

# Corpus Christi Newsletter



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**Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 21 this year) and continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. It consists of a period of 40 days (Sundays excepted) of preparation for the celebration of Easter. The

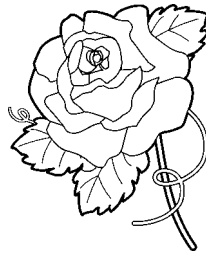
traditional observance of Lent in the Catholic Church consists of Prayer, Penance and Almsgiving (helping the poor). The call to these Lenten practices is directed to two groups in the Church: Catechumens and the Faithful.

During the Easter Vigil Service and Mass on Holy Saturday Catechumens (unbaptized persons) - now the Elect- will receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Baptized non-Catholics who have been preparing to join the Catholic Church will be received into Full Communion with it through a Profession of Faith and the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. For Catechumens and those coming into Full Communion with the Church Lent is a time of more immediate and intense preparation for Initiation or Reception into Full Communion. For them it is a type of Spiritual Retreat; a time of Prayer, of Scripture Reading and of Penance.

We, the Faithful, ought also to observe Lent as a time of conversion, of repentance, of renewal of our prayer life, of reflection on the Scriptures that relate more directly to our Redemption through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

## To Gain Eternal Life - What must I do?

"Why did God make us? is the third question of Lesson 1 in the Baltimore Catechism, No. 2. The answer given - "God made us to show forth His goodness and to share with us His everlasting happiness of heaven" is as true today, and always will be, as it was when God created Adam and Eve. Once a man asked Jesus, "Teacher, what good must I do to possess everlasting life?" Jesus answered, "If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." (cf Mt. 19:16 et seq.) The same is true for each of us. To enter into eternal life we must keep the Commandments of God.



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## Ash Wednesday

As the Masses of Ash Wednesday (8:00 & 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 pm at Corpus Christi Church) ashes will be blessed and imposed on the foreheads of those who wish to receive them. John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord through calling people to repentance and conversion. Those who responded positively to his call accepted baptism from him as a sign that they were committing themselves to do God's will ever more faithfully in the future. When we receive the ashes on Ash Wednesday we ought to do so as a sign of our serious intention and promise to try with God's grace to serve God and follow Christ more faithfully throughout Lent and for the rest of our lives. Our acceptance of the ashes should be a sign of genuine repentance. As we receive the ashes we will hear one of two formulas: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember, you are dust, and to dust you will return."

## The Precepts of the Church

To be a faithful member of the Catholic Church - "a Catholic in good standing" - one must not only live according to the Ten Commandments but must also observe the Precepts of The Church. Using the authority Jesus gave to the Apostles to "bind" and to "loose" the Church obliges us to dutifully observe these Precepts. They are: 1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." 2. "You shall confess your sins (grave) at least once a year." 3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist (worthily) at least during the Easter season." 4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." 5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church." (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2041 - 2043*) 6. If you marry, it shall be in accord with the laws of the Church regarding marriage.

## Penance Services and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) Schedule

Tues, Mar. 27, 7 PM St. Francis Church, Incline Village  
Tues, Apr. 3, 7 PM Assumption Church, Truckee  
Weds, Apr. 4, 7 PM Corpus Christi Church, Tahoe City

## Devotions in Lent

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - Mt. 26:40):

Mon-Fri (8:00 am):

Daily Mass

1st Sat (8:00 am):

First Saturday Mass

Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.):

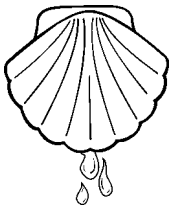
Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.):

Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Fri (7:00 pm):

Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



# Baptism

**Baptismal Sponsors - Duties** "Insofar as possible one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor." The duties of a sponsor are:

1. To assist an adult in Christian initiation;
2. Together with the parents to present an infant for Baptism;
3. To help the baptized person to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism;
4. To help the baptized person to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in being baptized into the Catholic Church.

**Baptismal Sponsors - Qualifications** Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex is to be employed. To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must: 1. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist; 2. Be "a Catholic in good standing", that is, be faithfully living according to the Commandments of God and the Precepts of the Church; 3. Know and have the intention of fulfilling the duties of a Baptismal Sponsor. 4. Be 16 at least years of age (for a just cause an exception may be made).

## Catholic Radio and Television

By listening to Catholic Radio you can participate in the celebration of the Mass, pray the Rosary, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, hear instructional and inspiring talks and discussions. Immaculate Heart Radio can be heard locally at KIHM Reno 920 AM, 92.7 FM, 93.3 FM, 93.7 FM, 94.9 FM or on the Internet at [www.ihradio.org](http://www.ihradio.org). On EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) you can watch many of these same and like programs. To view EWTN in this area you need a satellite dish.

## Pray for the Sick

Bill Brady	Jay Di Benedetto	Marge Faia
Betty Fry	Gabriel Jensen	Tom Jensen
Albert Juarez	Joey Kenney	Emily Killian
Don Mashbir	Helen Mathis	Doug Peterson
Mary Margaret Rankin	Joseph Recchia	Barbara Schmidt
Joan Velo	Rosalie Wampler	

For Prayer Requests, please call the Parish Office at 583-4409

## Religious Education

Corpus Christi Parish provides its Religious Education Program as a help to parents, not a substitute for them, in the religious formation of their children. Parents are privileged by God to be the ones who are to form their children according to the Gospel of Jesus and form their children to know, love and serve God on Earth and be with God eternally in heaven. "It is here (in the home) that the father of the family, the mother, children and all members of the family exercise *the priesthood of the baptized* in a privileged way 'by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.' Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and 'a school of human enrichment.' Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous -even repeated - forgiveness and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life."

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1657)*

## Religious Education Program

**CCD Classes:** meet after school on Thursdays

**Parent Education Classes:** meet monthly on

Tuesday evenings, see our website for the schedule

**Confirmation Preparation:** meets Thursday evenings

Call the Parish Office to register

or for more information, at 583-4409

## Religious Formation of Children - Privilege and Duty of Parents

"In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith. For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls the family the *Ecclesia Domestica (the Domestic Church)*. It is in the bosom of the family that parents are "by word and example ... the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation."

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1656)*

## Reno Catholic Professional & Business Group Breakfast Club

February 22, 7am. Rev. Larry Snyder, president and CEO of Catholic Charities. Pre-register at [www.catholicprofessionals.org](http://www.catholicprofessionals.org) or call: 775-828-4228

**Church Restoration and Repair** Work completed: Queen of the Snows restoration and repair. Cost \$207,493.<sup>89</sup>

Work in progress: Queen of the Snows: handicap access ramp construction and restroom configuration to handicap access status (required by Placer County); replacement of underground water drainage pipe (installed at time of construction of church in 1959, which had become occluded) with surface rock-lined ditch to prevent flooding and ground erosion. Cost: \$190,144.<sup>76</sup>

Work in prospect: evaluation of Corpus Christi church for structural integrity, repair as needed, and painting. Rectory & Mulligan Hall: Painting.

Funding Status: Goal: \$300,000 to be reassessed after evaluation of work required at Corpus Christi; Income to date: \$285,815.<sup>40</sup> Expenditures to date: \$366,799.<sup>65</sup>

**Thanks** to all who support the restoration and repair of our churches, our parish buildings and grounds.