

Pastor's Notes



I pray that you are embracing this beautiful month of December, as we transition from autumn into winter (and thus far, no snow!), in this Advent Season. In November, all the Catholic Bishops of the United States met to discuss the National Eucharistic Revival; facing some challenging realities. The latest survey shows that only 10% of baptized Catholic Americans actually participate regularly in Sunday Mass. If you are reading this, you are probably part of that faithful remnant, thank God! There are many reasons for this steep declining over several decades. But it reminds us all that we together have a tremendous task ahead of us, to rebuild the Body of Christ with new members and those who have broken away.

If we rely only on our own human capabilities and programs, we will continue to fall. But if first and foremost we trust in the Holy Spirit and the true/real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Church will both survive and thrive. Towards that end, we are expanding the parish offering of “Holy Hours” before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration and Benediction. So many Catholics have lost the truth of the real presence of the Body of Christ in the Host, especially as we live in an ever-growing world of virtual reality and necessary technology. The more we pray in sacred silence and adoration before Christ Jesus, the more we become that mystical and unifying presence to one another. We experience a deeper hunger for the Lord. We develop in spiritual/mental/physical health through the Lord. We grow in holiness with the Lord.

The three weekly times for the Holy Hours are as follows:

Monday mornings from 8:00-9:00 PM (after the 7:30 AM Mass); Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00PM (after the 12:30 PM Mass); Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm (beginning in January 2023). The hour will always begin with Exposition of the Eucharist in the “Monstrance” (icon seen above), followed by a time of sacred silence, and culminate with Benediction/Blessing the gathering with the Body of Christ. At times people will pray the rosary together; asking our Blessed Mother to bring us closer to her Son Jesus. Please feel free to come and go for any part of the hour; and consider making a new year’s promise, to love and cherish Christ in the Eucharist here at Corpus Christi!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Malcolm



Honoring Mother Mary during Advent

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

8th December is the Patronal Feast Day for our country honoring the Blessed Mother. Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule

Wednesday 5:00 PM

Thursday 7:30 AM, 12:30 PM,

7: 00 PM



Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

As a united community of faith let us rejoice in celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Monday, December 12.

7:30 PM (Spanish Mass with a little Portuguese and English)

Outdoor Procession to follow.



OUR CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION CONTINUES AT CORPUS CHRISTI



Help us to remember your deceased loved ones during the Christmas season by bringing a single meaningful Christmas ornament to the church to be placed on our memorial Christmas tree in the sanctuary. These ornaments will help beautify our sanctuary and serve as a loving tribute and reminder of those who now celebrate the Savior's birth in our awaited eternal home. These ornaments will serve as a permanent collection and will be used to decorate the memorial tree in future years; therefore, the ornaments will not be returned at the end of the Christmas season but will be stored here at the church. If you would like to bring in an ornament for inclusion on the tree, please drop it off at the rectory during normal office hours.

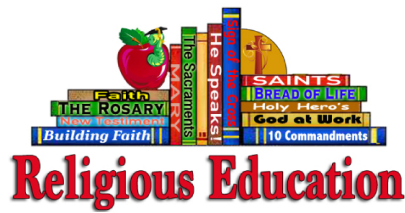
REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS

At this wonderful time of the year when we remember and celebrate our Savior's birth, we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings we have received. Once again, Parish Outreach is sponsoring our "REMEMBERING YOU FOR CHRISTMAS" program. Our outreach is simple and easy. When you are writing out your Christmas cards, write one extra Christmas card for a sick or homebound parishioner.

These unseen and still important members of our parish won't be able to join us in person for our parish Christmas celebrations, but we want to let them know that they are still remembered in our hearts, thoughts and especially our prayers.



Bring that Christmas card with you to Mass during the weeks of December, 4th, 11th & 18th and drop it into the specially prepared mailbox in the lobby of the church or drop it off at the rectory during normal business hours. Don't worry about addressing it to a specific parishioner or sealing & stamping the card. Members of our Parish Outreach team will take care of that and deliver your joyful greetings to our homebound parishioners. Help us spread the joy and peace of this holy season to those in need who can't be present with us at Christmas.



Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 **9:30 AM** Gr. 3-4 (*Safety Lesson*)
10:00 AM Class Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 **5:30 -6:30 PM** **Penance Workshop** (*church*)
 Classes: 2A Mrs. Rosier, 2B Ms. DeSousa, IC-2 Ms. Carmen
(Serves as class for the week.)

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022 No class for: 2C Ms. Gabby Palumbo, IC-2, IC-3 Ms. Carmen

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
5:30-6:30 PM - **Penance Workshop** (*church*)
 2C - Ms. G. Palumbo/Ms. M. Palumbo, 2D Mrs. Palumbo,
 IC-3 Ms. Carmen *(Serves as class for the week.)*

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022 **9:30 AM** Gr. 5, 6, IC-3 (*Safety Lesson*)
10:00 AM Class Mass



Our 8th Grade and High School Confirmation students made their public commitment to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at their Enrollment Ceremony on Sunday, November 20th following "Twenty Minutes with the Director". Each candidate responded, "I Do" to the commitment questions posed by Father Malcolm. The students personally presented their Enrollment Agreement to Father Malcolm at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Twenty Minutes with the Director

Sunday, December 11	Grades 5, 6, IC-3
Sunday, December 18	Grades 1, 2, IC-2

Junior Lectors	10:00 AM Mass
Sunday, December 11	Alcina Lima/Carmen Lima
Sunday, December 18	Gabby Palumbo/Michaela Palumbo
Sat., December 24th (4:00 PM)	Robert Basel
Sunday, December 25	Ashley Ferreira/Jasmine Ferreira



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

On Sunday, December 18th, following "Twenty Minutes with the Director", the young children will form a Nativity Parade honoring the birth of Jesus and process up and down the aisles set to the beautiful music by Mr. Troy Gordon and Mrs. Francine Luisi at 9:45 AM in the church. After the 10:00 AM Mass the children will create a living Nativity within the sanctuary.

May this beautiful display by our young students open our hearts to the Gift of Jesus that the Father has given to us, and may we have a greater appreciation and devotion to the Nativity scenes we have set up in our homes.

Join us!

CORPUS CHRISTI 2022 GIVING TREE



For many people, the holidays are extremely difficult. This year the Christmas season looks difficult for many. covid, hunger, poverty, run-away inflation, unemployment, loss of a loved one prevent many people from experiencing the joy of the Christmas season.

The Church of Corpus Christi helps bring the miracle of Christmas to families that are in need through our Giving Tree. Please take an ornament off the tree and purchase the requested gift card which is inside the stocking and return the gift card to us by December 18th. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful kindness and generosity by making this Christmas season a little brighter for those in our community who are in need.



COFFEE with JESUS

Advent Reflections

From the comfort of your home,
with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection,
join **Bishop Andrzej** at 10:00 am
on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

for Advent Scripture Reflections

...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and
nourish your mind, spirit and heart
in anticipation of Christmas.



To register for **Coffee with Jesus**
please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or
email westernvicariate@drvc.org.
Once you are registered, you will receive the
ZOOM information prior to each session.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

Reverend Malcolm J. Burns, *Pastor*

PRESENTS:



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

The
Combined
Choirs
of
Corpus Christi
Troy Gordon, Director of Music

Sunday, December 18, 2022
3:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022



Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24th)

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)

6:00 P.M. (English)

8:00 P.M. (Spanish)

11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th)

7:00 A.M. (English)

8:30 A.M. (Portuguese)

10:00 A.M. (English)

11:30 A.M. (English)

There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night.

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th

6:30 P.M.- 7:30P.M.

Tuesday, December 20th

11:00 A.M.– 12:00P.M.

Wednesday, December 21st

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31st)

5:00 P.M. (English)

New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1st)

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Portuguese), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

There is no Mass on New Year's Day at night.



Spanish Youth Group attending Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Amanda Alves, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal. Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Frank Iaquinto, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liqury, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivirichi, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.

Knights of Columbus Council #2502

Church Food Pantry Drive
Sat. Dec. 10th, 12pm to 4:00pm

Corpus Christi Parking Lot
155 Garfield Ave, Mineola

Please donate non-perishable food items to benefit the Food Pantries of Corpus Christi and St. Aidan's

(PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES)

Paper goods - towels, toilet paper etc. also needed.

CASH donations & Supermarket **Gift Cards** are also appreciated!

CDA Says Thank You

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Immaculata #444 would like to thank everyone in the parish for being so generous in making our Basket Raffle the great success that it was. The proceeds will fund our various charities which includes our scholarship program. A big thank you to our members for donating the beautiful baskets and prizes and for manning the tables to sell chances. Corpus Christi is a community and we thank each and everyone of you for your support.



Distressed financially or need food or clothing? Please call 516-746-1223.

In Matthew 15, we hear when Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes, and feeds the hungry people. When people share food and resources with strangers, this resembles the loaves and fishes. People in the poorest of neighborhoods struggle just to survive while we have much. It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the sheer scale of what feeding the hungry in our parish would require and then move on to numbed indifference. Like the disciples, we ask, "How can we feed so many, with so little?" Mahatma Ghandi once said, "To the poor hungry man, God does not appear except in the form of bread and in the promise of work." The Eucharist renews the wellsprings of our humanity by a story of bread broken and shared for the life of the world? Does our parish put these teachings into practice? The answer is "YES". We have blood drives, food collections periodically, thru the SVDP Society, we have fund raisers, we have clothing drives, we give food through the Parish Outreach, we collect school supplies, we give vouchers for furniture and clothes. All of the recipients are strangers! All of this is made possible thru YOUR donations! And with volunteers! In the gospel, the Lord needed others to bring the sick to him; he needed the disciples to help him feed the crowd. He continues to need us if his life-giving work is to get done. Advent calls on all of us to be instruments of the Lord's life-giving and healing presence in the world. In Advent we pray, "Come Lord Jesus." We also offer ourselves as channels for the Lord's coming.

Jim O'Keefe,
President

Español

II DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN MATEO 3, 1-12

En aquel tiempo, comenzó Juan el Bautista a predicar en el desierto de Judea, diciendo: *“Arrepiéndanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos”*. Juan es aquel de quien el profeta Isaías hablaba, cuando dijo: *“una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos”*. Juan usaba una túnica de pelo de camello, ceñida con un cinturón de cuero, y se alimentaba de saltamontes y de miel silvestre. Acudían a oírlo los habitantes de Jerusalén, de toda Judea y de toda la región cercana al Jordán; confesaban sus pecados y él los bautizaba en el río. Al ver que muchos fariseos y saduceos iban a que los bautizara, les dijo: *“Raza de víboras, quién les ha dicho que podrán escapar al castigo que les aguarda? Hagan ver con obras su conversión y no se hagan ilusiones pensando que tienen por padre a Abraham, porque yo les aseguro que hasta de estas piedras puede Dios sacar hijos de Abraham. Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no dé fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego. Yo los bautizo con agua, en señal de que ustedes se han convertido; pero el que viene después de mí es más fuerte que yo, y yo ni siquiera soy digno de quitarle las sandalias. Él los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo y su fuego. Él tiene el biello en su mano para separar el trigo de la apaja. Guardará el trigo en su granero y quemará la paja en un fuego que no se extingue”*.



La voz de Juan el Bautista resuena también hoy en nuestra celebración eucarística. Su mensaje: *“Arrepiéntanse”* recobra su actualidad y nos obliga a mirar hacia dentro y a preguntarnos: *“¿Qué tengo que hacer, de qué tengo que convertirme?”* La verdadera conversión nos llega a la raíz, a lo profundo de nuestro ser para encontrar al Dios que viene. El sendero de la conversión no se traza sobre el terreno, sino en el corazón de cada persona. En el interior de cada uno, pese a las muchas cosas buenas que tenemos, hay zonas de sombra. Hay soberbia, hay rencor que me impide perdonar, hay egoísmo, hay heridas que no tengo cerradas, hay tristeza que nunca se marcha. Aprovechemos este tiempo de Adviento, tratemos de prepararnos para la Navidad como nos la pide el Bautista.



Estamos en Adviento. La Palabra de Dios de la liturgia de este domingo nos acerca a dos personajes importantes: Isaías y Juan el Bautista. Isaías nos trae un mensaje de esperanza. Una mirada a nuestro mundo, que sufre, nos hace pensar que más que nunca necesitamos abrir nuestro corazón a la esperanza. En el momento que estamos viviendo actualmente, necesitamos escuchar que llegará un día en que no habrá más guerra entre los habitantes de la tierra y que brillará el entendimiento entre las naciones. Que los signos de vida serán más fuertes que los signos de muerte y desolación.

Português

DOMINGO II DO ADVENTO



EVANGELHO SEGUNDO SÃO MATEUS 3, 1-12

Naqueles dias, apareceu João Baptista a pregar no deserto da Judeia, dizendo: *“Arrependei-vos, porque está perto o reino dos Céus”*. Foi dele que o profeta Isaías falou, ao dizer: *“Uma voz clama no deserto: Preparai o caminho do Senhor, endireitai as suas veredas”*. João tinha uma veste tecida com pelos de camelo e uma cintura de cabedal à volta dos rins. O seu alimento eram gafanhotos e mel silvestre. Acorria a ele gente de Jerusalém, de toda a Judeia e de toda a região do Jordão; e eram baptizados por ele no rio Jordão, confessando os seus pecados. Ao ver muitos fariseus e saduceus que vinham ao seu baptismo, disse-lhes: *“Raça de víboras, quem vos ensinou a fugir da ira que está para vir? Praticai acções que se conformem ao arrependimento que manifestais. Não penseis que basta dizer: Abrão é o nosso pai, porque eu vos digo: Deus pode suscitar, destas pedras, filhos de Abraão. O machado já está posto à raiz das árvores. Por isso, toda a árvore que não dá fruto será cortada e lançada ao fogo. Eu baptizo-vos com água, para vos levar ao arrependimento. Mas Aquele que vem depois de mim é mais forte do que eu e não sou digno de levar as suas sandálias. Ele baptizar-vos-á no Espírito Santo e no fogo. Tem a pá na sua mão; há-de limpar a eira e recolher o trigo no celeiro. Mas a palha, queimá-la-á num fogo que não se apaga”*.



Na primeira leitura deste domingo, o profeta Isaías apresenta um enviado de Jahwéh, da descendência

de David, sobre quem repousa a plenitude do Espírito de Deus; a sua missão será construir um reino de justiça e de paz sem fim, de onde estarão definitivamente banidas as divisões, as desarmonias, os conflitos. No Evangelho, João Baptista anuncia que a concretização desse Reino está muito próxima. Mas, para que o Reino se torne realidade viva no mundo, João convida os seus contemporâneos a mudar a mentalidade, os valores, as atitudes. João Baptista prega no deserto a conversão porque o tempo se cumpriu e o Reino dos Céus se aproxima. Ele denuncia uma sociedade marcada pela aparência e superficialidade. João não amaciava nas palavras e chamava de cobras venenosas as pessoas que queriam o baptismo, mas não aceitavam fazer as mudanças necessárias.



Como tinha já acontecido no domingo passado, também neste domingo Isaías nos introduz numa realidade idílica de paz, de fraternidade, de amor universal. Ele descreve um mundo do qual foram eliminadas as inimizades, as hostilidades, os ódios; um mundo onde as feras se tornaram mansas e domésticas. Com este anúncio, o profeta pretendia despertar no seu povo a confiança e a esperança durante um tempo cheio de dificuldades. Um dia, da descendência do rei David sairá um Messias e sobre ele repousaria o Espírito do Senhor.



Na segunda leitura, Paulo faz uma proposta de conversão a uma comunidade cristã muito dividida.

INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 11 DE DEZEMBRO

+António Correia da Costa + Mario e Dora Adão
+Alice Adão + Manuel e Joaquina Portela + João Paulo Cunha + Henrique Vaz de Oliveira + José Ferreira + Gabriel Bruno Pimenta + Almas do Purgatório + Dorinda da Silva