



#### FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**LENTEN MISSION** 

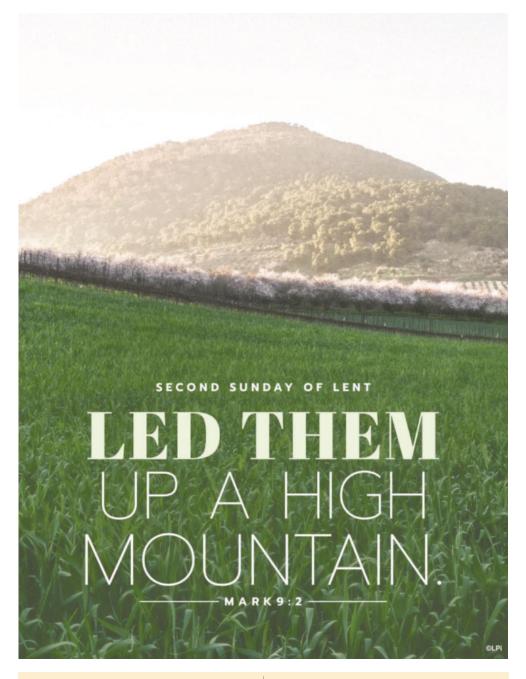
Don't Doubt Your Value A Benedictine Abbot Reflects on Human Dignity, Self-Esteem, and the Imago Dei

#### Mon. Feb. 26-Wed. Feb. 28

Mornings: 9:15am-10:15am Evenings: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Abbot Austin Murphy, OSB will explore how the Christian message offers the fundamental reason to think well of yourself - that you are made in the image of God. Reflecting on Scripture and the Patristic tradition, Abbot Murphy will reveal how awareness, acceptance, and action will help us to cultivate a true self-esteem: a sense of our worth and dignity as children of God made in His image. Lent is a time to strip away our false masks and to come face-toface with who Christ is calling us to be. Come and experience this three-part series that will help us to understand not only our inherent value and dignity, but also how we live out a good and holy life in keeping with our dignity.

FOR WE ARE HIS HANDIWORK, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR THE GOOD WORKS THAT GOD HAS PREPARED IN ADVANCE.



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#### **THANK YOU!**

Due to the generosity of the Christian stewards of our parish, we didn't just meet our CDA financial goal — we surpassed it! There's still time to help us reach our participation goal by donating at GIVE.DPHX.ORG,

**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

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 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!

# **BECOMING DISCIPLES**

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# INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, February 25

7:00 am † Donn Scotten 8:30 am † Cecil Black 10:30 am Parishioners 5:00 pm † Alfredo Sandoval

#### Monday, February 26

8:15 am † Amy Hopkins Townsend

#### Tuesday, February 27

St Gregory of Narek 8:15 am Jaqueline Griesbaum 6:00 pm † Alfonso Hammond



#### Wednesday, February 28 8:15 am † Naomi Gutierrez

**Thursday, February 29** 8:15 am † Robert Lemme

#### Friday, March 1

World Day of Prayer 6:30 am † Gary Powers 8:15 am † Msgr. Richard Moyer

#### Saturday, March 2

8:15 am † Rafal Boreck 4:00 pm † Sevastia & Elenia

#### Sunday, March 3

7:00 am † Barry Parker 8:30 am † Ryan Donos 10:30 am † Joan LaCroix 5:00 pm Parishioners

#### **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, Julia Haggerty, Harold Henry, Jr., Victor Ivich, 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, Lynn Robbins, Yolanda Rosales, Luna Marie Rotter, Dcn. Phil Simeone, Chester Stanislawski, Trisha Stuart, Jeff Trojan, Bryce Weinheimer, Jim Yeager

#### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FEBRUARY 11, 2024

#### TITHING

Weekly Total	\$35,276.91
Weekly Budget	\$34,348.75
Weekly Surplus	
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$1,085,214.42
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$1,047,662.50
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus	\$37 551 92

#### **OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Miscellaneous	\$30.00
Building Fund Collection	\$396.35
Building Fund Balance	\$52,283.26

# **THANK YOU**for your generosity



#### **BABY SAFE HAVEN**

On June 23, 2023, USA Today published a story by Saleen Martin about a Florida firefighter and the

baby girl he found the morning of January 2 last year. An alarm went off at the MLK First Responder Campus in Ocala, FL at 2am that morning. While most of the others at the station were sleeping, the firefighter (who has chosen to remain anonymous) and another employee went to investigate the alarm. When they opened the Safe Haven Baby box, they found the baby girl wearing a pink beanie and onesie, and was wrapped in a matching blanket with a pink bottle next to her. The firefighter, who had been trying to have a baby with his wife for ten years, knew at once that he wanted to raise her as his own daughter. "I instantly fell in love," he told USA Today. Eventually, they were able to officially adopt her.

The Arizona Baby Safe Haven law is a lifeaffirming option for pregnant women. It is also in full agreement with the law of GOD. For more information, please go to: <u>https://www.azleg.gov/</u> <u>ars/13/03623-01.htm</u>.

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#### Lent with St. Francis — Part 2: Humility and Obedience

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

Last week, I discussed how St. Francis lived an austere life by seeking ways to practice selfcontrol and detachment from physical and worldly comforts. This week, as we continue our Lenten journey with St. Francis according to St. Bonaventure, we will examine two more virtues in which the great saint excelled.

#### Chapter Six: Of His Humility and Obedience, and How the Divine Majesty Granted All His Prayers

The Catholic Encyclopedia defines humility as: "A quality by which a person considering his own defects has a lowly opinion of himself and willingly submits himself to God and to others for God's sake." Modern culture argues against having a low opinion of oneself. It encourages building one's self-esteem by recognizing one's self-worth and accepting the praise that goes with a job well done in whatever situation it occurs. This position lacks the Christian understanding that humility requires extreme recognizing self-awareness, our sinfulness, and, therefore, unworthiness before God. Jesus promises a reward for authentic humility, saying, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Lk 14:11). So, humility is something for which we must strive because it is required for entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

Obedience is the act of submitting one's own will to the will of God or another person out of love for God. Again, obedience is not a virtue promoted by modern culture; leadership, power, and control are more highly valued and define what it means to be a strong or successful person. While it is true that we need leaders in every circle of society, if everyone was at the top of the command chain and there were no subordinates, nothing would function properly. Likewise, the motivation to be at the top of the command chain must be considered because everyone is subordinate to Almighty God, and any power a person may have over any other is owed to the glory of him who allowed it. lesus provided us with a perfect example of obedience saying, "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me" (Jn 6:38). While humility and obedience are two distinct virtues, they are interconnected in that humility is necessary to practice obedience, particularly when the situation does not require obedience, but rather, it is done out of love alone.

St. Francis was a man of profound and abundant humility. According to St. Bonaventure, he was painfully aware of his sinfulness and always sought to see himself in his lowliness compared to God's greatness. He abhorred receiving praise and preferred the company of those who disliked him or found fault with him because he knew "that reproof leads to amendment, while praises excite to sin." In other words, while it may not produce pleasant feelings, criticism can self-reflection lead to and change when we are open to it. Francis was also fearless in announcing his own faults while he was preaching. St. Bonaventure does not say, but perhaps one of the factors that contributed to the effectiveness of his outstanding preaching was the humility in sharing his defects that made him relatable to others and not as if he thought himself better than anyone else.

St. Francis believed that praise from others could lead to "vain boasting" to receive more praise, which creates only transitory pleasant feelings, distracting from the true happiness that finds its source in God alone. Because of this, any gifts that the Lord bestowed on him were kept privately in his heart and he did not brag to others about his many blessings. To keep his humility in check, he would say to himself, "Francis, if a robber had received such graces as thou hast received, he would be far more grateful than you." When we think we are not grateful enough for the gifts we've been given, it causes us to strive to be more grateful, which is no less than God deserves.

On one occasion, Francis was in Rome with a friend of his who was a cardinal. The cardinal

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asked him to stay a little longer, and Francis agreed out of reverence and love. That night, demons visited Francis and beat him. Afterward, Francis went to his friend, telling him that the demons can do nothing without God's permission, and Francis believed what had taken place was because he agreed to stay in an elegant home while, at the same time, his brothers were living in poverty and humble accommodations. Francis determined his actions were hypocritical and that it was better to set an example of living the way he was asking others to live, so he left and returned home.

Concerning the virtue of obedience, Francis was no less zealous. He always made sure that another brother had authority over him, whether he was with the entire order or just traveling with one other brother. Whenever possible, St. Francis preferred to be a subordinate rather than a superior so that he could obey instead of command. He said of his obedience, "He has granted me this grace — to obey with the same readiness a novice who had been but an hour in religion, were he set over me as my superior, as the most ancient and discreet amongst the brethren." To use an analogous example, St. Francis essentially thought it to be a gift from God for the vice president of a company to obey an entry-level employee on his first day of work just as quickly as the VP would obey the CEO. His reason for this line of

thinking is that anyone who exercised authority over him was given that authority by God alone and Francis was therefore obeying God and not the man himself. As I stated before, one cannot achieve obedience like this without profound humility and a sense of one's own smallness in relation to the power of God.

When asked how he would measure the faithful obedience of a person, he used the example of a dead body. The body can be placed by someone else and will not so much as move its head into a different position. The body can be dressed by someone else without complaint or resistance to the clothes that have been chosen and it will not cry out if it is left alone or asked to be placed somewhere else. In other words, perfect obedience is utterly passive with no concern for one's own will or preferences. Then, Francis says that when a man receives a higher office, not through his own pursuit but because someone has decided it should be, he will maintain his humility in receiving the honor.

To live out the virtues of humility and obedience in today's world is challenging to say the least. If he lived today, St. Francis would be characterized

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as a doormat or self-deprecating to a terrible fault. However, it becomes a little easier when you consider how his entire behavior finds its root in the knowledge of who God is and who he was in comparison. This week, contemplate how St. Francis' humility and obedience imitates that of Jesus during his Passion and death. Identify a situation where you can demonstrate these virtues better in thanksgiving for what lesus endured for you. Perhaps you might be more open to criticism and even ask someone you trust to gently offer you some. You could also try being more submissive in a family or work situation. Whatever it is, do it with a divine perspective rather than a worldly one, and know that you aim to please God and not the world by your actions.



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#### **FAITH FORMATION** Children | Youth | Adults



#### Family Catechesis Corner

#### **Confession & Children**

Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have? Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

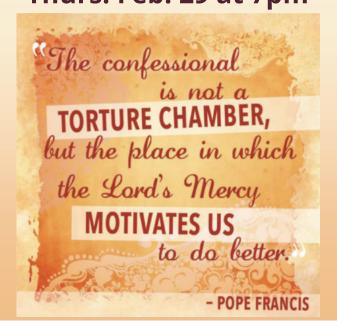
Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!



Congratulations to students from our Children's Faith Formation program and St. John Bosco who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 24! Special thanks to catechists Joyce Turner, Terri Owens, Jill Alvarez, Erica Garvey, Toni Monti, and Joe Meller, who helped prepare the CFF students for Reconciliation this year.

Please continue to pray for our students who are preparing to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil and those preparing for their Confirmation and First Communion on April 27.

## **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** Thurs. Feb. 29 at 7pm





#### MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, March 1

Join us for the Arizona March for

Life in downtown Phoenix as we affirm the dignity and protection of all human life! The Knights of Columbus again provide bus transportation to and from the march. We will gather in the North Parking Lot beginning at **9:30am.** The bus will depart at 10am, so please come early. Only 54 spots are available, so sign-up before it fills up! We will return to the parish around 2pm. Scan the QR

code to register at https:// corpuschristicc.flocknote.com/ signup/155517 or call the Parish Office.



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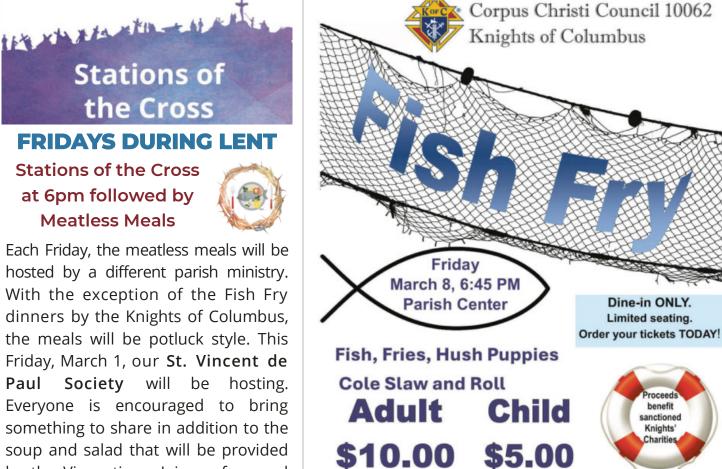
#### WOMEN OF THE PARISH **Ministry Planning Sessions**

#### Fri. March 1 @10am & Wed. March 6 @ 6pm

All women are invited to join Fr. Rey and our Family Ministry office at one of our March workshops. The workshops will include talks, small discussion groups, vision planning, and



more as we strive to respond to the current spiritual needs facing the women of our parish. Scan the QR code to sign up.





TICKETS ON SALE NOW! ADVANCED ORDERS ONLY!

#### March 2, 9, 16, 23

The "Praise Pathway" is a 2-mile walk along South Mountain that will begin in the south parking lot after the Saturday 8:15am Mass during Lent. The walk will include praying the Rosary, as well as other opportunities for prayer and reflection, and will take approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. Be sure to use sunscreen, wear comfortable clothes & shoes, and bring water & your rosary! For more info, please leave a message for Fr. Johnson at 480-893-8770 or call Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight, Julius Tiritilli, at 480-250-2208.

hosted by a different parish ministry. With the exception of the Fish Fry the meals will be potluck style. This Friday, March 1, our St. Vincent de Paul Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share in addition to the soup and salad that will be provided by the Vincentians. Join us for good food & fellowship!

SET YOUR PATH

forming a

Women's Group

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#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Furniture Drive

Sat. March 9 & Sun. March 10 9am-2pm in the North Parking Lot

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting household items this weekend for their Annual Furniture Drive. Please donate your unwanted goods to those who may need them. The SVdP truck will be parked in the north parking lot on 36th Street.Your donations will be accepted on from 9am to 2pm on both Saturday & Sunday.

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#### MATTRESSES, BOX SPRINGS, ELECTRONICS, AND TUBE TVS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 480-893-8771.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



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

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#### **SATURDAY MORNING "CAFÉ"** Essentials of the Catholic Faith

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

#### March 9 & 16 from 8:30am-12:30pm April 20 from 8:30am-3:30pm 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.* 

#### - March 9 & 16

- Part 2 of the *Catechism* (2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar)
- What exactly is Liturgy and why don't all Christians have this as part of their worship services? What are the benefits of each of the seven Sacraments? What are sacramentals and how are they different from the Sacraments? (ESS 105)

#### - April 20

- Part 3 of the *Catechism* (3<sup>rd</sup> Pillar) Part 1
- How do we live our lives in accordance with what Jesus teaches, in a culture that is not always in agreement with Him? What is the right balance between social justice and providing a safe and stable environment for my family? (ESS 106) This session is from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Lunch is included on this date only.

Please contact Karen: khenz2020@gmail.com or Jack: jfhenz@gmail.com by Wednesday, March 6 or April 17 before the corresponding sessions that you are interested in attending. These classes are free and NO HOMEWORK is required!





#### A Ministry to Catholic Women

#### MAGNIFICAT Ladies Luncheon

#### Saturday, March 9 in the Parish Center

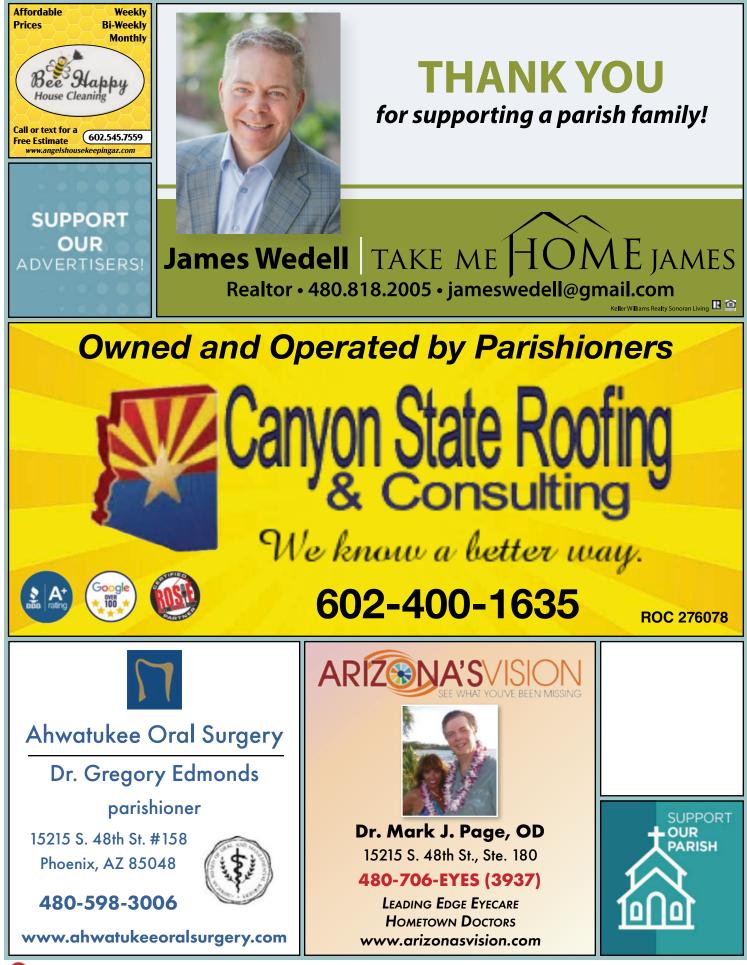
Magnificat is a Diocesan-wide ministry that hosts luncheons at various parishes throughout the year featuring different women sharing their testimonies of how God has worked in their lives. March's luncheon will be held here, at Corpus Christi, with Rosemarie Ludwig, PH.D, LPC as the guest speaker. The cost is \$18 and the

deadline to register is March 6. You can register via Eventbrite by searching for: **Magnificat Women's Luncheon** and selecting the one for March 9. You can also scan the QR code or contact Esther Ramirez at 623-565-0304 or mrs.estherramirez@gmail.com.





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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

(7AM Mass)

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 116

## I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

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#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

#### Purify My Heart by Brian Doerksen

Purify my heart Let me be as gold and precious silver Purify my heart Let me be as gold, pure gold

Refiner's fire, My heart's one desire Is to be holy Set apart for You, Lord I choose to be holy Set apart for You, my Master Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart Cleanse me from within And make me holy Purify my heart Cleanse me from my sin, deep within

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#### FOURTH ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY Save-the-Date

KENTUCKY

DFRB

# Saturday, May 4

#### 1pm-5pm in the Parish Center

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. You can also get your tickets early by scanning the QR code. More details to come soon!



