



# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

THE BODY OF CHRIST—BECOMING DISCIPLES



MARCH 2, 2025 | 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LUKE 6:43



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# THE BODY OF CHRIST

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT:** Corpus Christi Catholic Church is a welcoming community joyfully proclaiming the love of God through evangelization, prayer, sacramental living, 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
<b>Mon</b>	9-11:30am	1-5pm
<b>Tues</b>	9-11:30am	3-5pm
<b>Wed</b>	9-11:30am	1-5pm
<b>Thurs</b>	9-11:30am	1-5pm
<b>Fri</b>	9-11:30am	Closed
<b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>	Closed	Closed

### FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

**Mon:** 10:00 am-3:00pm  
**Tues:** 2:30 pm-7:45pm  
**Wed:** 10:00am-4:30pm  
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**Sunday, March 2**  
*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:00 am Parishioners  
 8:30 am † Val Doering  
 10:30 am † Philip Amantia  
 5:00 pm † Chris Euzarraga

**Monday, March 3**  
*St. Katherine Drexel*  
 8:15 am † Angelica Boztoski

**Tuesday, March 4**  
*St. Casimir*  
 8:15 am † Joseph & † Florence Briski  
 6:00 pm † Caroline Campion

**Wednesday, March 5**  
*Ash Wednesday*  
 8:15 am † Wayne Peterson  
 7:00pm † Val Doering

**Thursday, March 6**  
 8:15 am † Philip Spiller, Sr.

**Friday, March 7**  
*Ss. Perpetua & Felicity*  
 6:30 am † Phyllis Norgaard  
 8:15 am † Joseph & † Jane Lapikas

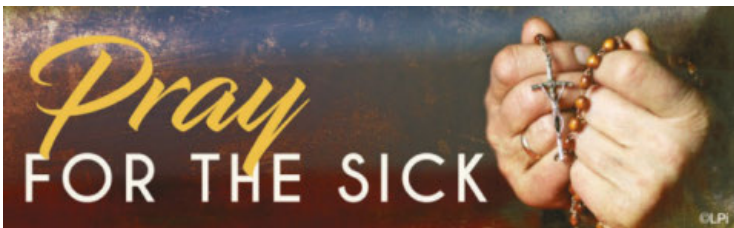
**Saturday, March 8**  
*St. John of God*  
 8:15 am Adams & Meyer Families  
 4:00 pm † Vlad, Ashley, Eric, Ethan & Adrian

**Sunday, March 9**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
 7:00 am † Barry Parker  
 8:30 am † Hortencia Avila  
 10:30 am Zenaida Pelimiano  
 5:00 pm Parishioners



**Marissa Crisostomo**  
**Nhan Nguyen**

*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.*



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## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS FEBRUARY 16, 2025

### TITHING

Weekly Total .....	\$32,097.25
Weekly Budget .....	\$33,545.00
Weekly Deficit.....	(\$1,447.75)
Fiscal Year-to-date Total .....	\$1,138,711.78
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget.....	\$1,109,120.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus.....	\$29,591.78

### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Miscellaneous.....	\$175.00
Building Fund Collection.....	\$1,831.50
Building Fund Balance .....	\$80,489.72

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”**  
*Matthew 18:20*

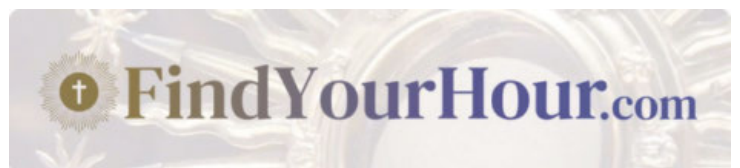
This verse beautifully highlights Christ's presence when believers come together in prayer and worship. Incorporating this verse into Eucharistic Adoration can enhance the awareness of Christ's presence and the unity among those gathered. It serves as a reminder of Christ's real presence, both in the Eucharist and within the community. This practice can deepen our faith and strengthen our sense of unity in prayer, especially during Lent.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming “a second” before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel as a prayer partner.

There are many hours that currently have only one committed person, two per hour are required to remain perpetual. There is a variety of days and hours to choose from.

You can view the schedule and sign up here: [findyourhour.com](http://findyourhour.com).

The Adoration team will be available after all Masses the weekend of March 8 & 9. We are ready and happy to help you choose an hour that will work for you.



## Marian Dogmas & Doctrine — Part 5: Mary's Spiritual Motherhood

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We have now reached the fifth and final week of this Marian series. We covered the four Marian dogmas and will now conclude with the one doctrine the Church teaches regarding our Blessed Mother. If you remember from the first week, doctrine is to be held as true and a matter of our Faith to be believed, but it has not yet been elevated to the level of dogma, which could be for any number of reasons. This doctrine defines Mary's spiritual motherhood over the Body of Christ through her three-fold role of co-redemptrix, mediatrix, and advocate.

Generally, it makes sense that we should call Mary our spiritual mother. After all, she gave (physical) birth to Jesus, who is the head of the mystical body, the Church. If we are all members of that mystical body, joined to the head, then, by extension, she's a mother to the entire body. In his encyclical *Ad Diem Illud Laetissimum* on the Immaculate Conception, Pope Pius X says:

*For is not Mary the Mother of Christ? Then she is our Mother also...all we who are united to Christ...are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones... issued from the womb of Mary like a body united to its head. Hence, though in a spiritual and mystical fashion, we are all children of Mary, and she is Mother of us all.*

Again, notice how this teaching protects the reality of who Jesus is and the cohesive unity between him and his Church.

We also use Scripture to understand that Jesus gave his Mother to all of us before his death. In John 19:25-27, Jesus tells

John, "Behold your mother" and tells his Mother to behold her son. This passage should not be simply interpreted to suggest that Jesus is ensuring his Mother is cared for after his death and that John has been assigned the task. After all, it would be doubtful that Jesus, knowing far in advance what his fate would be, would not have made provisions for his Mother long before he was there hanging on the cross. In the final moments before Jesus' death, it is more likely that he was thinking about all of his people for whom he was dying and how they needed a spiritual mother like Mary. Therefore, the Church interprets that passage to mean that John represents the entire Church and Jesus is giving all of us his Mother as a gift. Also, note that Jesus' words are not phrased as an invitation. He is not inviting John or us to accept his Mother. "Behold your mother" is not ambiguous; rather, it is a statement of theological fact. Now, we will dive deeper into three specific ways Mary is a spiritual mother to us.

### Co-Redemptrix

This title, given to Mary by the Church, means that Mary cooperates with Jesus in his redemptive work and is, therefore, a co-redeemer with him. Before we go further, let's clarify the language. The Latin prefix "co-" literally means "with." It does not mean "equal to." Think of it this way: A plane is flown by a captain and a co-pilot. The co-pilot is always subordinate to the captain but works with the captain to fly the aircraft. Jesus is the Redeemer, and no one is equal to him, but we all participate and cooperate

in his work.

As his Mother, Mary has a unique and special cooperation with Jesus, earning her the title "co-redemptrix." We see in Genesis 3:15 that God tells Satan that a woman and her offspring will destroy him. He could have left the woman out altogether but left them together as a cooperative unit. We also see Mary's literal cooperation with the Holy Spirit when she gives her fiat in Luke 1:38. Her body is the vehicle by which the Savior enters the world, which only happens because she agrees to cooperate with God's will. Finally, we see Mary's cooperation in her suffering, united to her son's. It is a mother's instinct to want to protect her child from the horrific suffering that Jesus went through, yet we don't see Mary pleading with Pontius Pilate or attempting to fight off Roman soldiers. She knows that his redemptive work must take place, and she silently cooperates to the point where she stands at the foot of the cross until the very end. Her suffering is severe but united with Jesus'; it is co-redemptive.

Looking at Tradition, we have many examples of how Mary has been understood as working with her son to bring about salvation. The following are just two of them. St. Irenaeus of Lyons (b. c. 130 AD) said, "Just as Eve having disobeyed, became the cause of death for herself and the entire human race, so Mary being obedient became the cause of salvation for herself and the entire human race." An Eastern Akathist hymn dedicated to Mary from around 525 AD refers to

Mary as “redemption of the tears of Eve.”

## Mediatrice of All Graces

To mediate something is to act as a “go-between” for two parties. Christ is the author and source of all grace, and Mary mediated between him and us by agreeing to bring him forth into the world. It is through her intercession that Christ was brought to us in the first place. We would not have that source of grace had she not agreed, so it is, therefore, part of her co-redemptive work to mediate grace to us. We see an example of this at the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11). Mary places herself between the couple and her son to point out their needs and bring about a miracle. Using the couple as a representation of mankind, Pope John Paul II explains in his encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*:

*Thus there is a mediation: Mary places herself between her Son and mankind in the reality of their wants, needs and sufferings. She puts herself “in the middle,” that is to say she acts as a mediatrix and not as an outsider, but in her position as Mother. She knows that as such she can point out to her Son the needs of mankind, and in fact, she has the right to do so. Her mediation is thus in the nature of intercession: Mary “intercedes” for mankind. (RM #21)*

We have abundant resources from the early Church that show this is not a new understanding of Mary’s role in our lives. St. Irenaeus refers to Mary as the “cause of salvation for herself and the entire human race.” She is the cause of our salvation insofar as she brings us Jesus. From the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, St. Ephrem says, “After the mediator, you (Mary) are the Mediatrix of the whole

world.” And from the 8<sup>th</sup> Century, St. Andrew of Crete refers to her as “Mediatrice of the law and grace.” St. Louis de Monfort (1673-1716) uses the image of an aqueduct through which grace flows from the head to the rest of the body. Another way to think about it is that Mary is the neck of the body, which connects the head to the rest of the members. All the grace that flows from the head passes through her on the way to the rest of the body.


## Advocate

Mary’s third role in her spiritual motherhood is that of Advocate. This is an ancient role that finds its precedent in the Old Testament. The kings of the time would often have many wives, so the Queen Mother would be the one to sit at the king’s right, a place of honor. The Queen Mother had three roles: advisor to the king, choosing dynastic succession should the king die, and advocate for the people. 1 Kings 2:19-20 says, “So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him on behalf of Adonijah. And the king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat on his throne and had a seat brought for the king’s Mother, and she sat on his right. Then she said, ‘I have one small request to make of you; do not refuse me.’ And the king said to her, ‘Make your request, my mother, for I will not refuse you.’” The king honors his Mother and does not wish to deny her anything she asks on behalf of the people. Again, we go back to the wedding at Cana, where Mary advocates for the wedding couple and brings their needs to her son, which he does not deny her. While Jesus is God and not dependent on anyone to tell

him what someone needs, it was still Jesus’ will for Mary’s role as advocate to be established at that moment. Whenever we need something, it is good practice to bring those needs to Mary and allow her to intercede for us and act as our advocate before her son.

Like all of the other teachings about Mary, many examples from Tradition support her role as Advocate. Let’s look at one profound example here. The most ancient prayer to Mary is called the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*. Found on a piece of Egyptian papyrus from the third century, it reads, “We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.” Clearly, there was an understanding amongst early Christians that it was efficacious to ask the Queen Mother to intercede and advocate on their behalf.

Whether you have always had a sense of Mary being your spiritual Mother, or if this is a more foreign concept, I hope you are inspired to deepen that relationship. After reviewing all the ways she can be a mother to you, how can you lean into her motherhood and love for you a little more? Jesus gave you a gift out of divine love in giving you his Mother. How might being more receptive to that gift bring you closer to him and his will for your life?



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## FAITH FORMATION

Children | Youth | Adults



### MAGNIFICAT Phoenix Chapter Meal

Saturday, March 8  
11:15am-2:30pm in the Parish Center

Guest Speaker: *Gloria Roberts*

Cost: \$18

To register, scan the QR code or visit [magnificat-ministry.net/az-phoenix](http://magnificat-ministry.net/az-phoenix) and click on the Eventbrite link.

## WAVES



St. Philomena  
High School  
Retreat

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER RETREAT

Jesus said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. Matthew 4:39

## MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Join us as we dive deeper  
into the gift of womanhood

March 29, 2025  
Corpus Christi Church

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## LENT

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# Ash Wednesday

March 5

Liturgy of the Word Services  
6:30am & Noon



Mass Times  
8:15am & 7pm

Ashes will be distributed at all four times.

**Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.**

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FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH

### PRAISE PATHWAYS Lenten Spiritual Walks

Saturday Mornings, March 8-April 12

All are invited for this weekly two-mile walk along South Mountain that will begin in the south parking lot shortly after the Saturday 8:15am Mass. The duration of the walk is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. Participate in prayer and reflection opportunities as well as praying the Rosary. No need to sign-up, just join us when you can. Please remember to use sunscreen, wear comfortable clothing and shoes, and bring drinking water and your rosary. For more information, contact Fr. Marino at the Parish Office or Julius Tiritilli at 480-250-2208.

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6).*

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Examine the journey of personal transformation and the steps necessary to deepen one's relationship with God.

Fr. Eric Houseknecht

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## SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRY

*Building a Culture of Life through Prayer,  
Education & Fellowship*

### Monthly Meeting

Second Monday of the month at 6pm in the Cry Room

### An Evening with Abby Johnson

**Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church (Parish Hall)  
10755 N 124<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Free event co-sponsored by the Sanctity of Life-Corpus Christi Catholic Church ministry featuring Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood Director and subject of the major motion picture: UNPLANNED. RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/AbbyinAZ>

### 40 Days for Life

**Mondays, 9:30-11:30am**

**March 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7**

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When there is peaceful prayer in front of an abortion facility, Planned Parenthood regularly documents up to a 75% no-show rate.



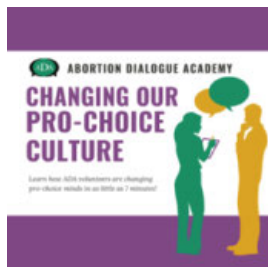
### Abortion Dialogue Academy

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Center**

Learn how ADA volunteers persuade 1 in 5 pro-choice people to be pro-life in 7 minutes. Register online at [abortiondialogueacademy.org/events](http://abortiondialogueacademy.org/events)

For more info on any of these events,  
contact [sanctityoflife@corpuschristiphx.org](mailto:sanctityoflife@corpuschristiphx.org)



### MARCH FOR LIFE

**Saturday, March 15**

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 will provide transportation to and from the march. We will gather in the North Parking Lot beginning at **9:00am**. The bus will depart at 9:30am, so please come early. Only 54 spots are available, so sign-up before it fills up! Register at <https://corpuschristicc.flocknote.com/signup/200824> or by calling the Parish Office.



### AROUND THE DIOCESE

## St. Benedict Catholic Church Annual Rummage Sale

**Saturday, March 8 from 7am-2pm**

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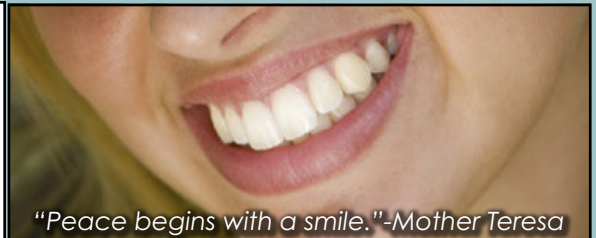


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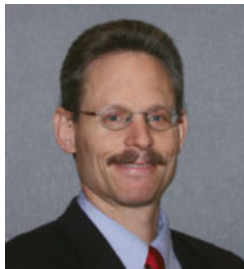
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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

*The Lord became my protector.  
He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Year C)

#1217

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Now is the Time to Worship  
by Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart

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*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 92

*Lord, it is good to give  
thanks to you.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Sweet Redeemer

by Steve Angrisano & Sarah Hart

King of Kings, blessed Jesus,  
hand of mercy, giver of grace;  
I have come to sing glory,  
to lay my heart before you in this place.

**Refrain:**

*Sweet redeemer,  
I surrender all I am to you.  
Sweet redeemer,  
I surrender all I am to you.*

I was lost and you found me;  
in the darkness, you were my light.  
When I fell down, you forgave me,  
lifted me up and held me to your side.

**(Refrain)**

**Bridge:**

From the shadows of the tomb  
you called me,  
you rolled away the stone.  
From the burden of my sin you saved me,  
you made my heart your home.

**(Refrain)**

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