



MAY 12, 2024 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love — mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life — that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, and for their commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. *Keep, strengthen, and refresh* them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN



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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.

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

	Mornings	Afternoons				
Mon	9-11:30am	1-5pm				
Tues	9-11:30am	3 -5pm				
Wed	9-11:30am	1-5pm				
Thurs	9-11:30am					
Fri	9-11:30am					
Sat & Sun	Closed	Closed				

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

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 blesseds 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!

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Sunday, May 12

7:00 am Parishioners 8:30 am † Maxine Ross 10:30 am Mother's Day Novena 5:00 pm † Mary Yeager

Monday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima 8:15 am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 14 St. Matthias the Apostle

8:15 am Mother's Day Novena 6:00 pm † Monique Griego

Wednesday, May 15 St. Isidore 8:15 am Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 16

8:15 am Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 17

6:30 am Mother's Day Novena 8:15 am † Steven Hoye

Saturday, May 18

Pope St. John I 8:15 am Mother's Day Novena 4:00 pm † Frank & Florence Kane

Sunday, May 19

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7:00 am	Living & deceased	
	members of the	
	Hrusovsky &	
	Zemaites Families	
8:30 am	Mother's Day Novena	
10:30 am	† Vernon & Leona	
	Meade	
5:00 pm	† Helen Kay Rossell	

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 Klingenbeck, 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, Bob Radcliffe, Lynn Robbins, Yolanda Rosales, Luna Marie Rotter, Dcn. Phil Simeone, Chester Stanislawski, Trisha Stuart, Jeff Trojan, Bryce Weinheimer

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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS **APRIL 28, 2024**

TITHING

Weekly Total	\$21,936.38
Weekly Budget	
Weekly Deficit	
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$1,540,010.59
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$1,473,750.00

Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus......\$66,260.59

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Miscellaneous	\$80.60
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$2,172.00
Building Fund Collection	\$573.90
Building Fund Balance	.\$65,211.86



Safe · Simple · Secure ONLINE GIVING Please consider Online Giving!

To get started, scan the OR code here or click the **OMMO** green **Give Now** button at <u>corpuschristiphx.org</u> 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.

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How the Message of Fatima is Still Relevant Today

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

Tomorrow, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, which commemorates the visits Mary paid to three shepherd children -Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta – in Portugal in 1917. During her visits with them, the Blessed Mother warned them about the world's state, the consequences of unrepented sin, and what would happen if people continued to offend God. She also communicated concrete actions the faithful can take to change the trajectory of the world. Even though these visions occurred at a specific time in history, the message of Fatima is still relevant today, and it is even more dire than when it was first presented. Therefore, it is a good idea to reexamine Fatima's message through the lens of our current times and learn how to engage in some of the battles we see going on around us today.

During Mary's visit with the children on July 13, 1917, she gave them a brief vision of hell. The vision was so terrifying that witnesses reported the children screaming and crying out. Here is Lucia's description of the vision:

As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands once more, as she had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (It must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals.

Lucia reported that they probably would have died of fright had Mary not already assured them they would be going to heaven. If they had already been assured of their salvation, why were children shown this terrible place? The vision was not given to the children for their own sake but because it was the foundation for the rest of the message. Through them, Mary was communicating that hell is real, is eternal, and that many souls were going there as a result of the profound sin in the world. There is motivation in knowing the consequences of what can happen when you don't listen and take action.

It's an unavoidable fact that humans are broken and we all sin. Scripture tells us that even good people sin, saying, "Though the just fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble from only one mishap (Proverbs 24:16)." So, if even the just person can fall seven times, how is it possible for anyone to go to

heaven? The answer is in how a person responds to one's sins. The soul on the path to heaven recognizes his or her sin, understands the offense it causes God, experiences conversion, repents of the sin, offers reparation for the damage done, and strives to do better. The soul on the path to hell does not recognize the offense to God, is unrepentant, and persists in whatever sins the person is unwilling to change. While the concept is simple, it is hardly easy because we are still human, and Satan and his demons work very hard to tempt us every day. Because the Blessed Mother loves us as a mother does, the heart of her message is to call us all to conversion, giving us practical advice on how to do that to spare us a tragic and painful eternity. Mary provides us with more reason for joyful hope when she tells us that not only can we affect change in ourselves by taking action, but we can also affect change in others and even the entire world because we are all interconnected members of the body of Christ. The two keys are prayer and penance.

Prayer is a powerful weapon and arguably one that needs to be utilized more. When we ask God for help, he will help as a loving father does. It is not always in the way we may expect, or according to the timeline we desire, but whether we recognize it or not, he is dispensing his grace and mercy and assisting us when we ask. Therefore, when we

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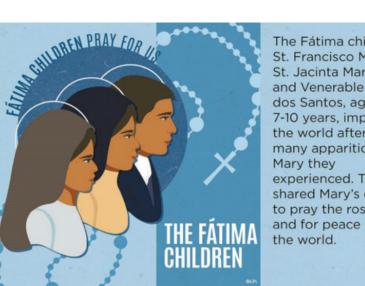
are struggling with a particular sin and continue to stumble. it is advantageous for us to call upon the Lord for help because it is only through his grace, not our own strength, that things can really start to change. Furthermore, Mary tells us to pray for other souls and the world to help facilitate additional conversion from sin. If you look around and wonder why our world is worsening, you can be sure that people are not praying

enough for anything to change. Imagine for a moment the entire world falling to its knees and calling out to God for his grace and mercy. The results would be indescribable.

The second key to conversion is penance. Penance "makes satisfaction for or explates our sins" (CCC #1459). It recognizes the harm sin causes and allows us to participate in repairing the damage. We do this by offering our sufferings back to God for the conversion of sinners and by choosing to make sacrifices to increase the suffering, if even just a little, in honoring the suffering lesus offered for us on the cross. Mary said to the children:

Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially when you make any sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Again, if you look at the world around you, it is not difficult to see that there is little intentional self-sacrificing going on as selfindulgence only increases.



The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto. St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in



One of the biggest reasons we are not seeing much prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners is that fewer and fewer people believe in God, the saving work of Jesus Christ, and the reality of eternal life. If there is no God to care, what is the point of praying or offering sacrifice? This means it is up to those of us who do believe to increase our prayer and sacrifice even more to bridge the gap and make up for those who lack faith. It may seem unjust, but remember that your eternal reward will increase and that you will see souls in heaven who would not have been able to get there without your help. I imagine the heavenly reunion of sinners will be quite a sight, and no one will be keeping score at that point.

This week, think about your life and how you can incrementally increase your prayer and penance in your regular day-to-day activities. When each of us offers even small sacrifices, they can add up to an abundance of mercy and grace, so be encouraged that the smallest things matter. Prior to Mary's visits with the children, the Angel of Peace came to prepare them, and he taught them to say this prayer: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Memorize this prayer, join it to your sacrifices, and say it as many times as possible for the conversion of the world.



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FAITH FORMATION

Children | Youth | Adults





Coming Soon: Vacation Bible School 2024! June 3 - 7 | 8am-12:30pm

Families are invited to join us for a special closing ceremony on Friday, June 7.

Open to children entering Pre-K through 5th Grade in the Fall Cost: 1 child: \$45 • 2 or more children: \$35/child VBS Volunteer discount: \$25/child

This year's VBS is an **Olympic/Sports-themed program** where kids will be inspired to set GOALS and AIM for a commitment to excellence in their Catholic faith. VBS will focus on TRAINING kids in the Word of God with teachings on: The Greatest Commandments, 10 Commandments, Beatitudes, Fruits of the Spirit, and Evangelization.



Adult, high school, & middle school volunteers are needed!



Contact Laura Celentano, our Coordinator of Youth Evangelization, at laura.celentano@corpuschristiphx.org with any questions about Edge or Life Teen events. You can also visit the Formation pages of our parish website.

Early Bird Registration for 2024-2025 Faith Formation Programs

Register Now and Save!

Registration is now open for all our Faith Formation Programs serving students in Pre-K through 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year! Receive a discounted rate for Children's Faith Formation by registering early!

Register for Children's Faith Formation (Elementary) at: www.corpuschristiphx.org/edu-elementary

Register for Edge (Middle School) at: www.corpuschristiphx.org/edu-jrhigh

Register for Life Teen (High School) at: www.corpuschristiphx.org/edu-high

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FAMILY PROMISE Next Week! May 19-26

The families arrive at our parish NEXT WEEK! Each evening, we will all enjoy an amazing dinner & fun activities. More importantly, they will have a safe, comfortable place to sleep.

IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP YET - WE NEED YOU!

This is a wonderful opportunity for both individuals and families to volunteer. Each event usually lasts 3-4 hours.

We all have dinner together and participate in activities or just enjoy each other's company.

To sign-up to volunteer or donate food/supplies scan the QR code or go to: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4EACAA23A2F58-49463332-family</u>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Set-Up: Sunday, May 19 from 8:00am 10:15am
- Decorating Helpers: Daytime Slots
- Dinner & Activity Helpers Evening Slots
- Overnight Hosts Each evening from Sunday Night to Saturday Night
- Take-Down Sunday, May 27 from 7:30am 10:15am

FOOD/SUPPLIES NEEDED: Label - Family Promise

- Dinner for each evening Meals, Drinks & Dessert
- Breakfast and Lunch Items (Sent to Day Center)
- Blankets (Soft and Cozy) Any Size
- Travel-Size Toiletries

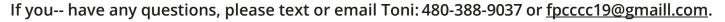
MONETARY DONATIONS:

- Donate in white box in the narthex
- Checks made payable to: CCCC Memo: Family Promise
- Online: https://corpuschristicc.flocknote.com/give/4111 or scan the QR code
- Gift Cards Any Grocery Store, Sams/Costco, Amazon

THEMES FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday - UNDER THE SEA Monday - A TASTE OF ITALY Tuesday - SUPERHERO Wednesday - FIESTA! FIESTA! FIESTA! Thursday - UNDER THE BIG TOP Friday - 80s NIGHT Saturday - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BBO

If you have any decorations/items to go with our themes, we will happily take them!







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CORPUS CHRISTI NOVENA

May 24-Jun1

To celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi and to promote Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, please join us in praying the Most Holy Rosary and the Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church from May 24 to June 1.

The celebration on **Thursday, May 30**, will also include Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, and Benediction. Please sign-up online by scanning the QR code to lead the Holy Rosary and to include your prayer intentions. May God the Holy Spirit guide us and inspire us to participate in this event. We hope you will join us.

Fri. May 24	6:30pm	Mon. May 27	6:30pm	Thurs. May 30	6:00pm
Sat. May 25	3:00pm	Tues. May 28	5:00pm	Fri. May 31	5:30pm
Sun. May 26	4:00pm	Wed. May 29	6:30pm	Sat. Jun 1	3:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Vitalant Impact Award

For the second year in a row, the Corpus Christi Catholic Church community and Knights of Columbus Council 10062 were honored with a 2023 Impact Award on February 23rd at the Valentines for Life Luncheon, Vitalant's premier annual awards event, held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort. Attending the luncheon awards presentation were Mark Waypa - Corpus Christi K of C Blood Drive Chair, Bob Truxes – Council Grand Knight, and Fr. Rey Clutario – Pastor.



According to Vitalant, in 2023, 1,357 different Arizona organizations hosted a total of 3,572 blood drives. Of the organizations that hosted blood drives, only 77 organizations, including Corpus Christi, were recognized with an Impact award. This award was presented to the top 5% of organizations across Arizona in recognition of efforts in planning, volunteer donor recruitment, holding successful blood drives and for the meaningful impact that those blood drive results have on the local blood supply.

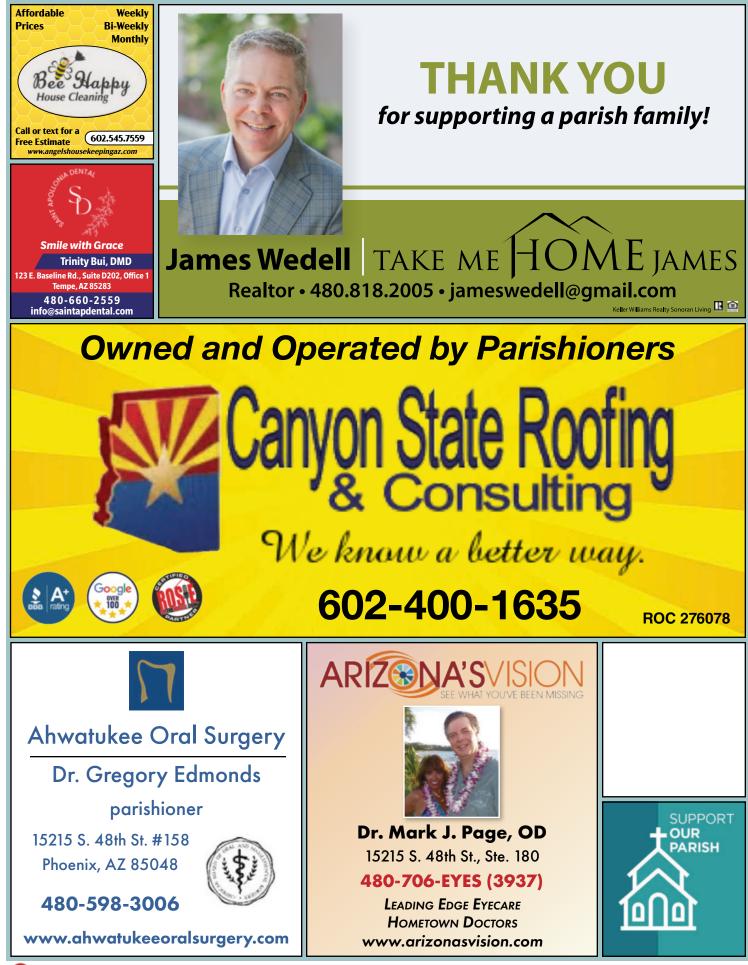
During the past four years, at Corpus Christi, our dedicated parish donors and local community neighbors have generously provided a total of 577 blood donations during our three parish-based blood drives each year. Because blood can be separated into components to benefit three patients, Corpus Christi blood donors have been able to help up to 1,731 patients in need of critical red blood cell transfusions or other blood products since March of 2020.



"Our deepest appreciation goes out to all parishioners, Ahwatukee neighbors, and K of C members who regularly donate blood and participate in various ways to make our blood drives a success," said Mark Waypa, Blood Drive Chair. "We are humbled to accept this recognition on your behalf and proud to count on you as part of our very generous parish community."

With a successful March 2024 blood drive already in the books, the next blood drives at Corpus Christi will be held later this year on July 21st and November 10th from 7:30am to 12:30pm in the Parish Center. Please consider registering to donate blood, especially if you have never done so. Help continue to build the Body of Christ in Ahwatukee by giving the Gift of Life to our neighbors in need!







ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Now is the Time to Worship by Brian Doerksen

- 1. Come, now is the time to worship Come, now is the time to give your heart
- 2. Come, just as you are to worship Come, just as you are before your God Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains for those Who gladly choose You now

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Our God Reigns by Leonard Smith

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him, Who brings good news, good news, Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness: Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns

He had no stately form, He had no majesty, That we should be drawn to Him, He was despised and we took no account of Him, Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns Our God Reigns, Our God Reigns

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Seton Catholic will be hosting athletic summer camps in June. We have plenty of offerings, so register today! Registration closes on May 20! Registration and info here: <u>https://</u> www.setoncatholic.org/apps/ pages/sentinelcamps



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TODAY'S READINGS

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