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MARCH 23, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



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THIS WEEKEND

Sat. March 22 &

Sun. March 23

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 St. Your donations will be accepted from 9am to 2pm on both Saturday & Sunday.



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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
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: 10:00 am-3:00pm

Tues: 2:30 pm-7:45pm

Wed: 10:00am-4:30pm

Thurs: 10:00 am-3:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Open after the Saturday Vigil Mass & the Sunday morning Masses.

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, but two per hour are required to remain perpetual. There are various days and hours you can select from according to what fits your availability.

You can view the schedule and sign up here: findyourhour.com.



FindYourHour.com



Sunday, March 23

3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00 am Living & deceased members of Hrusovsky Family
 8:30 am † Jesus & † Richard Gaona
 10:30 am † Ed Pellegrino
 5:00 pm Parishioners

Monday, March 24

8:15 am † John Asaro

Tuesday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 am † Jim Oliver
 6:00 pm Living & deceased members of the Siodmok family

Wednesday, March 26

8:15 am † Georgia Spinelli

Thursday, March 27

8:15 am Wedding
 Anniversary of Maria & Jonathan Dingwall

Friday, March 28

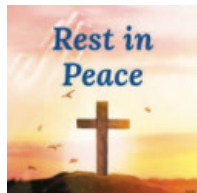
6:30 am † Fred von Ruden
 8:15 am Ken & Evelyn Doty (5th Wedding Anniversary)

Saturday, March 29

8:15 am † Paula Kirner
 4:00 pm † Peggy Culloty

Sunday, March 30

4th Sunday of Lent
 7:00 am Parishioners
 8:30 am † Angelica Boztorski
 10:30 am † James Maiefski
 5:00 pm Dcn. Michael Johnsen



**Dalila Ibarra Aranda
 Phyllis A. Owen
 Rhonda Gayle Strack
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 Jean Louise Zingale**

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
 MARCH 9, 2025**

TITHING

Weekly Total	\$30,804.20
Weekly Budget	\$28,986.00
Weekly Surplus.....	\$1,818.20
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$1,239,923.14
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget.....	\$1,201,637.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus.....	\$38,286.14

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Miscellaneous.....	\$20.00
Building Fund Collection.....	\$2,100.30
Building Fund Balance	\$85,358.77



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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.

Jesus' Physical Experience of His Passion — Part 3: Taste

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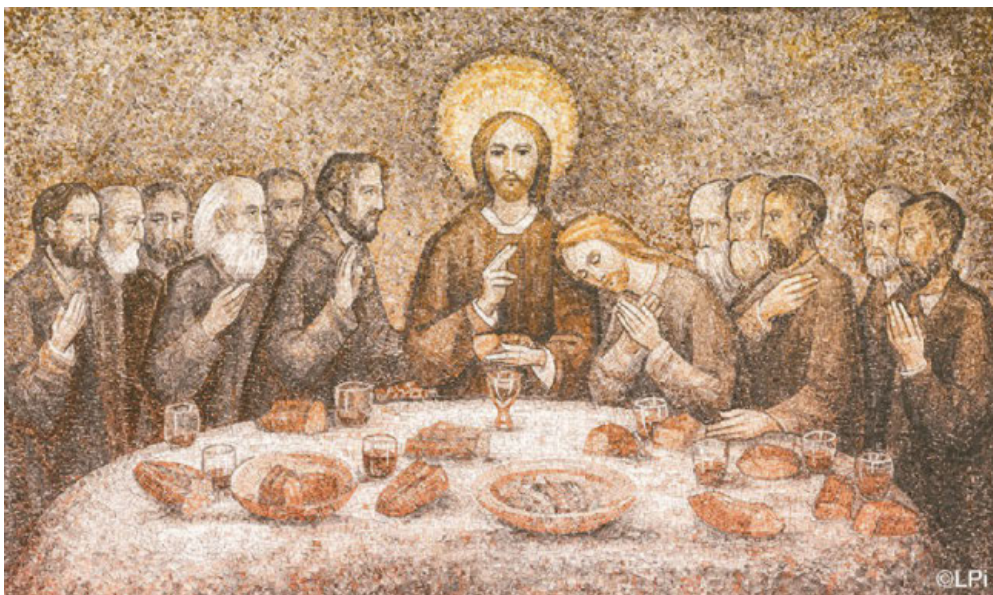
This Lent, we have been reflecting on how Jesus may have experienced his Passion through each of his five senses. He is both human and divine, so, even though he is God, when he humbled himself to share in our humanity, he was able to experience the senses in his body and suffered in them just as we do. So far, we have covered sight and hearing. This week, we'll explore how Jesus may have experienced taste, which is probably not something we think about often, especially in terms of His Passion, so take this opportunity to tune out the other senses and meditate on what he may have tasted in his final hours.

As Jesus gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room for the Passover meal, they all would have been anticipating the traditional meal. Having spent his life eating many meals with his family and friends, the flavors

of this Last Supper would not only be familiar, but also poignant for Jesus. Bitter herbs would have been served, which symbolized the bitterness of slavery the Jews experienced in Egypt. Which traditional herbs were used varied among the Jewish sects and what was available in the area, but some examples include horseradish, lettuce, endive, chicory, and sow thistle. As Jesus tasted the bitter herbs and thought of his ancestors, he may have also been thinking about the slavery of sin and the bitterness of the suffering he would soon face to free us. Unleavened bread was also served, symbolizing the haste with which the Jews fled Egypt, having no time to allow the bread to rise. It would have been plain and slightly dry, leaving a grainy aftertaste in his mouth. He may have been reminded of the bread he ate as a child, made with love by his mother. Perhaps he thought of the Eucharist, instituted at that

very meal, that we all would taste for ourselves one day as a reminder of his sacrifice. Of course, lamb would have been served as a reminder of God protecting the Jewish households from death, having painted the lamb's blood on their doorposts. The lamb's meat would have been savory and earthy, but perhaps at this final meal, it was less enjoyable to Jesus, knowing that he would soon be the fulfillment of the sacrificial lamb. All these flavors were washed down with the traditionally sweet, rich wine. All traces of the bitterness of the herbs and the dryness of the bread were replaced with the delight that comes from the fruit of the vine. Though Jesus knew the suffering he would endure he also understood the fruit it would bear — and perhaps he savored his last drop of wine.

Leaving the Upper Room, Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. His anguish was so great that he sweated drops of blood. In this moment of intense spiritual and emotional distress, we can imagine that his mouth may have been dry, his tongue perhaps sticking to the roof of his mouth. Possibly drops of blood or tears passed his lips as he asked his Father, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will," leaving a salty and metallic taste in his mouth (Mt 26:39). Then, with Judas' betrayal, Jesus may have experienced a complete absence of taste. Have you ever been



betrayed or hurt by someone you love? You may have lost your appetite or had knots in your stomach. In his humanity, Jesus may have had similar feelings to such a betrayal.

After Jesus was condemned, he was subjected to brutal scourging. The physical pain of this torture was immense, and with every lash of the whip, blood was drawn from his body. The taste of blood would have filled Jesus' mouth as his body was torn apart by the cruelty of the soldiers. The blood was his own, the same blood he had just offered to his disciples in the cup at the Last Supper and the same blood we drink in the Eucharistic banquet today. When you consume the Precious Blood, contrast the sweetness of salvation you taste to the bitterness of suffering Jesus tasted as that same blood filled his mouth.

As Jesus carried his cross on the road to his crucifixion, the dust kicked up by the crowd would have coated his mouth and throat. The taste of dirt and the dryness of dehydration would have intensified his thirst. His physical effort and labored breathing would have also increased his desire for a drink of cool water that would never come. After compelling Simon of Cyrene to help Jesus carry his cross, the Roman soldiers "offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it" (Mt 27:34). Gall is bitter tasting and was offered to the prisoners by their executioners to help dull their pain. For his suffering to be a

complete and total outpouring of love for us, he could not suppress it with the bitter-tasting drink.

As Jesus was nailed to the cross, the taste of blood would have been ever-present, a constant reminder of his sacrifice. The dryness in his mouth and the dehydration would have been unbearable at this point, causing him to say, "I thirst." (Jn 19:28). This simple statement reveals not only his physical need, but also his spiritual longing. His thirst was not just for water, but also for the salvation of souls. The dryness in his mouth might have been a physical manifestation of his spiritual desire to complete his Father's will. In response to Jesus' thirst, he was offered sour wine on a hyssop branch. This was not an act of kindness but rather a continuation of his suffering. The sour, acidic taste of the wine vinegar would have been sharp and unpleasant. Yet, Jesus accepted this drink, fulfilling the Scripture and demonstrating his commitment to endure every aspect of human suffering. The taste of this sour wine might have been Jesus' last earthly sensation before declaring, "It is finished." This final taste, bitter and harsh, symbolized the culmination of his suffering and the completion of his mission.

As you meditate throughout the week on the flavors Jesus experienced from the Last Supper to the crucifixion, be mindful of the flavors you experience in your own taste buds and express gratitude. Psalm 34:9 tells us, "Taste and see that the Lord is good," so we are meant to experience the goodness of God through the things we eat and drink. If you are fasting this Lent, which most of us ought to be, think about the absence of delicious things and the suffering it brings so that you can be grateful when those flavors return at Easter. Finally, just as there are many flavors in the culinary world, there are diverse "flavors" in our spiritual experiences. Reflect on how you might describe your encounters with the Divine using taste-related words. Is your prayer life sweet, savory, or perhaps sometimes bitter?



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ANNUAL EASTER BASKET COLLECTION



**RETURN BY:
PALM SUNDAY,
APRIL 13TH**

*For Frank Elementary
Kiddos in Guadalupe*

Drop off ready-made baskets in the church narthex. Just about anything can be included in the baskets — from socks and toothbrushes to little toys and candy.



We also offer the flexibility to give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you! Approximately \$15 will provide one basket. Go to corpuschristicc.flocknote.com/give/24682 or scan the QR code to donate by April 13. *Thank You!*



MOMMY & ME PLAY DATES

Fridays in the Parish Nursery
March 28-May 30
10:30am-12:30pm

For moms and their little ones ages 0-5 years old.
Contact Kelsey at 480-427-1682.

FAITH FORMATION
Children | Youth | Adults

SACRAMENTAL PREP REMINDER

First Reconciliation

Saturday, March 29

9-11 am in the Church

Please turn in your reconciliation packets ASAP if you have not already done so.



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

Register

PHILOMENARETREAT.ORG

PARISH GAME NIGHT

Sat. April 5 | 5:00-8:30pm



Adults 18 and over are invited to join us for a night of fun, food, and fellowship at our next Parish Game Night! Scan the QR code to sign-up so we can provide enough food,





LENT

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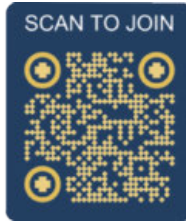


EUCCHARISTIC CONSECRATION

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory
Wednesday, March 26 - Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

Fr. Rey invites all parishioners to participate in a Eucharistic Consecration using the book *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, by Matthew Kelly, which was given out at Christmas. If you need a copy of the book, please email Steve Mandarino at steve.mandarino@corpuschristiphx.org.

Join fellow parishioners in a shared exploration of how the Eucharist can transform our hearts and minds, especially during the holy season of Lent. To participate, scan the QR code to join our Flocknote group.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MEATLESS MEALS



FRIDAYS DURING LENT
6pm in the Church followed by dinner in the Parish Center

PRAISE PATHWAYS

Lenten Spiritual Walks
Saturday Mornings
through 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 about 1 hour & 20 minutes. Participate in prayer and reflection opportunities as well as praying the Rosary. 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.



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Join us for inspiring talks, prayer, fellowship, service, and more!

SCAN TO REGISTER



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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 2025



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

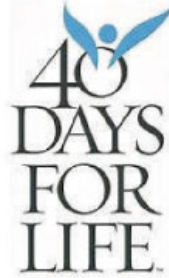
40 Days for Life

Mondays, 9:30-11:30am

March 24, 31, and April 7

Tempe Planned Parenthood

1837 E Baseline Rd. Tempe



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

For more info on any of these events, contact sanctityoflife@corpuschristiphx.org

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CAMP

Sponsorships

The Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council 10062 will again sponsor three summer campers: *age 6-12 and/or age 13-14* for this summer at St. Joseph Youth Camp, Mormon Lake, AZ. The three campers selected will receive a week of room and board provided by the Knights. Camp weeks start June 8 for Teen Week, June 15 (Catholic Week), or June 22 for pre-teens.



- Interested campers ages 6-14 need to submit an essay of 250 words or less on the topic: "Why I want to go to a Catholic Youth Camp."

All entries must be received by Wednesday, April 16. Along with the essay, entrants should attach a cover page including the entrant's name, age, address, parent or legal guardian name and phone number. Essays should be addressed to the Knights of Columbus / St. Joseph's Youth Camp and submitted to the Parish Office or the Faith Formation Office in the upper classroom courtyard.



SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH DEVOTION

"I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church."

- Pope Francis

We are thrilled to introduce our new devotion to Sleeping St. Joseph, a fast-growing practice where we offer our petitions to him. This tradition was revitalized by Pope Francis, who brought his own statue from Argentina to the Vatican when he was elected pope. Whenever faced with a problem or difficulty, the pope writes a little note and places it beneath the statue, so St. Joseph can "dream" about it.

The Gospel of Matthew recalls three crucial moments in St. Joseph's life that occurred while he was asleep. First, when he was instructed to accept his role as the earthly father of Jesus (Matt 1:20-21). Secondly, when he was warned about King Herod's danger to Jesus (Matt 2:13). Finally, when he was told by an angel to return to Nazareth with the Holy Family (Matt 2:19-20). Upon waking from those visions, Joseph acted immediately, regardless of the time of day, to protect the Holy Family as directed by God.

We now have our own image of Sleeping St. Joseph, located in our St. Joseph shrine inside the Church. We invite you to visit him, write down your petitions and worries, and insert your note under the Sleeping St. Joseph. Pray for his intercession so that while you sleep, he will bring your needs before our Lord and ensure your protection.



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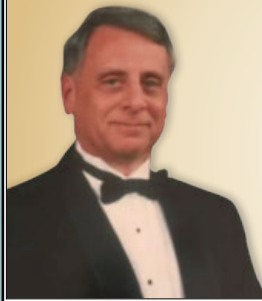
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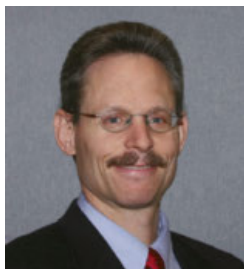
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

*My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.*

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

TODAY'S READINGS

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year C (10:30am - Year A)

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103

***The Lord is kind
and merciful.***

10:30am Mass RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95

***If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:17

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

10:30am Mass GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John: 4:42

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Mercy, Lord

by Michael Avolicino

Refrain:

Mercy, Lord. Mercy, Lord.

Mercy, Lord. Mercy, Lord.

For all our faithless fears

and all the loving we have missed

Forgetting all your gifts,

we live as if you don't exist.

Still we test your love,

so we can find another way to resist.

Lord have mercy.

Give us humility to let go of our own way

So that your will is done in what we do and say.

Knowing that apart from you

We'll never know the love and light of this day

Lord have mercy.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Refiner's Fire / 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

Refiner's fire

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