



Corpus Christi Catholic Community

"Building the Body of Christ"

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection: "God Reveals His Fullness"

In his famous sculpture on the University of Notre Dame campus, Ivan Mestrovic portrays a life-size Jesus seated on a large circular encasement speaking to the Samaritan woman as she leans her water jar on the edge of the well. While Jesus looks directly at her, the woman peers down into the well. Is she afraid to look at Jesus? Is she pondering some deep mystery? Is she searching for something deep within? As the viewer contemplates the sculpture, more questions arise, even if one is familiar with the story in John 4.

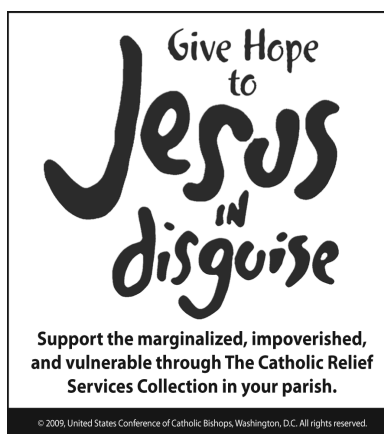
Those among us who are preparing for baptism are much like that Samaritan woman. Jesus is gazing upon them, looking for a response from them. In the weeks leading up to the Easter Vigil the catechumens are pondering deep mysteries, searching deep within themselves. Their journey to Christ is also mirrored in the Lenten experience of those of us who are already baptized.



Like the Samaritan woman, we realize that Jesus is gazing upon us. And like her, we know that our lives have not been perfect. But this Lenten season is not a time for us to run and hide like Adam and Eve in the Garden. Instead, we use these forty days to renew ourselves, to return to our baptismal innocence. Through prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the sacrament of penance, we seek to be re-created according to the promise of Christ. While we won't plunge a second time into the baptismal waters, we will know the fullness of God's grace at Easter when we take time this Lent to encounter Christ anew. The catechumens face the scrutinies on these next three Sundays, and we pray evil is cast from their lives so they may be free to serve God. We ask God that same freedom.

— written by Dave Drown

CRS Collection Next Weekend



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural

development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable in next week's Catholic Relief Services Collection.

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Corpus Christi Directory

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon - Thu, 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Fri, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat, 10 am – 4 pm, Sun 9:00 am - 12 noon

Weekend Masses:

Sat 4 pm, Sun 11 am, St. Gerard Center
Sun 9 am, IHM Center

Daily & Holy Day Masses:

See next column.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Private confessions each Saturday at 3:30 pm. Opportunity for private confessions can be arranged any time by appointment. Communal reconciliation services are held during Advent and Lent.

Sick Calls and Communion Calls:

Please notify the parish office when there is serious illness in your household. We are always happy to visit the sick in our parish and, whenever possible, to visit hospital and nursing home patients as well. We appreciate being notified so we may keep the sick in prayer and place them on our prayer list.

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office.

Weddings: Call the Parish Office 6 months before the wedding.

Bulletin Copy: Submit to parish office by Tuesday prior to publication typed or on a disc, or you may email to stgerardmh@comcast.net.

This Week at Corpus Christi

Monday, March 8

John of God, religious

8:30 am Mass (sgc)
5:00 pm NW Detroit Youth Coalition (sgc)
7:00 pm Faithsharing Group (sgc)

Tuesday, March 9

Frances of Rome, religious

8:30 am Mass (sgc)
6:00 pm Corpus Christi Choristers (sgc)
7:00 pm Faithsharing Group (sgc)

Wednesday, March 10

8:30 am Mass (sgc)
1:00 pm Faithsharing Group (ihm)
7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (sgc)
7:15 pm Faithsharing Group (sgc)
8:00 pm Young Men Arise (sgc)

Thursday, March 11

8:30 am Mass (sgc)
12:30 pm MTA Tutoring (sgc)
5:00 pm NWDYC Executive Committee (sgc)
5:30 pm Rosary (sgc)
7:30 pm Stewardship Commission (sgc)

Friday, March 12

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (sgc)

Saturday, March 13

9:30 am Evangelization & COTJ Teams (sgc)
10:00 am First Eucharist Preparation (sgc)
10 am - 1 pm SVDP Food Pantry (ihm)
11:00 am Praise Dance Team (sgc)
1:00 pm Infant Baptism Preparation #1 (sgc)
2:00 pm Recovery Group (sgc)
4:00 pm Mass (sgc)
5:15 pm Faithsharing Group (sgc)

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

9:00 am Mass (ihm)
10:00 am GENERATIONS OF FAITH (ihm)
11:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (sgc)
11:00 am Mass/Liturgy of Word with Children (sgc)
12:30 pm GENERATIONS OF FAITH (sgc)
12:30 pm Youth Faithsharing Group (sgc)
4:00 pm Better Men Outreach (sgc)

Weekend Worship Ministries Schedule: March 13/14, 2010 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

	LECTORS	EMES	SERVERS	GREETERS	USHERS	LIT. OF WORD W/ CHILDREN	LIT. ASST.
Saturday 4:00 pm	Marie Poole Valerie McDonald	Thelma Polley Sr Helen Wilson	Chinwuba & Ogenna Mbagwu	Elaine O'Neill	Team A		Delores Yancy
Sunday 9:00 am	Kim Procter Holly Patterson	Laurelle Geter Bianca Spence-B	Michael McGee Delia Uke	Martha Harris	Team B		Clint Harris
Sunday 11:00 am	Denise Bryson Grace Lindsay	Team 2 – Irene Unsleber	Darrien Bryson Dondre Green Julien Holts Sundarah Jones	Ravin Kelser Verna Kelser	Team C	Miriam Hudson Chai Spight Vivian Spence	Ron Marine
ALTAR CARE		IHM Ctr: Helen Burton, Mary Ann Cosgriff St. Gerard Ctr: Lolita Davis, Clara Onwudinjo					
CATECHISTS		Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Jane Mueller, Sr Frances Gerhard Inquiry: TBD RCIA-Theology: GENERATIONS OF FAITH RCIA-Dismissal: Chris Woloszyk					
PARKING LOT SECURITY		John Heath, Roy Ford					
SUNDAY VAN DRIVER		TBD (Please call driver by 9:15 am Sunday morning to cancel your ride.)					
COFFEE/DONUT FELLOWSHIP		IHM: St. Vincent de Paul Society - Gina Nunnally SGC: No Coffee/Donuts — GENERATIONS OF FAITH					



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What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

A

Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. Remember, the church is sacramental, that is, God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the church, through sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. So blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.

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