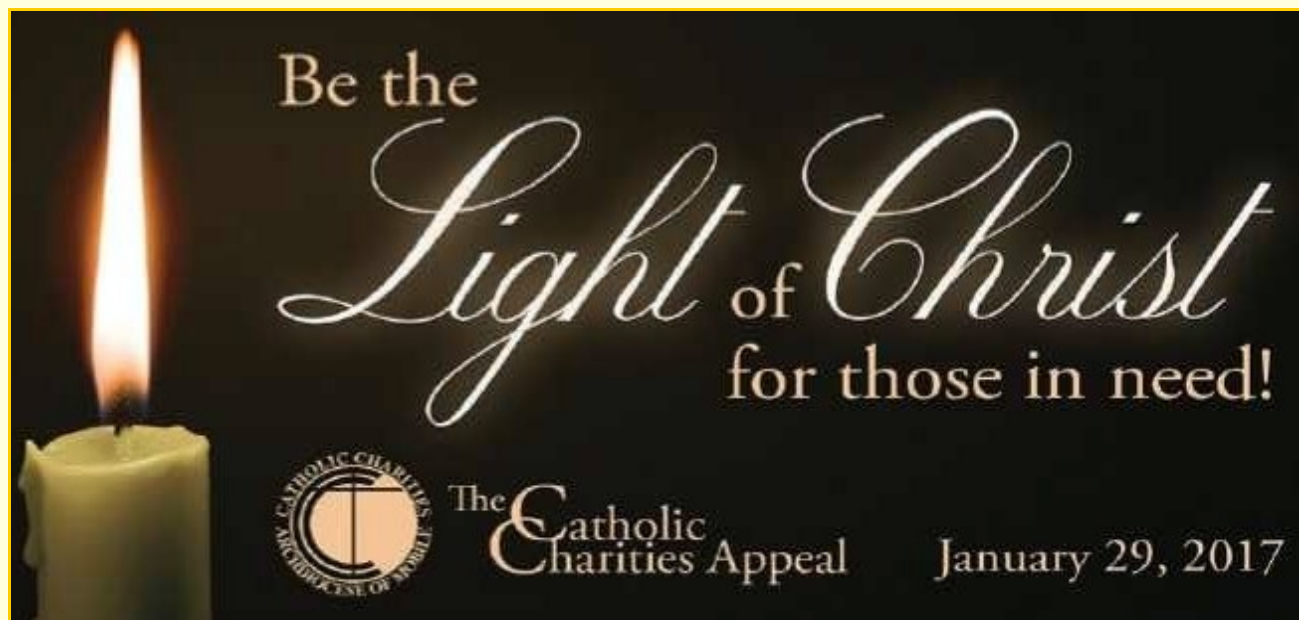


January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

6300 McKenna Drive, Mobile, Alabama 36608

Email: Church@CorpusChristiParish.com • Website: www.CorpusChristiParish.com

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PASTORAL STAFF

Very Reverend James F. Zoghby, V.F.
Reverend John S. Boudreaux
Deacon Arthur W. Robbins
Mrs. Kristy F. Martin, School Principal
Mrs. Diane M. Stoyka, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, R.C.I.A. Coordinator
Mr. Peter J. Stoyka, Youth Ministry Director
Mr. Thomas C. McKee, Gym Manager

TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) or information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K–12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, *SACS-accredited* for Grades 3K through 8. Special preschool program for 6-week-old infants to 2-year olds, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please call the school office, 342-5474, ext. 1 for info.

Catholic Charities Appeal

Our own parishioner, **Dr. L. Russell "Russ" Brandau, III** is serving as the Catholic Charities Chair for the Mobile Deanery, and we are grateful to have him as our speaker this year at all of our Masses.

New this year!

You can text your pledge
Text "CCA2017" to 41444 for a link.

OR

1. If you are using the pledge envelope, please try to use the **personalized pledge card** enclosed in the letter from Archbishop Rodi which was mailed to all registered parishioners. It includes your printed name and address and also the number that identifies your parish (The number for Corpus Christi Parish is **140**.), and to the right of the parish number is your 5-digit archdiocesan number.

2. Please check the accuracy of the information on the pledge card you receive, and, to make a pledge, just mark your intended pledge on the card. You can return the card by way of the collection at Mass or by bringing it to the parish office, or you can mail it in the return envelope which was included with the pledge card.

3. If you did not receive the archbishop's letter and the pledge card, blank pledge envelopes are available in the pews.

Catholic Charities distributes millions of dollars to sustain Catholic ministries across our archdiocese. All the funds collected stay in the Archdiocese of Mobile. We ask that you be the Light of Christ for those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal.

Once a month

3rd Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass

During the school year (Sept. to May), we have an extra Sunday Mass the 3rd Sunday of each month. High School students serve.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

For Catholic and other Adults
to learn more about and/or join the Catholic Church.

Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
In the Adult Ed. Room in the Community Center

Presented by Fr. James F. Zoghby
Info: www.CorpusChristiParish.com/Church

Be Prepared Apologetics Series

Presented by Patrick J. Arensberg

Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education
Wed., Feb. 8, 7 to 8 p.m. : "Introduction to Mary and the Saints?"
Corpus Christi Community Center, Conference Room (2nd Floor)
Info: <http://mobilefaithformation.org/be-prepared-dates>.

Please support the advertisers on the back of the bulletin

Their ads enable us to have our bulletins printed at no cost to the parish. Ads are purchased through Diocesan Publications. For info contact them at 1-800-292-9111 or www.diocesan.com.

Receive Emails from the Parish

Please send your email to church@corpuschristiparish.com.



We extend a special welcome

to all who wish to join the Catholic Church
We also extend a special **Welcome Home** to Catholics who have been away from the Church because of sacramental marital status or any other reason.

Call, Email or Come

Call 342-1852 and leave your name & phone number.

Email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

Come to our class on Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Room of the Corpus Christi Community Center.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

Open House Today!

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 — 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SACS-accredited for Grades 3K through 8.

and

Developmentally-appropriate preschool programs
for 6-week-old infants to 2-year olds

Registration

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway.
For more info, please call the school office at 342-5474, ext. 1,
or email KMartin@CorpusChristiParish.com.

Established in 1958 by Corpus Christi Parish, Corpus Christi Catholic School provides students in K3 through eighth grade an outstanding education. In addition, the school provides a warm, nurturing environment with developmentally-appropriate programs for children aged 6 weeks to 2 years old. Interested parents are invited to tour our school and to meet with students, teachers and current parents while learning about our many excellent academic programs for all students.

Tours of our school are available by request.
Contact the school office for more information.

251-342-5474

School@CorpusChristiParish.com

www.CorpusChristiParish.com/School

6300 McKenna Drive, Mobile, AL 36608

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall
\$9.25 for Adults • \$4.25 for Children (Age 12 & under)

Jan. 25: Fried Pork Chops, Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Peas & Pearl Onions, Turnip Greens, Garden salad, Rolls, Apple Cobbler. Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee. *Kids (by request):* Chicken Tenders & Fries.

Must RSVP no later than TUESDAY EVENING

Return an RSVP Card, or call 342-1852 or email
WedNightDinner@CorpusChristiParish.com

Gulf Coast's Got Sisters! Retreat

February 3-4

Pray and share with Sisters from different religious communities in the Gulf Coast area as you discern your vocation. This weekend is a great opportunity to be a part of community life, while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. For single women 18-40. Sponsored by Archdiocese of Mobile and Sisters of the Mobile Archdiocese. For more information, contact Sister Theresa Sullivan, D.C., at sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org or 812-963-7556. Visit Registration: called2.be/GCGSFeb17 to register.

Backpack Ministry**Please Restock the Pantry**

Needed items: Canned chicken & tuna, macaroni and cheese, Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, and small plastic jars of peanut butter & jelly. Please drop off donations at the St. Vincent de Paul table in the vestibule. Thank you for your generous donations.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations and "In-Need" Drop Box at the SVDP table in the vestibule. Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting on the 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Community Ctr.. Conf. Rm. **To seek help, call 243-4061; leave name & phone no.**

Special Family Appeal

Corpus Christi parishioners, Adam & Brigitte Ganucheau – with their five children: 7-year-old John Paul, 3-year-old twins Kolbe and Luke, and 6-month-old Peter – currently have their youngest child Peter in Atlanta waiting for a liver transplant, anticipating transplant-related expenses to be \$75,000. To learn more, visit the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). Donations are tax-free: <http://cota.donorpages.com/PatientOnlineDonation/COTAforTeamPeterG/>

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

10-1130 am, Rm 3 (2nd Flr, Com Ctr). Judi Ankiewicz, 533-7882

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7-8:30 pm, Parish House (2nd Tues, school library). Dave, 367-6660

Thursday Women's Bible Study

9:15 am, Com Ctr Conference Rm. Info: claiborneps@gmail.com or 776-5850. **For Nursery:** Cynthia, 767-0532 or cynwen@yahoo.com. Studying the Book of David through April 27. New study starts in Sept.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next K of C Meeting: 2nd Tues., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Parish House
Contact: Grand Knight, Cosmo Comiskey, 508-0547.

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Room 3 (2nd Floor, Community Center)
All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.
Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 753-4872.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room

Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish House

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Damian Bell, 639-2522 or 367-4486 or Damian@rockbwm.com.

Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@gmail.com

New Orleans King Cakes

See Corpus Christi's Knights of Columbus' table in the atrium after Mass for genuine New Orleans King Cakes from Randazzo's Bakery.
Info: Cosmo Comiskey, Grand Knight, 251-508-0547
Corpus Christi K of C Council # 13125 Fundraiser

**Jazz Brunch**

in the Banquet Hall

With Jazz Musicians Performing Live!

2nd Sunday of the Month, Sept. through May

Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14.

\$10.25 for adults. \$4.25 for children (Age 12 & under)

**Students' Confirmation Schedules**

Senior Class of 2019 Jan. 28,: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Retreat at Visitation Monastery. Lessons 2, 3 & 4.

Senior Class of 2020 Feb. 19: 3-8 p.m. Spirit Day. Lessons 5 & 7.

Info: at dianestoyka@yahoo.com or 342-5474, ext. 7.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Kate Oliver Burkett

(daughter of Daniel Josh Burkett & Jacqueline Ann Birchfield Burkett)

REST IN PEACE

Terry Lee Collette

Flowers

The flowers before the altar last weekend were placed in memory of **Gertrude Hernandez** on the 4th anniversary of her death. Given by her daughter, Susan Hernandez.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY: Tithing Offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Corpus Christi Building Fund.

JAN. 15TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$ 2,530.00

JAN. 15TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$21,120.88

Thank You and God Bless You

Receive a detail listing of your contributions by mail, email or fax at any time:

Call 342-1852 or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com

God bless all for tithing, contributions, bequests, remembrances in wills in support of God's work here at Corpus Christi Parish.

To make a donation of stock, ask your financial manager, or call Selena Hemphill at Morgan Stanley at 470-1084 or 800-624-7814.

To receive Offering Envelopes: Please contact the parish office at 342-1852 or at Church@CorpusChristiParish.com.

To set up Online Giving: Please go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the left side of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to tithing or building fund or school annual fund or other special collections. **For assistance,** call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or the parish office, 342-1852.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday, January 18 to Wednesday January 25, 2017

Christian Churches around the world began the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday, January 18. During the eight day period, many churches and communities hold joint worship services, bible studies and other encounters aimed at promoting greater understanding and closer cooperation among members of the different denominations.



In 1908, Rev. Paul Wattson, then an Anglican minister in Graymoor, New York, began a Church Unity Octave with the support of Anglican and Catholic prelates, including Cardinal William O'Connell of Boston.

The following year, Wattson and other members of his Society for the Atonement became Catholic, and in 1910, Wattson was ordained to the priesthood. Observance of the octave spread rapidly, and in 1916, Pope Benedict XV, renamed it the Chair of Unity Octave, and extended its observance to the entire Church. Eventually, the octave became known as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

“The Church knows that she is joined in many ways to the baptized who are honored by the name of Christian, but who do not however profess the Catholic faith in its entirety or have not preserved unity or communion under the successor of Peter. For there are many who hold sacred scripture in honor as a rule of faith and of life who have a sincere religious zeal, who lovingly believe in God the Father Almighty and in Christ, the Son of God and the Savior, who are sealed by baptism which unites them to Christ, and who indeed recognize and receive other sacraments in their own Churches or ecclesiastical communities... There is furthermore a sharing in prayers and spiritual benefits; these Christians are indeed in some real way joined to us in the Holy Spirit for, by his gifts and graces, his sanctifying power is also active in them and he has strengthened some of them even to the shedding of their blood. And so the Spirit stirs up desires and actions in all of Christ's disciples in order that all may be peaceably united, as Christ ordained, in one flock under one shepherd.” — *From Article 15, The Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*

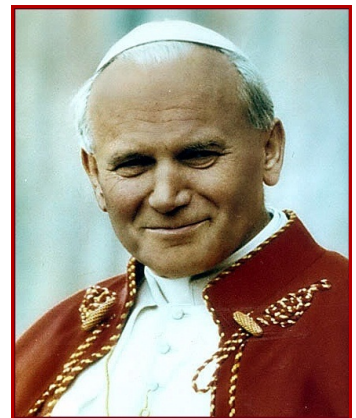
“The Catholic Church recognizes that Christ and the Holy Spirit are active in Protestant churches, and that their congregational members can also advance the Reign of God in our world through their gospel living.”

— *Fr. Thomas Ryan, CSP, Director of the Paulist American Office for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations*

“When brothers and sisters who are not in perfect communion with one another come together to pray... their prayer is the soul of the whole ecumenical movement. If Christians, despite their divisions, can grow evermore united in common prayer around Christ, they will grow in their awareness of how little divides them in comparison to what unites them.

“It is absolutely clear that ecumenism, the movement promoting Christian unity, is not just some sort of ‘appendix’ which is added to the Church's traditional activity. Rather, ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and, consequently, must pervade all that she is and does.”

St. John Paul II



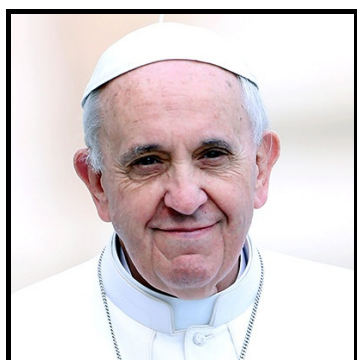
Members of the Church should not feel jealousy...

Pope Benedict said: “Members of the Church should not feel jealousy, but should rejoice if someone from outside the community of the Church does good in the name of Christ...”

The pope quoted St. Augustine, 4th-5th century saint: “Just as one can find that which is not Catholic in the Catholic Church, one can also find something that may be Catholic outside of the Catholic Church.”

Jesus, the pope said, explained to his disciples that “good and even miraculous things” can happen outside their circle when others “cooperate with the Kingdom of God” even in small gestures such as “offering a simple glass of water to a missionary.”

The pope said that the tendency toward jealousy can exist within the Church when Catholics resent holiness and goodness being attained by non-Catholics. “Instead,” he said, “we should all be able to always appreciate and respect each other, praising the Lord” when “he acts in the Church and in the world.”



“What’s the problem?”

While he was still Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis attended an ecumenical service in Argentina that brought 7,000 Evangelicals and Catholics together, and the Evangelical pastor asked if it would be okay for everyone to pray for him. The Cardinal knelt down to receive the blessing, and the next week a traditionalist magazine carried the picture under the headline: “Cardinal commits the sin of apostasy.” But Cardinal Bergoglio was undisturbed. Asserting that one can pray even with an agnostic, he said, “What’s the problem?”

Not conversion, but charity...

One morning, Pope John XXIII received a note alerting him that England’s ambassador to the Vatican, Anglican Sir Marcus Cheke, was dying. John was asked if he would like to send a message expressing his good wishes.

“Send a message? Wouldn’t it be better for me to go?”

The response to the pope was that such a thing was unheard of. But John went anyway, not with fanfare but making a simple, quiet visit to a private clinic, accompanied by his personal secretary. The two were in the room with the ambassador and his wife. On the table lay a crucifix and a Bible.

Ever the diplomat, the ambassador first said, “Holy Father, I thank you for the honor you give to England.” Then he added that he and his wife were offering the sacrifice of his life “for the union of Christians.”

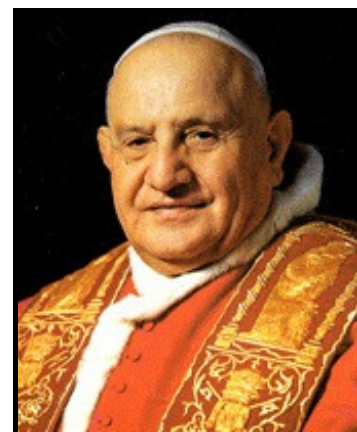
Pope John was very touched by these words.

“Ambassador, you know whom I represent... Would you permit me that we pray together?”

Catholics and Protestants praying together in this period was not acceptable practice, but the pope and diplomatic couple prayed the Our Father together anyway. Then John picked up the crucifix and offered it to the ambassador and his wife to kiss. Before leaving, he embraced each of them and said, “We’ll see each other again” – not the standard view the faiths had then of each other’s eternity.

The pope went home very content and moved emotionally. He said he hoped he didn’t scandalize anyone by his prayer. “No, no,” the secretary assured him.

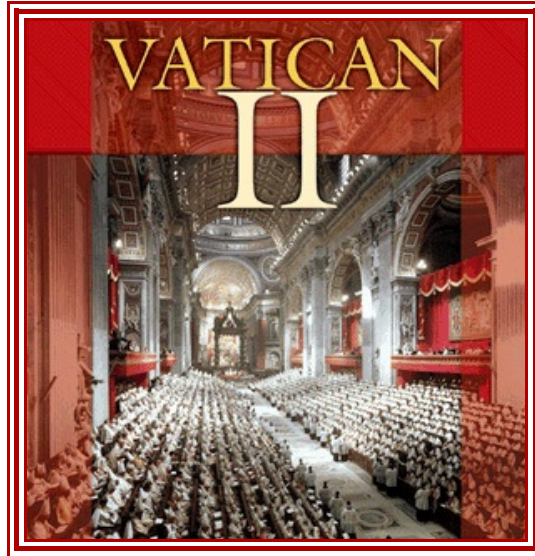
Not long after that, an illustrious bishop greeted the secretary. He asked, “Did the person convert?” The secretary replied boldly: “Your Excellency, this act was not about conversion but charity.”



The Second Vatican Council began on October 11, 1962, and closed on December 8, 1965.

The Decree on Ecumenism “Toward Christian Unity”

Christian Unity was one of the primary themes of the Second Vatican Council. Pope John XXIII announced the Council on January 25, 1959, following a service marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. His opening address to the Council was called *Toward Christian Unity*. He spoke of his desire for unity with non-Catholic Christians and “unity of esteem” with non-Christians.



Pope John was building on more than a half century of slow but sure progress in this area. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity had begun in 1908, and had soon spread around the world.

Yet, in 1927, when Catholic theologians were invited to participate in an ecumenical gathering at Lausanne in Switzerland, they were forbidden to do so. Pope Pius XI wrote in 1928: “The union of Christians cannot be fostered other than by promoting the return of the dissidents to the one true Church of Christ, which, in the past, they unfortunately abandoned.”

This severe approach began to thaw under Pope Pius XII, who allowed Catholics to participate in ecumenical meetings, where they learned from their non-Catholic colleagues, and formed friendships that would bear fruit at the Council.

The Decree on Ecumenism taught that Christ established one Church and that one Church “subsists” in the Catholic Church. But “some of the most significant elements of the Church, can exist outside the visible boundaries of the Catholic Church: the written Word of God; the life of grace; faith, hope and charity, with the other gifts of the Holy Spirit. All of these, which come from Christ

and lead back to him, belong by right to the one Church of Christ.”

Having made this important acknowledgment – which was unthinkable only a decade earlier! – the decree called for Catholics to join with fellow Christians in shared prayer, study of each other’s traditions, joint missionary work, and clear exposition of Catholic teaching as a means towards achieving Christian unity.

The document recognized that the Orthodox Christians, while not in full communion with the successor of Peter, have always continued to retain the apostolic succession and the sacraments. Thus, Catholics could always receive the sacraments in Orthodox churches if or when necessary.

With regard to the Orthodox Christians, Pope Paul VI showed how seriously he took the call to ecumenism. On December 7, 1965, at the solemn closing of the council — in a first step towards reconciliation and unity — Pope Paul VI (the successor of Peter) and the Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople (the successor of Peter’s brother, Andrew) simultaneously lifted the bans of excommunication which their predecessors, in 1054, had imposed on each other (separating Christians into the “Catholic” Church and the “Orthodox” Church).

As a Protestant observer remarked, “If the Church is able to express its regret for the past with such ease and humility, anything is possible.”

You Are Delightful!

Psalm 149: The Lord takes delight in his people!

God hugs you. You are encircled by the arms of the mystery of God.
Hildegarde of Bingen

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.
St. Augustine

I know not how I am so loved. **St. Teresa of Avila**

God is not only a Supreme Being of omnipotence, but Love itself. He is love which did not stop loving us even when we sinned and turned away from Him. He is Love which cannot stop loving us.
Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi

God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved. His love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."
Catechism of the Catholic Church

Like a young man marrying a virgin, your God will marry you. And as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.
Isaiah 62

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.
Zephaniah 3:11 The New American Bible.

God is with you, a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with happy song. He will renew you by his love. He will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.
Zephaniah 3:11 The Jerusalem Bible

I appeal to you by the mercy of God... It is God's desire to be loved rather than feared, to be a father rather than a Lord... Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds.
St. Peter Chrysologus



O Crazy Lover!

St. Catherine of Siena is so amazed at the endless mercy of God that in her *Dialogues* she writes:

**“O eternal beauty! O eternal goodness!
O eternal mercy! O crazy lover!”**

“You have need of your creature? It seems so to me, for you act as if you could not live without her. Why are you so crazy? Because you have fallen in love with what you have made! You are pleased and delighted over her, as if you were drunk with desire for her salvation. She runs away from you, and you go looking for her. She strays and you draw closer to her.”

“Why, Eternal Father, did you create this creature of yours? I am truly amazed at this, and indeed I see, as you show me, that you made us for one reason only: in your light you saw yourself compelled by the fire of your charity to give us being, in spite of the evil we would commit against you, eternal Father... O unutterable love, even though you saw all the evils that all your creatures would commit against your infinite goodness, you acted as if you did not see and set your eye only on the beauty of your creature, with whom you had fallen in love like one drunk and crazy with love. And in love you drew us out of yourself, giving us being in your own image and likeness. You, eternal Truth, have told me the truth: that love compelled you to create us.”