

# 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 ~ 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass ~ Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.  
Holy Days ~ 8 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  
months in advance.

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**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs, and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated, and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg, not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."



**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** -- Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** -- Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

**Expect the Unexpected!**

We all know what to expect of Easter: lots of lilies around the altar, our "Alleluia" joyfully sung over and over, perhaps a tasty ham dinner later in the day, topped off by some chocolates from the Easter basket. But all of this began, as we hear in today's Gospel, with the "unexpected" when Mary Magdalene found the tomb empty. Indeed, Peter's speech from Acts in the first reading could insert the phrase "you might have expected" at a number of points ... that Jesus would baptize John, not the other way around ... that his healing and exorcising ministry would win him acclaim, not death ... that his resurrection would place him in another dimension, not back at table with his followers.

On a day like Easter, a day filled with traditions, customs and expectations, we are called more than ever to keep looking for God's will in unexpected places, people and events. In this way, we can continue to give witness, like Mary Magdalene and Peter, that Christ is truly risen from the dead, and continues to live among us.

**Readings For The Week**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> -- 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Monday:** First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33;  
 Responsorial Psalm 16;  
 Gospel Matthew 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** First Reading Acts 2:36-41;  
 Responsorial Psalm 33;  
 Gospel John 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** First Reading Acts 3:1-10;  
 Responsorial Psalm 105;  
 Gospel Luke 24:13-35

**Thursday:** First Reading Acts 3:11-26;  
 Responsorial Psalm 8;  
 Gospel Luke 24:35-48

**Friday:** First Reading Acts 4:1-12;  
 Responsorial Psalm 118;  
 Gospel John 21:1-14

**Saturday:** First Reading Acts 4:13-21;  
 Responsorial Psalm 118;  
 Gospel Mark 16:9-15

**Table Blessing for Easter Dinner**

*We praise you, Lord  
 with greater joy than ever in this Easter Season,  
 the thirsty have come to the water.  
 The poor have come to receive bread and eat.  
 Blessed are you in earth's bounty: the joy  
 of the resurrection renews the whole world.*

*We joyfully sing your praises, Lord Jesus Christ,  
 whom on the day of your resurrection  
 were recognized by your disciples  
 in the breaking of the bread.*

*Remain here with us  
 as we gratefully partake of these gifts.  
 At the banquet table in heaven  
 welcome us who have welcomed you in our  
 brothers and sisters,  
 for you live and reign for ever and ever.  
 Amen!*

**Blessing of  
 Easter Food**



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**HAPPY EASTER!**

