

# CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



## **Mission Statement:**

Corpus Christi is a welcoming Catholic community grounded in Faith, nourished by the Eucharist, and dedicated to stewardship and service.

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ~ 5 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 9 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Daily Mass ~ Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.  
Holy Days ~ 9 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday ~ 4:00-4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## **BAPTISMS**

Classes required for parents.  
For information, call Parish Office.

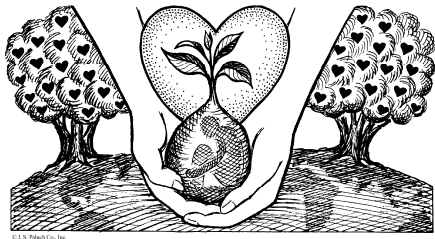
## **MARRIAGES**

By appointment, at least six  
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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.

-- John 15:16



Daily Mass

Week of May 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 9:00 Larry Warren+  
 Tuesday: 9:00 Fr. Jay Matthews+  
 Wednesday: 9:00 Intentions: Chris Amley  
 Thursday: 9:00 Helene Plotkin+  
 Friday: 9:00 Special Intentions



Prayer Requests

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially James Gephardt, Peggy Delson, Isabel Canlas, Peter Heymans, Pamela M., Kerrie R., Sr. Marti McCarthy, SSS, Rita Jurin, Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Paul Cummings, Laura Pierce, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman, Dori McGee-Lundy and Julia.

Weekly Collection	Plate
May 2, 2021	\$10,056.00

Love one another  
as I love you



### Today's Readings!

**First Reading** -- The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** -- The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** -- Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10).

**Gospel** -- This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17).

### Mother's Day Mass Cards!



Mother's Day is today. It is not too late to offer a Mass of intentions for your mother. The Mother's Day cards can be found on the credenzas in the Church or on the table outside the Parish Office. Fill out the outer envelopes and return them to the Parish Office. No donation necessary.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"Beware of false prophets" is a constant admonition in the Bible; we recently read that Jesus warned us of evil shepherds who seek to scatter his flock.

Sadly, such false prophets exist today, not only in the world at large but in our own church. There are bishops in this country who are unremittently hostile to Pope Francis and who seek to lead us astray. One of their more egregious errors is to claim that only the worthy (in their opinion) may receive Holy Communion. The Holy Father in one of his several beautiful pastoral messages has clearly stated that the Eucharist is not a reward for being good but a help in our struggle to do what is right.

In the celebration of the Eucharist itself there are numerous passages that declare God's loving forgiveness is present in the celebration, not least the words of the Lord himself at the moment of consecration: "This is the cup of my blood...which shall be shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins." Who are these people who dare to distort the words of Christ for their own gain?

We are not a one issue church. There are many aspects of Christ's work in the world: care of the poor and sick, respect for all life, the search for peace and justice and many others. No one of them has priority over the rest. We fail often but we rise through the mercy of God who sees into every human heart. His judgement alone is the priority we seek in all our works.

Fr. Basil



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No one has come as close to expressing the wonderful Providence of the Almighty on our behalf as our own mothers have. We praise and thank the Lord for our mothers! All the joys, the love, the tears, the sacrifices, the patience, the gentleness, the warmth, the protection, the endurance, the security, the tenderness, the friendship they have extended to us over the years have left a truly indelible mark upon our souls and upon our hearts. How could we ever thank them enough?

May the Lord bless and love our mothers!



***Confirmation & Rehearsal Date!***

Hi Candidates, Parents and Sponsors. Mark your calendars! We are pleased to announce:

The Sacrament of Confirmation, Cohort of 2021  
Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.  
Corpus Christi Church  
Candidates and Sponsors arrive at 4:15 p.m.

Candidates and Sponsors are also asked to attend rehearsal the day prior:

Confirmation Rehearsal  
Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

We are so looking forward to gathering for this sacrament after a year of so much distance. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Peace, Catherine

***The Presence of the Holy Spirit!***

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used -- "the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44) -- is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And, we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love.

***Love One Another!***

Last Sunday, we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage, we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple -- God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in him, this week tells us to remain in his love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another."

***Motherhood!***

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

-- Anonymous

***Readings For The Week May 10<sup>th</sup> -- 15<sup>th</sup>***

Monday: First Reading Acts 16:11-15;  
Psalm 149;  
Gospel John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: First Reading Acts 16:22-34;  
Psalm 138;  
Gospel John 16:5-11

Wednesday: First Reading Acts 17:15, 22—18:1;  
Psalm 148;  
Gospel John 16:12-15

Thursday: First Reading Acts 1:1-11;  
Psalm 47;  
Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23  
Gospel Mark 16:15-20

Friday: First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26;  
Psalm 113;  
Gospel John 15:9-17

Saturday: First Reading Acts 18:23-28;  
Psalm 47;  
Gospel John 16:23b-28

***Treasures From Our Tradition!***

Just as the origins of Lent have to do with accompanying people in the final stages of preparation for Baptism at Eastertime, so does the structure of the Easter season help the newly received Catholics take root in the community. This is the season of "mystagogy," which means "reflection on the mysteries." This means that new Catholics are remembering the sacraments by which they become one with us and are sorting out the implications for their everyday life. They can understand the excitement of Cornelius and his family in the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, and so eager to begin their new life that they overwhelm St. Peter. The second reading and the Gospel today likewise help our new brothers and sisters explore their new life as an experience of God's tender love.

Long ago, our tradition named these newly baptized adults and children the "neophytes," from Greek words meaning "newly planted." Newly planted in the garden of faith, they look to us to provide the fertile soil in which their new life can take root and grow

***Mother's Love!***

There is only one pretty child in the world, and every mother has it.

-- Chinese Proverb

