

March 27, 2011

Third Sunday of Lent



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

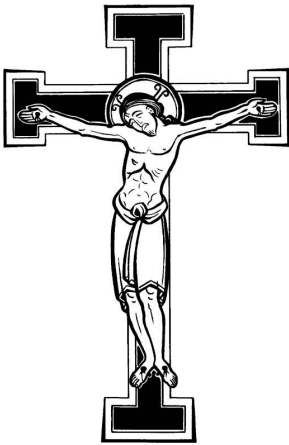
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

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 K through 8. For info & registration, please call the school office.

PRESCHOOL, *State-licensed* for 6-week to 4-yr. olds. For info & registration, please call the preschool office



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays
 March 23, 30 and April 6 & 13.
"The light is on for you."
 6-8 p.m.
and
Communal Reconciliation Service
 Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.

School Openings Available

Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year continues.
 Please call the School Office (342-1852, ext. 1)
 for registration information.

40 Days for Life

Stand for Life — Respect Life members will be standing by the doors after Mass this weekend inviting all to take a Stand for Life by participating in *40 Days for Life* this Lent, and to join with them in praying and fasting for an end to abortion, and also to participate in a prayerful vigil at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on Wednesdays. Please stop by to see how you can be involved in this important ministry that is saving lives here in Mobile.

40 Days for Life Halfway Rally — Monday, March 28, 7-8 p.m. at Corpus Christi Community Center, *40 Days for Life* will be celebrating making it halfway through the vigil! Join the party; get involved in this peaceful, prayerful movement in Mobile; Find out more about *40 Days for Life*. Everyone of every faith is welcome.

Celebrate Life Pilgrimage — Saturday, April 9, 8-9:30 a.m. Starts with Mass at Christ the King Church in Daphne, and ends with Benediction at The Shrine of the Holy Cross Church. For those who are unable to walk the pilgrimage, but still wish to participate, the Shrine will have a Holy Hour of Adoration from 8:45 to 9:45 A.M. in the church. Strollers, bikes and wheelchairs are warmly welcome to the pilgrimage. A continental breakfast will be provided at the K of C Hall after Benediction. *ALL are welcome!*

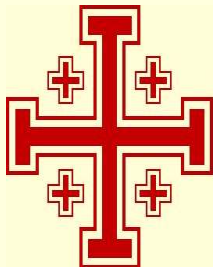


Stations of the Cross & Mass

Lenten Fridays through April 15
 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
 7 p.m. Mass

Lenten Food Drive — Through April 3

For Catholic Social Services and St. Vincent de Paul food pantries
Grocery bags with suggested food items are at church entrance.



R.C.I.A. & Continuing Ed for Catholic and Non-Catholic Adults

Questions? Please call 342-1852 to speak with one of the priests, who will be happy to answer any questions.

Through April 20
 Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 Adult Education Room in the Community Center

Fish-Fry Fridays

March 25 and April 8, 15
 (No Fish Fry on April 1)

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 Corpus Christi Community Center
 Banquet Hall



Adult Plate \$6. Child's Plate \$4.
Hungry Man's Plate \$7 (2 extra pieces of fish). To-Go Plate, \$7

Included in the plate price:
 Fish (3 pc. of fish per adult plate; 2 pc. of fish per child plate), Coleslaw, Grits, Choice of French Fries or Baked Potato, Tea or Lemonade.

Additional food & beverage choices:
 Cheese Pizza by the slice, \$1; Gumbo, \$3; Extra Side, \$1
 Soda, \$1. Beer provided on donation basis.
 Desserts, sold by various groups each Friday:

Bible Study Groups

Sun: 8:45-10 a.m.: School Conference Room, Ken Crowley, 423-6921.
Tue: 1:30-3 pm: Genesis, Com. Ctr., Adult Ed. Rm, Judi Ankiewicz, 344-0321.
Tue, 7 p.m.: Com Ctr, 2nd Flr, Complete Bible Course. Dave Burchette, 633-4242.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations put in the designated places in the vestibule are distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society
To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.
Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

Women of Mary

Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m. **OR Wednesdays**, 7-8 p.m., in the Family Room
 All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.
Info: Judi Ankiewicz, 344-0321, or Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 316-3960.

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: 2nd Tues., Apr. 12, 7 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm.. (2nd Flr).
Contact: Grand Knight, Bill Hamilton, 377-2661.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room
 All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.
Info: Jim Donaghey, jbd@orthomobile.com or www.MenOfStJoseph.com

Bulletin Deadline: Mondays at 12 noon.

Altar Server Training — Friday, March 25, 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CCD)

Today! Sunday, March 27: Sandwich Meeting for 8th Grade Sunday School (CCD) Confirmation candidates with Fr. Zoghby and Fr. Boudreaux from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Community Center Conference Room (2nd Floor).

Sunday School Lenten Project: Collecting food for Corpus Christi's St. Vincent de Paul Society to help feed the poor and hungry.

Volunteer needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word

for April's 5:30 p.m. Mass and for May's 11 a.m. Mass.
Please sign up at the Liturgical Ministers table in the vestibule.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Visitation Monastery.

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the Community Center
\$8.00 for Adults ! \$3.00 for Children

Includes Iced Tea & Coffee. Wine glasses are provided for those who bring wine.

Mar. 30: Baked Ziti, House Salad w/Dressing, French Bread, Lemon Cream Pie. *Reservation Envelopes in the vestibule.*

Congratulations! to the Corpus Christi 8th Grade Girls who won the McGill-Toolen Basketball Tournament: **Cayla Leniz, Annie Watson, Mary Helen Carter, Ashlyn Murphy, Lizzie Ziemann, McKenzie Courtney, Adriana Torres.**

The Women's Club — All women are invited to attend and join.

Meetings: 1st Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Com. Ctr., 2nd Floor.
Lenten Prayer Service: Tues., Apr. 12, 7 p.m. upstairs in the community center. Bring a soup, bread or salad to share. Fr. Zoghby and Fr. Boudreaux will lead the prayer service. **Info:** Barbara Collette at 767-1638 or Earline Thome at 414-3507.

Come to the Corpus Christi Booster Club

Cash Bash

Saturday, April 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$100 for a chance to win up to \$10,000.00, and include dinner & drinks for two and door prizes.

Last year's proceeds were used to construct new locker rooms in the Gym. This year's proceeds will go to refurbishing the gym restrooms, providing new water fountains and, if enough funds are raised, to starting work on repairing the outside bleachers on the athletic field. *Please support these needed improvements*

For Tickets or more info, call Ellen Maxime at 379-1866.

Cub Scouts

Den Mtgs: Mon., Mar. 28 & Apr. 4; Tues., Mar. 29 & Apr. 5. **Space Derby/Pack Mtg.:** Tues., Apr. 19, 6 p.m., Gym. **Savings Cards** available from any Cub Scout for \$5. **Info:** Janet Minto, 343-5169 or janmin@bellsouth.net.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Kathryn Isabella Williams

(daughter of Michael Brian Williams & Keri Anne Schubroeck Williams)

Flowers

The flowers before the altar this weekend have been placed in memory of

Jerry Hall

on the 73rd anniversary of his birth.
Given by his children and grandchildren.

Flowers

The flowers before the pulpit this weekend have been placed in memory of

Blake Lary

on the 1st anniversary of his death.
Given by the Lary and Heggeman Families.

Letter from Archbishop Rodi

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The horror of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan has been brought home to us through the media coverage which has shown the destruction, suffering, and death which this catastrophe has inflicted. Catholic Relief Services is renowned throughout the world for the effective manner in which it makes the love of God visible to those suffering disasters in foreign countries.

Each year the people of our archdiocese generously support Catholic Relief Services through our annual collection which supports their work in countries around the world. I ask that we be particularly generous this year in order that CRS may be empowered to help the victims of this earthquake and tsunami.

The annual collection for CRS will be held on the weekend of April 2 and 3. The money collected over the amount collected last year will be specifically designated to help the people of Japan. May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in the Lord,
Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
Archbishop of Mobile

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Catholic Relief Services
Please Note: Money collected over the amount collected last year will be specifically designated to help the people of Japan.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY for tithing offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Corpus Christi Building Fund.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS ONLINE & COLLECTION FINAL: \$1,132.00
MAR 20TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$2,359.00
MAR 20TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$28,805.50

Thank you for your support of God's work at Corpus Christi.



Online Giving

— If you wish to use the online giving option, go to our parish website (www.CorpusChristiParish.com): click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the left, and follow the instructions to make your contribution(s) to the regular tithing fund, building fund or special collections.

For direct assistance call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4

GOD IS LOVE

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 Rodi

People should not fear God, thinking he is always ready to punish, but rather they should love him because he is always ready to forgive. God is not a relentless sovereign who condemns the guilty, but a loving father whom we must love not out of fear of punishment, but because of his goodness.

Pope Benedict XVI

It is not because I have been preserved from serious sin that I lift up my heart to God in trust and love. I am certain that even if I had on my conscience every imaginable sin, I should lose nothing of my confidence, but would throw myself, my heart broken with sorrow, into the arms of my Savior.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he punish us because of our crimes. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103

God loves us not because we have merited it or are worthy of it; rather, God's love for us is freely given and unearned, surpassing all we could ever hope for or imagine. There is no one who cannot discover and find a place in God's love. From it flows our Christian hope. There exists no one so bad, so brought down, so broken down, that he cannot find a place in that love.

Pope John Paul II

The love of Christ is more powerful than sin and death. St. Paul explains that Christ came to forgive sin and that his love is greater than any sin, stronger than all my personal sins or those of anyone else. This is the faith of the Church. This is the Good News of God's love that the Church proclaims throughout history and that I proclaim to you today: God loves you with an everlasting love.

Pope John Paul II

The relationship between God and us is one of warmth and love, not cold formality. The relationship is not cold like that between an emperor and his subjects, but is one of deep affection like that which develops between two friends, between spouses, between parents and children.

Pope John Paul II

The Church prays that no one shall be lost ... If it is true that no one can save himself, it is also true that God "desires all men to be saved" (1Tim 2:4), and that for him "all things are possible" (Mt 19:26).

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1058)

Can God, who loves man so much, permit the man who rejects him to be condemned to eternal torment? Even when Jesus says of Judas, the traitor, "It would be better for that man if he had never been born" (Mt. 26:24) his words do not allude for certain to eternal damnation.

Pope John Paul II

We are not granted, without special divine revelation, the knowledge of which human beings, or if any human beings at all, are effectively involved in eternal damnation. The thought of hell and even less the improper use of biblical images must not create anxiety or despair... The concept of hellfire, the fiery furnace and the unquenchable fire of Gehenna need to be interpreted as symbolic language... The risen Jesus has conquered Satan, giving us the Spirit of God who makes us cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rm 8:15; Gal 5:6).

Pope John Paul II

God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side, and that our fear of you was groundless. So we come to you asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St. Augustine

Clare Boothe Luce hesitated at becoming a Catholic because she doubted the compatibility of eternal punishment with God's infinite, merciful love. But Bishop Fulton Sheen persuaded her that there very well might be no one in hell, and he received her into the Church.

Fr. Kenneth Ryan, Catholic Digest

Christ obtained, once and for all, the salvation of man – of each and of all men, of those whom no one shall snatch from His hand... Who can change the fact that we are redeemed – a fact that is as powerful and fundamental as creation itself. We became again the property of the Father thanks to that love which does not recoil from the shame of the Cross to be able to guarantee salvation to all men. "No one shall snatch you out of my hand." (John 10:29) The Church announces today the paschal certitude of the resurrection, the certitude of salvation.

Pope John Paul II

What is the Catholic Church's Stance Toward Suicide?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him ..., and that the life God has entrusted to us is not ours to dispose of” (#2280), but “grave psychological disturbances, anguish or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide” (#2282), and therefore “we should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives” (#2283).

Church teaching on suicide has not changed, but its understanding of mental health has altered. Suicide is typically the act of a desperate person, and it should be greeted with compassion rather than blame. Those who commit suicide are generally so clouded by confusion and despair as to be no longer in full control of their mental faculties. God's mercy is without end.” *Bishop Bernard Longley*

The Church teaches that suicide is wrong; it is contrary to the Fifth Commandment. But you won't find anything in Church teaching about condemnation for those who have committed suicide. Compassion, not condemnation, is the response of the Church.” *William J. Byron, S.J.*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says we each have responsibility for our own lives, but we should not despair of those who take their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God has ways of providing for them, and the Church always holds them, as it does all the deceased, in its prayers. *Fr. John Dietzen*

Depression, mental illness, extreme emotional or physical pain, adverse reactions to medications or drugs can diminish a person's ability to act rationally or reflectively. Family and friends often feel responsible for the suicide of their loved one, even though it is ultimately beyond their control. Jesus, however, brings the consolation of God's infinite love for them and for their loved one.

J e s u s h a s
revealed to us a
God who is not
angry or oriented
toward punishing
our sins,



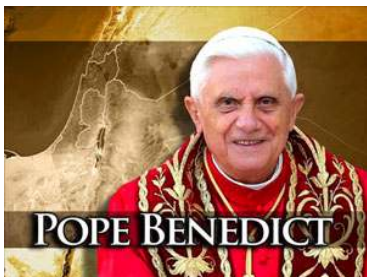
but whose
stance toward
us is always one
of forgiveness
and infinite
love.

Lent Is Not A Time of Sadness

“Father, each year you give us this
JOYFUL SEASON
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.”

Preface of Lent I

In common opinion, the Season of Lent runs the risk of being marked by sadness, by the darkness of life. Instead, it is a precious gift of God. It is an intense time full of meaning in the journey of the Church. It is the itinerary to the Lord's Easter.



Lent is about putting into practice an attitude of genuine conversion to God – of return to him – recognizing his holiness, his power, his majesty. And this conversion is possible because God is rich in mercy and great in love.

Lent is a journey of forty days where we can experience in an effective way the merciful love of God.

Pope Benedict XVI on Ash Wednesday



“**Saints are only sinners
who keep trying.**”

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

LOVE LIFE
LIVE  **LENT**
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD

Litany Of Forgiveness

For those who have betrayed us... *Father, forgive them.*
For those who have let us down...
For those who have been indifferent to us...
For those who have crippled our lives...
For those who have doubted us...
For those who have accused us...
For family members who have hurt us...
For friends who have denied us...
For those who have walked away from us...

For my own self-pity... *Father, forgive me.*
For my lukewarmness...
For my times of despair and distrust...
For my disbelief in your love...
For searching everywhere but in your heart...
For apologies frozen on my lips...
For my words of love unspoken...
For compliments never offered...
For a heart closed in self-centeredness...
For not believing in your forgiveness...

O Jesus, take our very selves and wash them in that unconditional love of yours, for you are a God of mercy and compassion, you who live and love forever and ever. Amen.



Fr. Mychal Judge Prayer

Lord God,
Take me where You want me to go today.
Let me meet the people You want me to meet today.
Give me the words You want me to say today
and the ears to hear what You want me to hear today.
And if at all possible - keep me out of Your way. Amen.

Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM Chaplain, FDNY
Victim 0001, Sept. 11, 2001
(Fr. Conrad's version)



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