Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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.

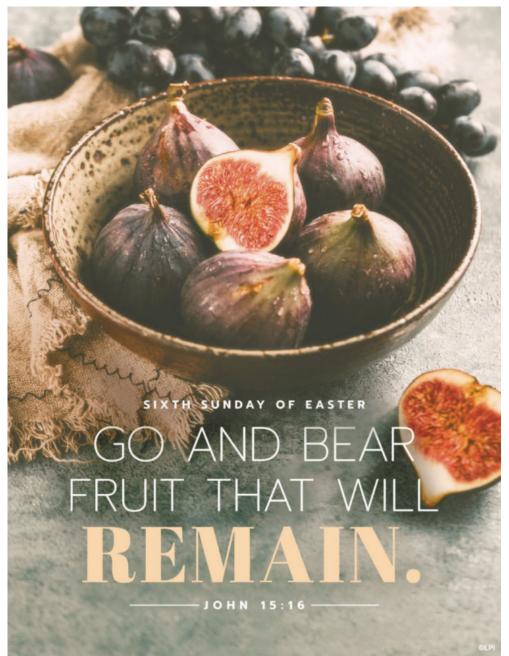
Free Membership

Interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus? Your initial membership is on us!

For a limited time, Catholic men 18 years of age and older can join the Knights of Columbus Council 10062 for FREE! Join us on May 4 and 5 after each Mass to learn more and sign up! Visit the Knights' website at KofC.org or scan the QR code below and learn more about who the Knights are and what the Knights do. If you prefer, please

contact any member of Council 10062 (here at Corpus Christi) for further information.





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Text **JOINCC** to **84576** or go to **flocknote.com/corpuschristicc** for latest communications from the parish.

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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

	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	Closed
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.



FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY Begins this Weekend!

Dates: May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct.5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7

On the first Saturday of each month, beginning this weekend, join us in the Cry Room of the church to pray the Holy Rosary at **3:00pm** in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will also go to Confession between 2:30-3:30pm, Mass at 4pm, and will spend 15 minutes in prayer honoring our Blessed Mother by Adoring her Son in the Blessed Sacrament. Even if you missed this weekend, you can begin this devotion on the first Saturday of any month. For more info, visit: <u>https://americaneedsfatima.org/prayers/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion</u>.

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Sunday, May 5

7:00 am Parishioners 8:30 am † Ray Deane Wilhelm 10:30 am † Rodolfo Pelimiano 5:00 pm † Cathy Schaefer

Monday, May 6 8:15 am † Monique Griego

Tuesday, May 7 8:15 am † John H Harder 6:00 pm † Shawn McGrath

Wednesday, May 8 8:15 am † Dee Gordon

Thursday, May 9 8:15 am † Brian Lavelle

Friday, May 10

St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster 6:30 am Thomas Husband 8:15 am Kris & Robin Samaddar

Saturday, May 11

8:15 am † Allan Meger 4:00 pm † Vaclav & † Krystina Jakubicek

Sunday, May 12

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

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. For a list of alternative sites where you can request a Mass Intention, please visit: <u>https://www.corpuschristiphx.org/mass-intention</u>.



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

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL 21, 2024

TITHING

Weekly Total	\$30,486.29
Weekly Budget	
Weekly (Deficit)	
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$1,518,074.21
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$1,442,451.25
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus	\$75,622.96

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Miscellaneous	\$110.60
Building Fund Collection	\$1,273.15
Building Fund Balance	.\$64,637.96

Support the Catholic Communication Campaign



Next week, our special collection supports the **Catholic Communication Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Phoenix to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit *www.usccb.org/ccc*.

Donations can be dropped off in the basket or the donation box in the narthex. You may also scan the QR code or click on the green *Give Now b*utton at corpuschristiphx.org and select **Catholic Communication Campaign** to give electronically.



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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Eros & Agape

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A couple of weeks ago, on Good Shepherd Sunday, I discussed ways that God expressed his ultimate love for us by emptying himself (*kenosis*). First, in the Incarnation, he humbly unified his divine nature with our human nature, and then he again emptied his very life when he died on the cross for our salvation.

This Sunday's readings are also about love — specifically, how God has shown his love for us and how we are called to respond by loving him in return and loving others. In the gospel reading, Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you." In other words, he exemplifies love in action, and we are challenged to imitate this divine love as best we can in our humanity.

To unpack the concept of love as it applies to both human and divine, I will refer to the first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI's pontificate entitled, Deus Caritas Est: On Christian Love (2005). For my purposes here, I will only be reflecting on Part I, in which the pope thoroughly defines love. However, if you are interested in exploring the document further, Part II deals with how love informs and illuminates the missionary character of the Church through charitable activity and social justice.

Benedict first identifies the problem of language when describing love, stating, "Today, the term 'love' has become one of

the most frequently used and misused words, a word to which we attach quite different meanings." We use the word "love" to describe how we feel about people, our favorite foods and movies, our pets, and our country. However, we can't love everything in the same way, or the word would be effectively meaningless. To address this problem of language, Benedict turns to Greek words to give us a deeper understanding of human and divine love and how they work together to transcend worldly definitions and sentiments.

Eros

Eros describes the type of love that is a *desire* for another. Typically, this feeling of love is spontaneous and unwilled and the result of attraction at the subconscious level. While it certainly includes physical attraction, it is also a response to qualities such as goodness and truth. Eros drives us to be united with the object of our desire. In and of itself, eros is a necessary and good form of love. As Benedict states, "From the standpoint of creation, eros directs man towards marriage, to a bond which is unique and definitive ... " Eros is the force that moves us to be in relationships with others and to have families.

However, when eros is left unchecked and undisciplined, it can quickly turn into disordered lust and a platform for self-serving gratification while objectifying the other. Noting that man was created to live in union with God, Benedict explains that immature eros can be to the detriment of that union, saying:

An intoxicated and undiscipline eros, then, is not an ascent in "ecstasy" towards the Divine, but a fall, a degradation of man. Evidently, eros needs to be disciplined and purified if it is to provide not just fleeting pleasure, but a certain foretaste of the pinnacle of our existence, of that beatitude for which our whole being yearns.

Man was created with both a body and a soul, and he is most truly himself when the body and soul are intimately united. Therefore, we cannot wholly dismiss the flesh, contrary to what the world believes about Christianity. Instead, we need to tame it with self-control and virtue in order to rightly honor the dignity of ourselves and those we love.

Agape

Agape is the word used for selfgiving love. This type of love is solely concerned with others to the point of sacrificing one's own desires for the good of the other. "No longer is it self-seeking... instead it seeks the good of the beloved: it...is ready, and even willing, for sacrifice." Agape is not a love of sentiment and emotions but one of the will, in which you make choices to serve another even if that choice is not immediately aligned with your feelings.

Benedict explains that agape

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becomes paradoxical since the more you give of yourself, the more you grow in self-knowledge and divine knowledge. This results in a deeper union, both physically and spiritually, with you, the other, and God. This multi-dimensional love transcends time and space and moves us towards the eternal for which we were created. Benedict states:

Love is indeed "ecstasy," not in the sense of a moment of intoxication, but rather as a journey, an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic selfdiscovery and indeed the discovery of God.

This is ultimately the essence of our human existence.

The Interplay Between Eros and Agape

As mentioned earlier, over the centuries, Christianity has been accused of downplaying eros in favor of agape, mainly due to misconceptions regarding the flesh. I also stated that man was made with both a body and soul, which, in equal balance, compose the whole and complete man. Furthermore, Jesus, a divine being, took on human flesh, not to show the evil of flesh, but rather, to elevate its very dignity. Therefore, our bodies are good, and we are to treat them with respect according to Jesus' example. So, we are not supposed to downplay or reject eros, but instead, we are to handle it with maturity. Once eros and agape are balanced, we can love as we are meant to. To describe this balance.

Benedict says:

Yet it is neither the spirit alone nor the body alone that loves: it is man, the person, a unified creature composed of body and soul, who loves. Only when both dimensions are truly united does man attain his full stature. Only thus is love — eros — able to mature and attain its authentic grandeur.

We also cannot love solely from the perspective of agape or else we would never be able to receive the love that God certainly desires for us. Eros, then, is the source of our attraction to others, drawing us into relationships. As we respond to eros with maturity, agape emerges and develops, and the two become mutually dependent on one another for the good of both parties, who both give of themselves and receive that gift. Benedict says that when we lean more heavily toward one form of love or another, "the result is a caricature or at least an impoverished form of love."

Divine Love

We can turn to our divine model to further illustrate how eros and agape work together. God's love for each of us contains both eros and agape. Throughout your life, God has passionately pursued you, desiring a deep, intimate relationship with you and longing for your love. This passionate pursuit, which culminated in his self-sacrificial love (agape), is for your ultimate good. The appropriate response to this gift of love is to pursue God passionately and offer your entire being and life back to him as a sacrificial gift. As part of that gift of self, offer the same passionate pursuit and self-sacrificing love to others since we are all members of the same body of Christ and each person you encounter is loved by God as much as he loves you. This is what Jesus means when he says, "Love one another as I have loved you."

This week, meditate on eros and agape, their differences, and their interconnectedness. Identify the times in your life when you have felt God's eros for you and how it was fully revealed as agape on Calvary. Identify the times you have concretely responded to his love for you in kind by pursuing your desires for God and others and have offered vourself as a sacrificial gift. Finally, look for an opportunity to express agapeic love to another person particularly if it is challenging in honor of Jesus' sacrifice for you.

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FAITH FORMATION Children | Youth | Adults





Congratulations to all the Faith Formation students who received the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion this Easter Season!



Instruct, O Lord, in the fullness of the Law, those you have endowed with the gifts of your Spirit and nourished by the Body of your Only Begotten Son, that they may constantly show to the world the freedom of your adopted children and, by the holiness of their lives, exercise the prophetic mission of your people, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Zane Ahmed Vivian Barnett Sebastian Barrera Angelina Bingochea **Ruben Briceno** Garrison Buller Victoria Burke Suphia Charoenmit Dominik Collins-Wax Danita Comaduran Macie Cormican Shaye Cormican Adrian Contreras Nicholas Cortazar **Cameron Davis** Olivia Dohrman **Emagene Durot** Addison Estrada

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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.



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MASS OF HEALING Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00pm

We invite all to join us for our upcoming Mass of Healing on Tues. May 7, from 6-7pm. Let us come together as we seek solace and renewal, and find strength in our shared journey towards healing. May this Holy Mass bring comfort and restoration to all who attend.



PARISH GAME NIGHT

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.





MOTHER'S DAY Novena Masses

Spiritual Bouquet cards for the Mother's Day Novena Masses are available in the narthex. Please fill out the donation envelopes provided and include your optional gift to have the names of any mothers in your life, including godmothers and spiritual mothers, remembered in our Mother's Day Novena Masses. If you are not in need of a card, a Mother's Day book is also available in the narthex for you to write the names of the mothers whom you want remembered in the novena.



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

May Meetings

Wednesdays, May 8 & 15 9am-1pm in the Parish Center



Please bring a sack lunch. Dessert, coffee, and lemonade are provided.

The Christ Child Society of Phoenix is dedicated to serving babies and children in need. Please join us as we meet to sew, crochet and knit newborn clothing items. Don't sew? We can use your help in cutting fabric. Please call either Michelle Cano at 602-524-7735 or Michelle Grimditch at 480-710-4357 for more info.

https://www.christchildphx.org



SATURDAY MORNING "CAFÉ" Essentials of the Catholic Faith

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

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 the next classes on the Catechism. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED because a light lunch is included.

- 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, you are *required to pre-register* by contacting Karen: khenz2020@gmail.com or Jack: jfhenz@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 8. The class is free and NO HOMEWORK is required!

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FamilyPromise

FAMILY PROMISE Save the Date: May 19-26



Our ministry puts together an amazing week for families who are in between housing for one reason or another. Families arrive each evening from the Family Promise Day Centers in Glendale and Scottsdale. We are one of many congregations who provide wonderful nightly dinners and desserts and then enjoy a variety of activities throughout the week. Every night, the families sleep in the parish classrooms, which parishioners help us to set up to be a comfortable and safe place for them. This is a wonderful opportunity for both individuals and families to volunteer. Look for more information in the weeks to come on how to sign-up to help!

Items Needed: comfy blankets and travel-sized toiletries Please bring donations to the Parish Office.



The Beloved Women's Retreat on April 19 & 20 was an amazing weekend filled with abundant blessings! Thank you to the retreat team, our speakers, and all who attended, for allowing the Holy Spirit to show us how to be Beloved Brides of Christ and Daughters of our Heavenly Father!





Peace

William & Carra Gillis

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.









ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Lord Jesus by Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek

Refrain:

Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come and fill my heart with your life. Hold me close, Lord, hold me tight, and come, Lord Jesus, come.

1. Where there's despair in life, Lord, let me be your voice of hope. Where there's injury, Lord, let me be your voice of peace. (*Refrain*)

2. Where there is sadness let me be your comfort and your joy. When there's fear in our hearts let me be a sign of faith. (*Refrain*)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 98

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

TODAY'S READINGS

6th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

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COMMUNION HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy Cry by Rick Modlin

1. The Lamb of God stands on the height among the glorious clouds of light, above the city paved in gold where death and darkness have no hold.

2. In bitter sacrifice once slain, he lives in triumph there to reign among the saints clad all in white in realms where day yields not to night.

Refrain:

And, "Holy, holy, holy" cry to you, our Lord Most High. "Holy, holy, holy" cry to you, our God Most High.

3. To him now let our prayers arise in clouds of incense to the skies, from censer borne by angel hands, bright tongues of fire from far-flung lands. (*Refrain*)

Bridge: To Father, Son, and Spirit, Three in One all-holy Mystery. To Father, Son, and Spirit, Three in One all-holy Mystery. (**Refrain**)

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NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, May 11 11:00am-2:00pm in the Church

Youth of the parish in 3rd grade and older who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist, are invited to become Altar Servers.

Parents, must sign-up *with* your child for the training by scanning the QR code or going to https://corpuschristicc.flocknote.com/signup/164971.



Pizza lunch will be provided!