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APRIL 21, 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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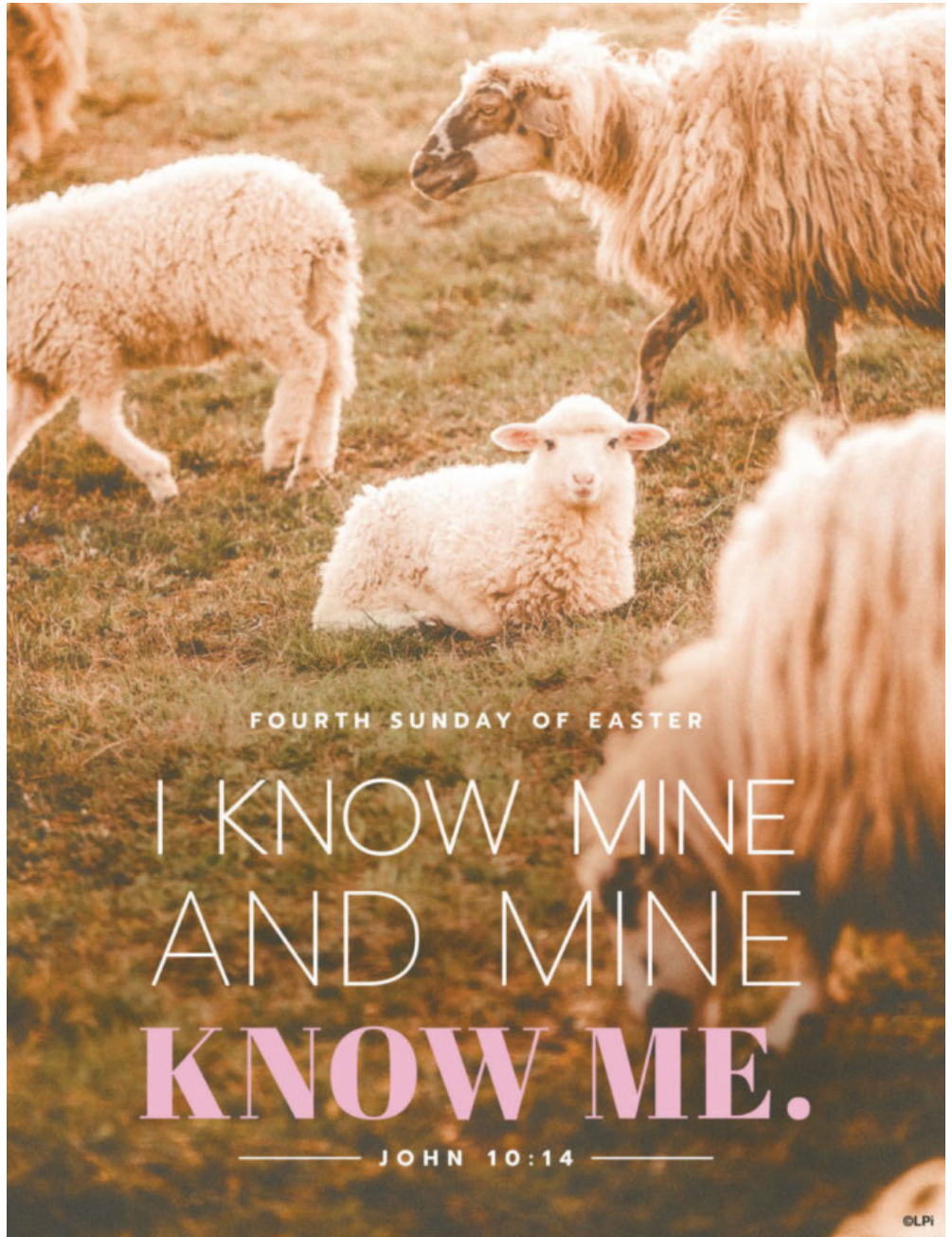


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I KNOW MINE
AND MINE
KNOW ME.

JOHN 10:14

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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

	Mornings	Afternoons
Mon	9-11:30am	1-5pm
Tues	9-11:30am	3-5pm
Wed	9-11:30am	1-5pm
Thurs	9-11:30am	1-5pm
Fri	9-11:30am	1-5pm
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 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!



THE BODY OF CHRIST

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Kenosis

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Today, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when we reflect on how Jesus is the shepherd who lovingly cares for his flock, leading them in the way they should go. The topic I have chosen for today's article – *Kenosis* – is most often discussed in the context of Good Friday, but I find it relevant to today's theme as well.

To begin our discussion on kenosis, we will first look at the words of St. Paul:

*...though he was in the form of God, [he] did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he **emptied himself**, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name... (Phil 2:6-9, emphasis added)*

The Greek word St. Paul uses to describe Jesus' self-emptying actions is *kenosis*. Of course, in this passage, St. Paul refers to the self-emptying sacrifice of the crucifixion, but he also describes Jesus' entire human existence as kenosis. From the moment of his conception, throughout his ministry, and culminating in his passion and death, God completely and humbly emptied himself out of love for us.

Before we can understand the significance of divine kenosis, we must have some understanding of who God is. Of course, we can only fully understand his nature once we see him face to face, but we can do our best with our limited human understanding. God is eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, and all love. Our God created the universe out of nothing and holds it in existence because he loves all of it. This is

the God who created all the stars in the sky, yet also saw a need for you and me in the world. While God's infinite majesty, mercy, and love are indescribable, they are also things that our hearts instinctively long for and seek because they are the only ways to find true peace and happiness.

By contrast, humanity is broken. We are

wounded by sin, and its effects permeate our fallen world. Humans are restless and rebellious, always trying to convince ourselves that our way is better than God's. We are fixated and even addicted to our particular sins or destructive tendencies. We are lost sheep and desperately need a shepherd with our best interest at heart to guide us and lead us back on track – no matter how many times we wander off.

God's kenosis, or self-emptying love, begins with the Incarnation. For God to take on human nature and enter our experience is a complete abasement of his divine nature. Furthermore, this is not something he had to do, but chose to do of his own free will out of love for his creation. Our almighty God took on human flesh and came into our world as a helpless infant. He emptied himself into a tiny vessel of vulnerability, dependency, and poverty as he was born in a stable and laid in a trough where animals ate and drank so that he could fully enter into and share our human experience.

Then, throughout his ministry, God continued to empty himself by ministering to people who were outcasts in the eyes of the rest of society. Subsets of the larger community were considered so lowly, either by their sin reflected in their diseased



bodies or their despicable professions and lives of sin, that no respectable member of society would give so much as a glance their way. How much greater is God than those so-called respectable members of society? Yet there he was, interacting with the lowest of them, healing them, calling them to repentance, and revealing his self-emptying love for all of them without discrimination.

Finally, God's divine kenosis finds its fullness in his passion and death. Jesus' passion was the most humiliating and excruciating suffering any man in human history has ever endured. To begin with, he was completely innocent of any wrongdoing, was falsely accused, and betrayed by one of his best friends. After his arrest, he was tortured beyond recognition for no justifiable reason and was stripped naked, mocked, and spit on. Then he was hung on a cross in this humiliating state for all to see as he died an agonizing death and his poor mother helplessly looked on. Recalling the earlier description of God's nature, this sort of treatment of him is beyond appalling. This is the same God who holds each of his accusers and abusers in existence because he loves them, and this was how they repaid him. Again, God did not have to do this, but chose to out of love for us. Instead of remaining distant and unrelatable, he wanted to

completely empty himself and suffer with us as we suffer so that, through him, we can know what it means to be unconditionally loved.

Through the lens of kenosis, we can now better understand just how good a shepherd Jesus is to his flock. Likely, not many of us know any shepherds, but we can use our imaginations to enter into this mystery. An ordinary shepherd cares for his flock in all the ways that are expected of him, according to his vocation. He feeds his flock, tends to their wounds, cuts out their matted wool, frees them from their tangles in the thorns, and leads them from pasture to pasture. As he spends time with his flock, a shepherd gets to know each individual sheep according to its personality and understands its unique needs, and they, in turn, learn to follow his voice, trusting in his care for them. But Jesus is not just any shepherd, and through the mystery of kenosis, he empties himself to the point of taking on the nature of the sheep he cares for. By his own free will, he gets into the muck with his flock, intermingling with them, eating with them, and participating in their activities

while leading them to the next green pasture. I don't know about you, but I find it difficult to imagine a shepherd loving his sheep so much that he offers to become one to share in their experience. This is self-emptying love, a love solely focused on the other with no regard for self.

Now, the question becomes, into what type of environment is this love being emptied? Jesus has poured out his entire self for your well-being and salvation. Do you allow this gift of love to be spilled out on the rugged, rocky terrain of your heart where it's difficult to penetrate, or do you offer him an open vessel for this love to transform you? Your good shepherd took on your simple and messy nature to walk beside and suffer with you, never leaving you all alone, to lead you home to heaven. Will you respond by listening to his voice and trusting him to lead you through the muck and briars to the green pastures? This week, meditate on kenosis and the gift of self-emptying love God has freely offered you and, in return, offer a response of conversion and gratitude to him.



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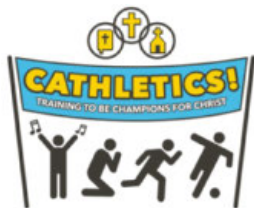


Rehearsal:
Thur. April 25
5-7pm in Church

Ceremony:
Saturday, April 27 at 10am*

*Child must arrive with sponsor at the Parish Center by 9:00am.

Reception to follow in Parish Center.



Coming Soon: Vacation Bible School 2024!

June 3 - 7 | 8am-12:30pm
Registration is now open!

Cost: 1 child: \$45 | 2 or more: \$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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Charity Raffle



Corpus Christi Council 10062 Knights are in the Church courtyard selling raffle tickets for the Annual Statewide Charity Raffle after Mass every weekend through May 12. A single ticket price is \$5.00 and a book of 5 tickets sells for \$20.00. You may also purchase 30 tickets for \$100.00 (save \$50.00). **One Grand prize-winning ticket holder will receive \$10,000.** Other cash prizes range from \$500 to \$7,000. Ten winners will be drawn at the Knights Annual Arizona State Convention in May. Your ticket purchase will benefit Corpus Christi's Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Last year, we donated almost \$12,000 to them! Let's top it! Thank you.

Arizona Special Olympics Help Needed

Attention all members of Knights of Columbus Council 10062!

The Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 10062 will assist with the Arizona Special Olympics this coming **Saturday, April 27**. You too, can be part of this event! Families are encouraged to volunteer and children can earn service hours! The Arizona Special Olympics takes place at **Raymond J. Kellis High School in Glendale**. We plan on carpooling from the church's north parking lot at about **6:45am** and returning at the end of our shift (about noon). Knights and other volunteers from our parish will assist in the set-up and assistance in the shot-put event. A total of ten volunteers are needed and the opportunity is open to all parishioners. Volunteers under age 18 should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Parishioners interested in helping can contact Knights of Columbus Council 10062 Deputy Grand Knight, Julius Tiritilli, at 480-250-2208 for more info. Thank you.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Jubilee

Sunday, April 28
at the 10:30am Mass

On April 28, Corpus Christi will recognize and honor chosen retired and active St. Vincent de Paul members at the 10:30am Mass. These honorees have devoted themselves to serving the poor for twenty years or more and will be presented with a Jubilarian Crucifix. The Jubilarians have expressed that doing God's work has been joyful and rewarding. By wearing the Crucifix, the Vincentian will continue to be a visible sign of God's love.

Please consider attending the 10:30 Mass and join us in recognizing our St. Vincent de Paul Jubilarians. A reception with light refreshments will be held in the Parish Center immediately following Mass, giving parishioners an opportunity to meet many of the Vincentians.

This will also give the Vincentians the chance to meet and thank parishioners for giving the members of St. Vincent de Paul the support and aid needed to help the poor.

Thank you for your blessings and continued support.



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.



**Saturday,
May 4 @ 1pm**

Buy tickets now
by scanning the
QR code



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 next weekend!



PARISH GAME NIGHT

**Rescheduled to
Saturday, May 11
5:00-8:00pm
Parish Center**

Adults 18+ are invited to join us for our next night of fun, food, fellowship, and games — from dominoes and cards games, to party games and strategy games! Scan the QR code to sign-up! **Deadline to RSVP is Tues. May 7.**



Day of Renewal for grieving mothers and grandmothers Dia de Renovación para mamás y abuelas

Join us on April 27, 2024



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All grieving mothers and grandmothers - no matter how long - or how recent - it has been since your loss, are invited to this full day bilingual retreat. The program has been designed to bring gentle comfort and rest to your soul. The day will end with a Memorial Mass in honor of our loved ones.

Para todas las mamás y abuelas que viven la pérdida de un hijo(a) o nieto(a). No importa cuánto tiempo a pasado - o que tan reciente - ha sido la pérdida. Este programa bilingüe ha sido creado para traer consuelo y descanso al alma. Una misa conmemorativa concluirá el retiro. Para más información contactar a Liliana at lili@sacredsorrows.org

Presented by Fr. Stephan Bauer, OSC, of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers of Phoenix, Ms. Rita Morton, Founder of Sacred Sorrows and grieving mother, and Mrs. Liliana Tavera, grieving mother and Hispanic Program Coordinator for Sacred Sorrows.



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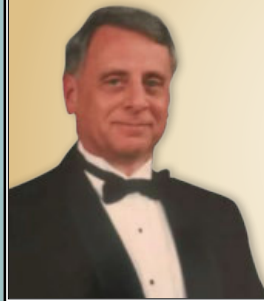
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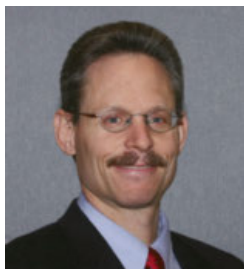


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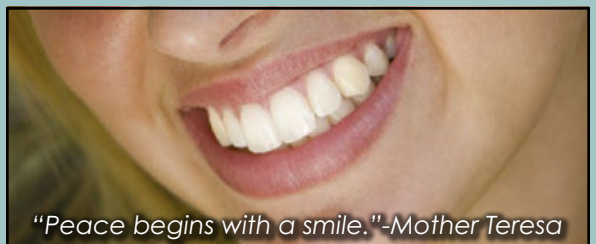
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

TODAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter
(Year B)

#1172

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118

*The stone rejected by the builders
has become the corner stone.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Forever

by Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
With a mighty hand
And outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever
Forever



AN INVITATION TO JOIN CHOIR

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!

