela Luna, Jackie Manning, Sandy McVeigh, Antonio Mejia, Michael Mejia, Ana Minelli, Fr. George Mulligan C.S.C., Peter Nielsen, Carole Oeverndiek, Jim Oliver, Brooks Pallan, Ed Pellegrino, Dee Peterson, Carol Picco, Lynn Robbins, Yolanda Rosales, Luna Marie Rotter, Dcn. Phil Simeone, Chester Stanislawski, Trisha Stuart, Jeff Trojan, Bryce Weinheimer

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS MARCH 31, 2024

TITHING

Includes Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday collections, Online Giving, and mid-week tithing

Note: Also includes quarterly income and budget of large one-time gifts

Weekly Total	\$125,502.82
Weekly Budget	\$116,636.00
Weekly Surplus.....	\$13,866.82
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$1,413,288.02
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget.....	\$1,347,755.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus.....	\$65,533.02

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Miscellaneous.....	\$608.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	\$3,957.53
Building Fund Collection.....	\$1,085.40
Building Fund Balance	\$60,028.41



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It'll help us financially, of course, but it also helps us run a better parish. Online gifts are easier to administer, more transparent, and more dependable.

To get started, scan the QR code here or click the green **GIVE NOW** button on corpuschristiphx.org and follow the instructions for repeat electronic giving to the Sunday Collection.



Regardless of how you choose to give, thank you for your continued generosity! Your support not only makes a difference within our own parish, but also throughout our local community!

As the Body of Christ — Becoming Disciples, we are called to serve each other in many ways. As a family of families, we know the needs are great. Together, we can do more than any one person or family could do alone.



BABY SAFE HAVEN

Did you know that Corpus Christi is a Baby Safe Haven? A parent or agent of a parent can leave an unwanted, unharmed newborn baby at a designated Baby Safe Haven without fear of prosecution or answering any questions. They can remain anonymous. A baby can be left at the Parish Office during normal office hours. After hours, take the baby to the nearest fire station or hospital.

The Sign of the Cross

Jen Arnold, M.A. in Theology and Catechetics — www.CatholicHeartAblaze.com

Today, I'm going to talk about something that most, if not all, Catholics tend to take for granted — the sign of the cross. It is a ritual we perform for various purposes, but primarily in prayer. While it is natural to us and may not often be consciously thought about, the sign of the cross has been the source of some controversy in Church history and even up to today. So, let's explore the sign of the cross, its history, significance, and how it has been historically defended.

The sign of the cross is an ancient Christian ritual in which the believer marks himself with a cross shape by tracing his fingers from his forehead to his chest and across each of his shoulders or simply tracing a cross on the forehead alone. Along with the action, the words "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are spoken or thought in recognition of the Triune God. The act is performed in various circumstances, such as beginning and ending prayer, remembrance of baptism with holy water, warding off evil, or identifying oneself as a Christian. The practice began in the early Church and remained an uncontroversial issue until the effects of the Protestant Reformation brought the ritual into question.

The primary argument against the sign of the cross by non-Catholic Christians is that it cannot be found in scripture. While it is true that the term is not explicitly found in scripture, it is also true

that many other theological terms are not explicitly found in scripture. For example, many Protestants believe in *scripture alone* and *the rapture*, which are not terms found in the Bible. Furthermore, words like *Trinity*, *Incarnation*, *Bible*, *original sin*, and *spiritual warfare* cannot be found in the pages of Scripture, yet they are recognized by almost all Christians as implicit realities and accepted as doctrine. Similarly, the sign of the cross finds its roots implicitly in scripture.

In the Old Testament book of Ezekiel, God is going to punish the Israelites for idolatry, but first he instructs that all those who are sorrowful for the sin that's taking place to be identified by a mark on their foreheads so they will not be harmed:

And the LORD said to him: Pass through the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and mark an X on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the abominations practiced within it. (Ez 9:4)

The New Testament book of Revelation also extensively describes how, in heaven, the righteous must have a seal placed on their foreheads to identify them as servants of God (see Rev 7:3, 9:4, 14:1). There is a clear scriptural precedent that God's people are marked with a visible sign or a seal by His command. Therefore, by performing the sign of the cross, Catholics are recalling and living out this scriptural tradition in day-to-day life.

Now that we have established the scriptural foundations for the ritual, we can look at what early Church Fathers had to say about its use. While there are countless examples, here are a few from various points in history:

- Tertullian (160-240AD) – *At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, we trace upon the forehead the sign.* – The Chaplet, Ch 3
- St. Athanasius (296-373 AD) – *“Put away your strife with us and you shall see the power of the Cross of Christ.” And having said this he called upon Christ, and signed the sufferers two or three times with the sign of the Cross. And immediately the men stood up whole, and in their right mind, and forthwith gave thanks unto the Lord.* – Life of St. Anthony, par 80
- St. Ephraim the Syrian (306-373 AD) – *With the sign of the living cross, seal all thy doings, my son. Go not forth from the door of thy house till thou hast signed the cross. Whether in eating or in drinking, whether in sleeping or in waking, whether in thy house or on the road, or again in the season of leisure, neglect not this sign; for there is no guardian like it. It shall be unto thee as a wall, in the forefront of all thy doings. And teach this to thy children, that heedfully they be conformed to it.* – On Admonition and Repentance, par 17

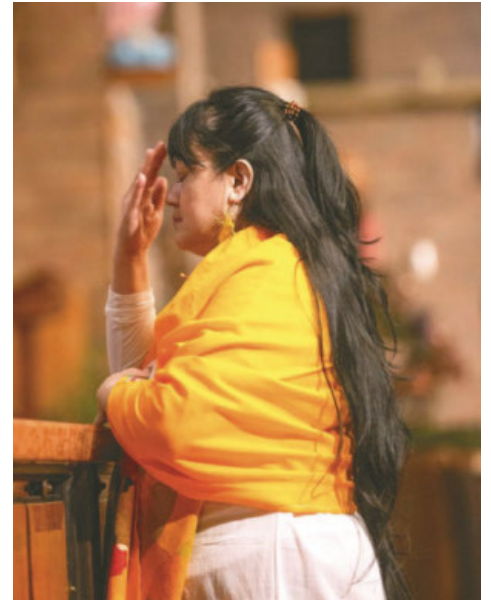
- St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386AD) – *Let us not then be ashamed to confess the Crucified. Be the Cross our seal made with boldness by our fingers on our brow, and on everything; over the bread we eat, and the cups we drink; in our comings in, and goings out; before our sleep, when we lie down and when we rise up; when we are in the way, and when we are still.* – Catechetical Lecture 13, par 36
- St. Jerome (347-420AD) – *In every act we do, in every step we take, let our hand trace the Lord's cross.* – Letter 22, par 37
- St. John Chrysostom (347-407AD) – *When therefore thou signest thyself, think of the purpose of the cross, and quench anger, and all the other passions. When thou signest thyself, fill thy forehead with all courage, make thy soul free.* – Homily 54 on Matthew's Gospel, Ch. 7

Even while separating from the Catholic Church, Martin Luther wrote in his *Small Catechism* of 1529 – “In the morning, when you rise from bed, sign yourself with the holy cross and say, ‘In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.’ At night, when you go to bed, sign yourself with the holy cross and say, ‘In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.’”

As the Reformation gained momentum, John Calvin began distancing his movement from long-held Catholic beliefs and practices, including the use of images and art, citing them as idolatrous. By extension, the sign of the cross was condemned as a superstitious physical

manifestation of the spiritual reality of the Cross and, therefore, forbidden by Calvin. As the Calvinists began producing and distributing literature denouncing certain Catholic beliefs and practices, St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) wrote his own books defending them, including *The Sign of the Cross: The Fifteen Most Powerful Words in the English Language*.

In this short book, St. Francis explains the significance of the sign of the cross as a means to identify fellow Christians, a profession of faith, a fulfillment of prophecy, an acknowledgment of the Triune God and His power, and a rebuke and defense against Satan and his demons. Most importantly, he explained that the power of the ritual does not come from the act in and of itself, but that it's God's own power working through the performance of the human act, just like when God commanded Moses to strike a rock for water (Ex 17:1-7) or when the Israelites could only win the Battle with Amalek while Aaron and Hur supported Moses' arms in the air (Ex 17:8-16). Even Jesus' own power was revealed through a human ritual when he healed a blind man. Jesus made a mask with clay and saliva, but it wasn't until the man washed his eyes in the Pool of Siloam, as



Jesus commanded, that his sight was restored (Jn 9:1-7). All of scripture contains a very long history of God revealing His power through human activity.

If you have been Catholic for any significant period of time, making the sign of the cross is likely second nature to you. It is a comfortable expression of your faith rather than something you spend time contemplating. This week, be more intentional when you make the sign of the cross and think about it from a new perspective. Recognize the scriptural, historical, and powerful significance of the act. Thank God for this and the many other ways he has enabled us to practice our faith in both body and soul.



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FAITH FORMATION

Children | Youth | Adults



Reminder: Forms Due!

Confirmation and First Communion forms for Children & Teens are due **Wed. April 17**. Please email forms to samantha.ureta@corpuschristiphx.org or drop them off at the Faith Formation Office. Thank you!

Liturgy of the Hours Presentations

Tues. April 16 at 7pm
or
Fri. April 19 at 9am
In the Church

Come learn about the history and importance of the Liturgy of the Hours and how to pray this incredible devotion!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to all who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil!

Daniella Bianco, Chelsey Booth, James Cranston, Shawnee Dixon, Connor Dranias, Kaden Goslee, Courtney Hunt, Mark Kerns, Sarah Manning, Sean Manning, Abraham Martinez, Tanya Martinez, Casey Phillips, Brennan Pruet, Alyssa Quinkert, Tiffany Sproul, Dorothy Anne Tea, Mandie Trujillo, and Shayla Viramontes

Congratulations as well to all those who were Confirmed at the Easter Vigil!

Nicole Dranias, Gregg Longoni, and Agustin Vasquez Duarte

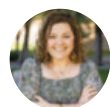


Come join us for our first women's retreat as we discover that we are beloved by God. The retreat includes great talks given by Claire Dwyer, Beth Davis, and our own, Tina Glenn! There will also be small group time, adoration, fellowship, food, and so much more!

Cost: \$75. If your child is enrolled in any one of Corpus Christi's Faith Formation Programs (Children's, Edge, Life Teen, or Sacramental Prep), you are eligible for the Faith Formation Family Discount (\$50 registration fee). Please scan the QR code to register.



Claire Dwyer is a speaker and the author of *This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Her deep desire is that all women embrace the beautiful story of their lives and see it in light of the ongoing drama of salvation history, of which they are an unrepeatable, necessary part.



Beth Davis is a lover of Jesus, a retired youth minister, and the Director of Formation for Blessed is She (blessedishe.net). She is passionate about teaching women how to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus in prayer through writing, speaking, and mentorship.



Tina Glenn is a speaker and certified Spiritual Director. Her "Cor Ad Cor" reflections have helped parishioners grow in their personal relationships with our loving Savior.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Youth Camp Sponsorships

Corpus Christi Council 10062 will again sponsor three summer campers: *age 7-12, age 13-15, and/or one age 15-17 for Counselor Training* at St. Joseph Youth Camp, Mormon Lake, AZ. The three campers selected will receive a week of room and board provided by the Knights. Camp weeks start June 2 for Counselor Training, June 9 for Teen Week, and the weeks of June 16, 23, and 30 for pre-teens.

- Interested campers ages 7-15 need to submit an essay of 250 words or less on the topic: "Why I want to go to a Catholic Youth Camp."
- Interested campers ages 15-17 need to submit an essay of 300 words or less on the topic "Why I should be a Counselor at a Catholic Youth Camp."

Deadline to enter is this Wed. April 17 at 5pm.

Along with the essay, entrants should attach a cover page including the entrant's name, address, parent or legal guardian's name and contact information. Essays should be addressed to the Knights of Columbus / St. Joseph's Youth Camp and submitted to either the Parish Office or the Faith Formation Office. Essays will be judged by an impartial panel of judges.



Join us!
**KENTUCKY DERBY
HAT DRESSING
party**



Join the parish ladies for treats and laughs on **Thurs. April 18 at 6pm**. We will be making hats for the Kentucky Derby Party in May. Join us at Clearwater Living — Tuke Café, 15815 S 50th St. Phoenix, AZ 85044. RSVP by scanning the QR code above.



**Saturday,
May 4 @
1pm**

Buy tickets now by scanning the QR code or at:
<https://www.osvhub.com/corpus-christi-cath-church/forms/4th-annual-kentucky-derby-party>

Corpus Christi parishioners are hosting the Fourth Annual Kentucky Derby Party! Be ready for the races, drinks, games and prizes! Wear your best hat or bow tie! Tickets and hats will be sold in the courtyard after Mass at the end of April.



SATURDAY MORNING "CAFÉ"

Essentials of the Catholic Faith

*Presentations by Karen & Jack Henz
Certified Catechist Trainers from the Kino Institute*

April 20 & May 11 from 8:30am-3:30pm in Rooms 7-8-9

Saturday morning "CAFÉ" classes continue for adult Catholics. All are invited to attend one or more upcoming classes on the *Catechism*. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED because a light lunch is included on both dates.**

- **April 20:** Part 3 of the *Catechism* (3rd Pillar) — Part 1 Morality

How do I reconcile "moral relativism" in how I practice my faith? What is the right balance between social justice and providing a safe and stable environment for my family? (ESS 106)

- **May 11:** Part 3 of the *Catechism* (3rd Pillar) — Part 2 Morality

How do we live our lives in accordance with what Jesus teaches in a culture that is not always in agreement with Him. How do I reconcile Catholic beliefs which seem to oppose civil laws and political platforms? Is there a way to reconcile Catholic belief with how I vote? (ESS 107)

If interested in attending, **pre-registration is required** by contacting Karen: khenz2020@gmail.com or Jack: jfhenz@gmail.com by **Wednesday, April 17** or **May 8** before the corresponding sessions that you are interested in attending. These classes are free and NO HOMEWORK is required!



Saturday, April 27 from 9:30-11:00am in rooms 7-8-9

God is forever taking the initiative. God is the one who sent the angel Gabriel to Mary, the One who conceived life in her womb. God is the One who took the initiative to become a man and reveal Himself to us in the flesh. "We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). By our own initiative, we cannot lure God to us. He's already there, loving us!

Yet, "It's very hard for most of us to tolerate being loved" (psychiatrist and Harvard professor, George Vaillant). We shy away from receiving God's love. Or, we allow love into us - but only so far. We let the "acceptable parts" of us be loved, those parts that we believe God likes. But to allow God to love all of you — including your shameful parts, your disgusting parts, your hidden lepers, your sinful parts, those tax collector parts, those inner prostitutes and blasphemers, your Pharisee parts, the parts of you that are so lost, so isolated, so angry and hateful — those parts? Most of us will say "No way! That's crazy. No way does anyone get near *those* parts." How about your terrified parts, your desperate parts, your wounded, traumatized parts? The ones that no one seems to want? The parts of you that have been rejected by everybody, including yourself.

The vast majority of us Catholics will not tolerate being loved deeply or fully by God. Unless you've reached a fair degree of sanctity, it is hard to tolerate being loved by our Lord. That's the primary reason we don't love God back; we refuse to accept the love of God throughout every part of us. That's also the primary reason we don't love our neighbor, and why we don't love ourselves. We won't be loved first.

Please scan the QR code to join Tina Glenn on **Saturday morning, April 27**, for a heart to heart reflection on receiving God's love. We will explore the eight natural, human formation reasons why we refuse God's love, and consider what we can do to increase our capacity to receive love.



BAPTISMS

Gia Bella Habre
Danilo Cesar Perea
Mikael Burgos Roldan
Mikaela Burgos Roldan
Congratulations!



You have put on Christ, in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!



**Victor Ivich
Arthur & Louise Kohler
Bulmaro Vasquez**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

DISPOSAL OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS

If you have religious items, such as blessed palm leaves from Palm Sunday, broken rosaries, worn out prayer books or bibles etc., and you're looking for a way to dispose of them properly, please bring them to the Parish Office by April 30. All items collected will be buried on the church grounds.

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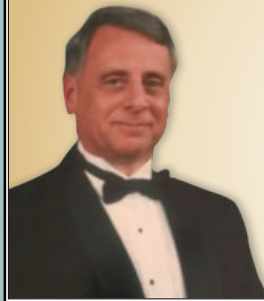
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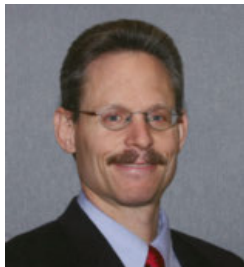


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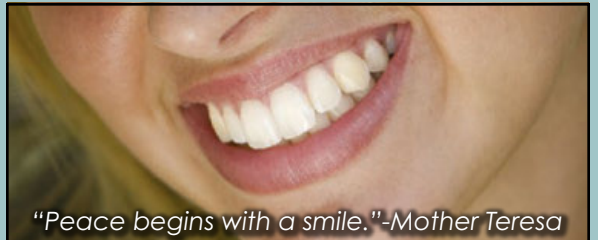
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Easter

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 4

*Lord, let your face
shine on us.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

Open My Eyes
by Jesse Manibusan

1. Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear.

Bridge: *And the first shall be last,
and our eyes are opened,
and we'll hear like never before.
And we'll speak in new ways,
and we'll see God's face
in places we've never known.*

3. Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love.

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Breaking of the Bread
by Tim Smith

*Refrain: In the breaking of the bread,
we knew him, Lord Jesus.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

1. Were not our hearts burning as he spoke?
Were not our hearts yearning for the word
of God?
2. Put your hand here, see the place of nails.
Blessed are those who have not seen, but
believe.
3. Risen is Christ, he who died for us.
Risen is Christ, shepherd who died for his
flock.
4. Sing to the Lord, all you nations, praise.
Great is our God, worthy to be praised.
5. Taste and see,
see and behold God.
Taste and see,
see your God and
believe.



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AN INVITATION TO JOIN CHOIR

For nearly two full decades, Corpus Christi has been blessed with a great group of singers who have volunteered to serve our parish. As such, we didn't ask for new volunteers (but always accepted them gladly when the Holy Spirit moved them to action). However, with recent departures, illnesses, etc., we need to come forward and ask you to consider singing with us. Anyone can sing in our choir — new singers or seasoned veterans, pros or amateurs — there is a place for you with us! Choir practice is 7:00-8:00pm on Thursday nights from September through the end of May. Please join us!