

May 6, 2012

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.)

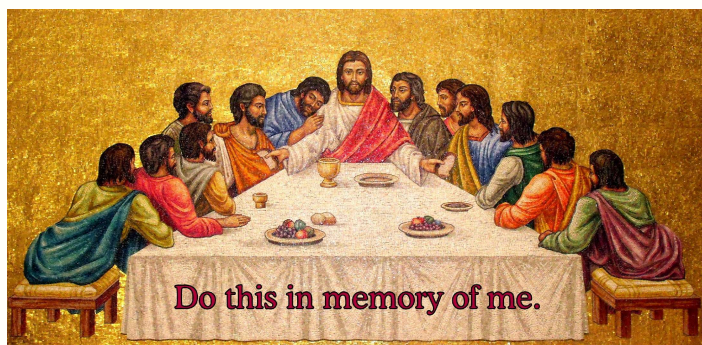
Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Do this in memory of me.

CHILDREN'S FIRST EUCHARIST

Today, Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m.

Children meet in designated classrooms at 12:30 p.m.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 12, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Forms are in the vestibule for couples who, during this year of 2012, have or will have been married for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or 51, 52, 53, etc. years. Those who wish to participate must complete the form. Their names will be included in the program. They will be called to the altar area for the renewal of their wedding vows. All visitors, friends & parishioners are invited to join the anniversary couples at the reception in the banquet hall.

Forms must be completed by Monday, May 7.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CCD)

Last Day of Sunday School: Sunday, May 20. Classes are held from 10:05-10:55 a.m. in the school buildings. Sunday School participants at 9 a.m. Mass are dismissed with the final blessing.

Info: Kathleen Jester, SundaySchool@CorpusChristiParish.com.

Attention All 8th Graders!

All 8th Graders in the School or Sunday School of Corpus Christi Parish are invited to join the high school youth for our monthly Youth Mass on May 20, at 5:30 p.m., followed by pizza and activities. Being involved in Corpus Christi High School Youth Ministry (CCHYSM) is a great way to stay connected with your parish, your faith and your friends! We have students who join us each month from five different high schools! We offer a wide variety of social events, service opportunities, retreat opportunities, and a monthly gathering. There is no "membership" involved; come whenever and as often as is convenient for you. Hope to see many of you on May 20th! Bring \$1 and a friend!

SCHOOL NEWS

8th Grade Luncheon: Wednesday, May 30, at 11:30 a.m.

Graduation Mass: Thursday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Used Book & Uniform Sale: Thursday, May 31, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Last Day of School: Friday, June 1. 8:15 a.m. Closing Mass followed by awards. 10:00 a.m. dismissal.

Deadline extended to volunteer for VBS:

Tomorrow, Monday, May 7

At least 10 adult volunteers are needed for VBS — June 11-15

To volunteer, please email kjester@CorpusChristiParish.com

Sunday, May 20: 3rd Sunday 5:30 p.m. Mass

Last one this school year. 3rd Sunday 5:30 p.m. Masses resume September 2012.

ELECTION RESULTS

Parish Pastoral Council

Bill Geers, Chris Knight, Richard March, Dee Dee Picicci

Parish School Board

Leslie Collins, Bill Gillis, Andy Mecom

Corpus Christi High School Youth Ministry

Attention!

8th Graders and High School Students

Sunday, May 20, all high school students **AND** all 8th graders are invited to our last youth ministry gathering of the school year.

We will start with our **Youth Mass at 5:30 p.m.**, during which we will have a special **baccalaureate** blessing for all Corpus Christi high school seniors.

After Mass, we will meet on the 2nd Floor of the Community Center, have pizza, hear about some of our events from this year and our plans for next year, have a few activities, and welcome the 8th graders to the CCHSYM! We will conclude at 8 p.m. Everyone is **ALWAYS WELCOME!** If you haven't come in a while – come back and see the new things we are offering! We hope you join us on May 20. Remember, you can bring any and all friends with you — our motto is "**Bring \$1 and a friend.**"

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall

\$9.00 for Adults ! \$4.00 for Children (Age 12 & under)

May 9 ~ Classic Lasagna, Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Caesar Salad, Mixed Berry Cobbler. Kids Menu: Pizza and Fries.

Must RSVP with your name & number in your party: **1.** Return an RSVP Card, or **2.** Call 342-1852 or **3.** Email church@CorpusChristiParish.com

Bible Study Groups

Sundays, 8:45-10 a.m., School Conf. Rm. Ken Crowley, 423-6921.

Tuesdays, 1:30-3 p.m., Com. Ctr., Rm. 3. Judi Ankiewicz, 344-0321

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: Com. Ctr., Conf. Rm. Dave Burchette, 367-6660

Thursdays, 9:00-10:45 a.m.: Women's Bible Study. Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. Penny Claiborne, 776-5850, or Joanne Donaghey, 554-6753.

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, ibd@orthomobile.com or www.MenOfStJoseph.com

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., in the Family Room

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

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 316-3960.

Rosary after 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass.

Mary's Day Celebration at the Cathedral

As the month of May is set aside to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Archdiocese of Mobile will hold its annual Mary's Day celebration on **Sunday, May 20, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile. In a special way members of the various Catholic organizations, along with First Communion students from throughout the archdiocese are invited to join in the procession. The celebration will consist of the crowning ceremony honoring the Blessed Mother and recitation of the rosary, and will be followed by the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. **First Communion students** who wish to join in the procession in their First Communion attire must give their names at school or at the parish office **by Friday, May 11**, and then meet at the entrance of the Cathedral, on the portico, by 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 20.

Attention all High School Seniors

On Sunday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m., Corpus Christi Parish will celebrate its last Youth Mass of the school year. At this Mass, we will have a special **baccalaureate** blessing for all Corpus Christi high school seniors. Come join us in this special ceremony to honor all high school graduates of our parish. Any seniors who wish to serve at the Mass lecturing, bringing up the gifts or singing with our choir, please email corpuschristihsyouth@yahoo.com.

We look forward to honoring our Seniors!

The Women's Club

Girls' Night Out: Meet on Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. for a fun evening at San Miguel's Mexican Restaurant, located on Schillinger Rd., on the same side of the street as Target and next to Homeplace. Info: Barbara Collette at 767-1638.

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: 2nd Tues., May 8, 7 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr).
Contact: Grand Knight, Bob Wheat, 490-9350.

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.)



Kick it up a notch!

One week intense piano course. **Invited:** Middle School & High School students who are currently enrolled in piano.
Sponsor: Corpus Christi Adult Choir. **When:** June 4-8, 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Cost:** 4 payments of \$15, includes \$20 book. **Payment due dates:** May 7, 14, 21, 28.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Boy Scouts — Troop 29

Sunday, May 6: BSA Swim Test at YMCA, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 9: Honor Flight at Mobile Airport, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Wed., May 19: Water Skiing/Tubing at Fowl River, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays, May 20 & May 27: Troop Meeting, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Tues., May 29: Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Fri., June 1: Jr. High Sock Hop, Corpus Christi Gym, 7-9:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts — Pack 29's Roundup!

All boys in Grades 1st thru 4th who are interested in Cub Scouting are invited to Pack 29's Roundup scheduled for May 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cougar Den. Contact Walter Bracewell 633-2027 or Mike Martin 633-5218 or visit ccspack29.scoutlander.com.

AA — Alanon — OA — CODA

AA: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Cougar Den.

Alanon: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

OA: Sat., 9 a.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

CODA: Tues., 6:45 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Welcome New Parishioners

Guido Rath & Gaby Cota and their children, Max and Melissa

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Nicholas Palmer Luker

(son of Thomas Palmer Luker & Tania Sue Broussard Luker)

Ethan Matthew O'Brien

(son of Matthew Patrick O'Brien & Danielle Gusoski O'Brien)

Nicholas Vance Sims

(son of Nicholas Paul Sims & Stephanie Ann Vance Sims).

REST IN PEACE

Ruth Langer Toljanic (mother of Jan Russell)

Flowers

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

Gene Sullivan

on the 5th anniversary of his death.

Given by his family.

Around the Archdiocese: Mobile Dearmery Archdiocesan

Council of Catholic Women Spring Quarterly meeting Wed., May 9, with registration at 9 a.m. at Corpus Christi Community Center. Mass & luncheon follow the meeting. Lunch is \$12. Reservation deadline May 7: Call Jane Shoulders, 476-4989, or Betty Russell, 479-8907. **Mobile Bay Bears' "Service Center Night" to benefit The Service Center of Catholic Social Services**, Monday, May 14: Anyone bringing a donation of a needed item will receive a free ticket to the Mobile Bay Bears vs the Chattanooga Lookouts game at 7:05 p.m. Needed items include: toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, basic school supplies & infant disposable diapers. Info: 434-1510 or Vunteercoord@mobleccss.org or www.servicecenterccss.org. **The Altar Society of the Cathedral presents** its Spring Tea at the Portier House on Sunday, May 20, with seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold only in advance. There also will be an exhibit of historic photographs of the Cathedral. Info: The Portier House, 441-7138 or portierhouse@att.net. **Archangel Radio Spring Pledge Drive**, May 16-19, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jerry Usher will host an impressive guest list from local parishes and national speakers. Please help support this vital resource to the Archdiocese of Mobile. Like us on Facebook/ArchangelRadio for guest lists and more info. **Mobile Catholic Men's Conference**, hosted by Archangel Radio, June 9 at St. Ignatius Church. The all-day event will be facilitated by Fr. Larry Richards and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and includes Mass and Confession. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. For more info or to purchase tickets, go to www.MobileCatholicMen.com.

Mother's Day Carnations — Next Weekend

The Respect Life Committee will be selling carnations after Mass. All proceeds will go to Alabama Citizens Right to Life.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY for tithing offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Corpus Christi Building Fund.

APR 29TH BUILDING FUND ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$1,505.00

APR 29TH TITHING ONLINE & COLLECTION: \$22,679.40

Thank You and God Bless You

for your tithes, contributions & bequests to Corpus Christi Church. To make a direct donation of stock, ask your stockbroker, or call Steve Setterstrom at Citigroup Global Mkts. at 470-1060.

Receive a detail listing of your contributions by mail, email or fax: Call 342-1852 or email Church@CorpusChristiParish.com



Online Giving

With Online Giving you can either make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings or credit card account: Go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon, and follow the instructions to contribute to the tithing or building fund or special collections.

For assistance, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or parish office, 342-1852.



Mother Theodore Guerin

October 2, 1798 ~ May 14, 1856

Foundress of the American Order,
The Sisters of Providence

Mother Theodore Guerin was born Anne-Therese Guerin on October 2, 1798 in Etables, France. Anne-Therese's life was shattered by her father's murder when she was 15. For several years she cared for her mother and younger sister. She entered

the Sisters of Providence in 1823, taking the name Sister St. Theodore. An illness during novitiate left her with lifelong fragile health, but that did not keep her from becoming an accomplished teacher.

In 1834 on the American frontier, Bishop Simon Bruté de Rémur, the first bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes in Indiana (now the Archdiocese of Indianapolis) began a search for an Order of Sisters that could send Sisters to help in his diocese (which, at that time, comprised the entire state of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois). In 1840 Sister St. Theodore and five sisters were sent to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, to teach and to care for the sick poor. By the time the Sisters arrived, however, Bishop Simon Bruté de Rémur had died, and a new bishop had been appointed, Bishop Célestine de la Hailandière, in whom the Sisters would encounter much interference and antagonism.

The Sisters opened schools, orphanages and pharmacies where free remedies were dispensed to the poor. She and her community persevered despite fires, crop failures, misunderstanding and separation from their original religious congregation, and prejudice against Catholic women Religious.

It's was only after beginning their work that Mother Theodore learned that her French superiors had already decided the Sisters in the U.S. should form a new religious congregation under her leadership, and that she was to establish a motherhouse and novitiate.

Bishop Celestine de la Hailandiere refused to approve the Sisters' religious rule, and on one occasion called for the election of a new superior to replace Mother Theodore, but the community re-elected her anyway. The conflict came to a head in 1847, when Mother Theodore confronted the bishop in his residence. He locked her in a room and told the sisters that Mother Theodore was no longer their superior. He dismissed her from her vows and ordered her to leave Indiana immediately. While everyone was reeling from his proclamation, a providential letter arrived from Rome. It seems that the bishop had offered to resign two years before when he was in a depressed mood, but Rome had not yet accepted it – until the present moment. A new, more open bishop was appointed. Free at last, Mother Theodore and the Sisters of Providence were able to expand their ministry throughout southern Indiana and beyond.

Mother Theodore died on May 14, 1856. Her remains are in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, and she was beatified in 1998 by Pope John Paul, II, and then canonized eight years later on October 15, 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Today, the Sisters of Providence minister throughout the United States, and in Taiwan and China.

CORPUS CHRISTI'S *Permanent Memorial*



Corpus Christi's Permanent Memorial was established in accordance with the commitment made in Corpus Christi's 1991 Capital Campaign recognizing the following levels of contributions to Corpus Christi's Building Fund:

Benefactors (\$100,000) + **Patrons** (\$50,000) + **Sponsors** (\$25,000)
Builders (\$10,000) + **Donors** (\$5,000)

Additional special recognition will be established for higher levels of contributions. The Memorial is on-going until the debt is retired for Corpus Christi's completed Master Plan. Contributors may move from one level to the next level of recognition with subsequent and cumulative contributions. The header plate of the Memorial provides a general acknowledgment of all contributors to the Building Fund and all who prayerfully support the building up of the Body of Christ here at Corpus Christi.

New Donor additions are listed below. More additions will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

God bless all who help build up the Body of Christ here at Corpus Christi.

**Mr. & Mrs. David F. Connolly, Sr.
and their children:**

Jennifer, Laura & David, Jr.
[Donors Section, 3rd row, 9th plate from the left]

**Mr. & Mrs. James Frantz
and Harrison
Class of 2008**

[Donors Section, 3rd row, 7th plate from the right]

**In Memory Of
Steve Friloux**

By Donna Dean Randy Friloux
[Donors Section, 3rd row, 5th plate from the right]

Charles & Debbie Hyland
[Donors Section, 4th row, 6th plate from the right]

**The Kennedy Family
Joe & Sherri & Sr. Deborah
In Memory Of Buck & Hope**
[Donors Section, 4th row, 4th plate from the right]

**Michael & Jamie Landry
and sons:**

Joey & Sean
[Donors Section, 4th row, 2nd plate from the right]

Tom & Diane Schmitt
[Donors Section, 5th row, 4th plate from the left]

**Peter and Jodi Wood
and their children:
Anna, Stephen, and Matthew**
[Donors Section, 5th row, 6th plate from the left]

**In Memory Of
Tom and Frances Mooney
by Beverly Mooney**
[Donors Section, 5th row, 9th plate from the right]

**The Howell Family
In Memory Of
Daisy Howell & Kitchie Lemay**
[Donors Section, 5th row, 8th plate from the right]



St. Mary MacKillop

1842-1909

First Australian Saint

With her canonization in 2010, Mary MacKillop became the first recognized saint of Australia. In 1866, she founded a remarkable congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph (Josephites), who devoted themselves to providing free education and other services to the poor. They founded schools, orphanages, homes for the aged and various other ministries.

Mary's idea of her special vocation came to her while serving as a governess in South Australia. She noted that there was little or no education for rural children and especially for Catholic children. She did not want to join any of the few religious congregations already present in Australia as their work was mainly confined to the cities. In 1866, she and her sister opened the first school and so was born the congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The new congregation

expanded and soon spread to other colonies and to New Zealand.

The constitutions of the Sisters of St. Joseph required that the congregation adhere to a strict vow of poverty; there would be no social distinctions within the order; and the congregation would be subject to an elected mother general, not to local bishops. This latter provision became a source of grave tension between the congregation and the Australian bishops.

Mary's congregation received general approval from Rome and quickly attracted scores of young women. At a time when almost no public services were available for the poor, the work of the Sisters was widely admired.

Mary's independence and social ideas concerned Church authorities, and Mary and her congregation were subjected to a shameless campaign of vilification by many clergy. One issue was that Mary's order helped to remove a priest suspected of pedophilia.

Mary MacKillop was ordered by her bishop to surrender control of her schools and her order. She refused, and was excommunicated in 1871 for "disobedience and rebellion." Forty-seven nuns were dispensed from their vows. Though the Sisters of St. Joseph were not disbanded, most of their schools were closed in the wake of this action. Forbidden to have contact with anyone in the Church, Mary lived with a Jewish family, and was also sheltered by Jesuit priests. Mary was crushed, but never blamed Church officials. She prayed that some good would come from the action.

In 1872, on his deathbed, the bishop apologized for his actions and absolved Mary from excommunication. But the harassment from local bishops continued and quickly reached extraordinary lengths.

The Holy See sent a delegation to investigate the situation. Their findings led the Vatican to support Mary and her nuns against some of the local bishops. Rome supported the constitutions of her order and she was completely vindicated. Some Sisters of Mary's disbanded community returned, and schools gradually reopened.

Nevertheless, Mary continued to operate under a cloud. Another bishop had her expelled from his diocese and refused to allow the Sisters to do any fund-raising. The bishop of Queensland sent damning letters to Rome claiming that the Sisters were "infected with fanaticism and insubordination to authority" and that

Mary's aim was "to subvert the whole system here."

To shore up her position, Mary traveled to Rome and spent two years seeking authorization for her constitutions. Eventually she found an audience with Pope Pius IX. He was personally intrigued by the story of the "nun who was excommunicated." When she returned to Australia, she held a papal document formally approving her congregation.

Still, the persecution did not cease. A team of bishops and priests, claiming falsely to be authorized by Rome, subjected her community to a rigorous "visitation," seizing financial records and interviewing the Sisters under a supposed "vow of secrecy" to discover scurrilous information about Mary. Afterward the bishop of Adelaide leaked the slanderous story that Mary was an alcoholic and that she had misappropriated funds belonging to the congregation.

It turned out that the "visitation" had no authority from Rome. An official inquiry by Rome, provoked by this incident, completely exonerated Mary. Still, the harassment continued. The Australian bishops voted to overturn the constitutions of the congregation and subject the Sisters once more to diocesan control. Once more, Rome came to the rescue, nullifying the bishops' authority in the matter. The congregation would remain under central government. Mary MacKillop had won at last.

In April of 2011, the current bishop of Adelaide made a public apology to the Sisters for the excommunication of their foundress. Standing before her statue, the bishop said that he was "profoundly ashamed of the earlier bishops' actions in driving the Sisters out onto the streets."

Mary MacKillop's exemplary attitude towards the bishops who opposed her was complemented by the outstanding work of the her and the Sisters of her congregation. Protestants, as well as Catholics, loudly praised their charity to the poor, their personal poverty, and their abstinence from active proselytizing. They found many supporters who contributed to their mission.

Throughout her sufferings she remained free of bitterness. Innocent suffering, she believed, was an opportunity to shoulder the cross and grow closer to God.

Mary died on August 5, 1909, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010.



At her beatification in Sydney, Pope John Paul II said: "Because the love of God inflamed her heart, she tenaciously defended the weak, the poor, the suffering and all those on the margins of society. She worked to assist women and families in distress and to eradicate ignorance among the young.... In her, the unwanted, the unloved and those alienated from society found comfort and strength."

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life.

St. Mary MacKillop, *final words to her Sisters before her death*

Be of good heart and let no false fear of God disturb the loving trust and confidence you should have in God's mercy.

St. Mary MacKillop