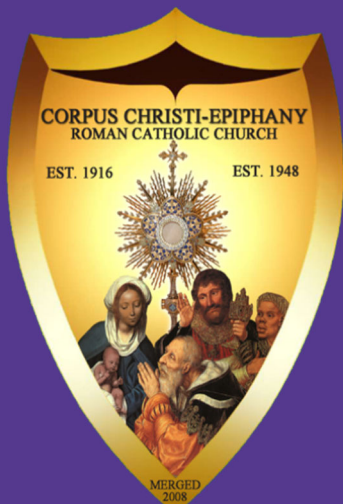




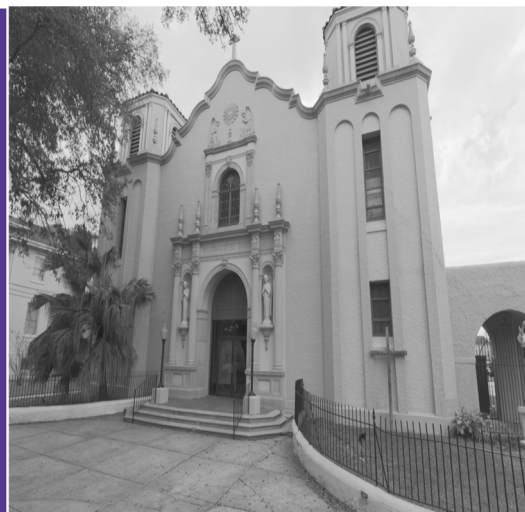
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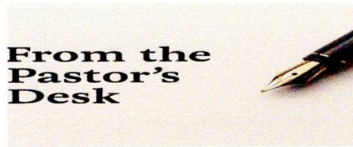


First Sunday of ADVENT



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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Praise be Jesus, both now and forever!

My dear friends, today we enter into the holy season of Advent—a sacred time of preparation as we await the coming of our King and Messiah. Advent invites us to slow down, reflect, and ready our hearts for the Lord who comes to dwell with us.

In this spirit of thanksgiving, I want to express my profound gratitude to every parishioner for your dedication and commitment to our community. A special word of thanks goes to all our ministries and committees who continue to work tirelessly for the good of the parish. Your love for God and for this community is deeply appreciated.

The Nehemiah Journey

In my last episode of the *Nehemiah Journey*, I introduced the story of Nehemiah, who was entrusted with rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah's first response to the challenges before him was to acknowledge the reality of the situation—and then to pray and surrender everything into the hands of God. Today, just like Nehemiah, we face challenges in our own local church.

Challenges in the Archdiocese

Within the Archdiocese of New Orleans, we continue to navigate significant difficulties, especially the ongoing bankruptcy case. Each parish, including ours, has been asked to contribute. More details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Challenges in Our Parish

Here at **Corpus Christi–Epiphany**, we face several serious concerns:

1. Physical Plant

Our buildings need considerable improvement:

- Pressure-washing the church and community center
- Repairs to the church entrance
- Interior repairs in the rectory office, kitchen, and rooms
- Parking lot maintenance
- And other essential upkeep

2. Financial

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Our financial situation is extremely critical and poses a threat to our long-term stability. In the next two to three weeks, we will share a detailed financial report with the entire parish.

3. Spiritual and Sacramental Life

We have noticed concerning trends:

- While we celebrate two or three funerals each week, we have very few baptisms or weddings
- Fewer candidates are preparing for Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Youth participation has significantly declined
- There is a great need for spiritual renewal, evangelization, and revival

4. Community Life

Many of our parishioners—especially our seniors—are longing for greater social interaction, fellowship, and community engagement.

These are some of the major challenges before us. And like Nehemiah, our first response must be prayer and surrender to God.

A Call to Prayer: Nine-Day Novena of Surrender

Therefore, I am inviting all parishioners to join in a **Nine-Day Novena of Surrender**, entrusting our parish, our needs, and our mission entirely to God.

Dates: December 3rd–12th

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily

To join by phone, please dial:

Number: (605) 313-9653

Access Code: 3241870

Let us unite our hearts in faith, hope, and trust, believing that the God who guided Nehemiah will also guide and strengthen us.

Please stay tuned for the next episode of the *Nehemiah Journey*.

— Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, SSJ



**Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.**

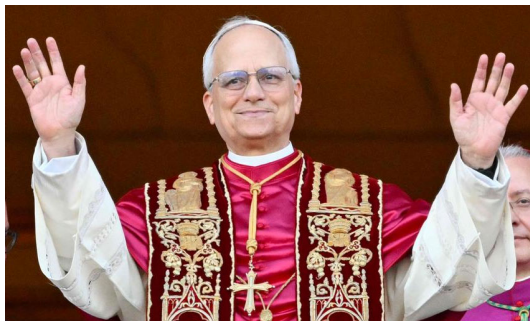
**May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil van-
quished,
your glory will shine eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.**

**May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.**

**To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever
Amen**

Franciscus



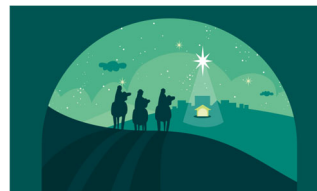
• **Community Center Promotion**

We invite all parishioners to assist us in promoting our **Community Center**. There are currently three office spaces available for rent, along with excellent facilities for meetings, repasts, recep- tions, and other gatherings. Your efforts in spreading the word will help us make the most of this valuable parish resource and continue to support the mission and outreach of our church.



**Get your ticket(s) from
your trusty seller, at each
mass. Raffle drawing
will be held November
30th after 10 a.m. Mass.**

**St. Andrew Christmas Novena
November 30-
December 25**



***Hail and
blessed be the
hour and mo-
ment in which the Son of God
was born of the most pure Vir-
gin Mary, at midnight, in Beth-
lehem, in the piercing cold. In
that hour vouchsafe, I beseech
Thee, O my God, to hear my
prayer and grant my desires
through the merits of Our Sav-
ior Jesus Christ, and of His
blessed Mother. Amen.***

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

O house of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isa 2:5)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

You know the time;
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now than when
we first believed. (Rom 13:11)

Gospel:

"So too, you also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come." (Mt 24:44)

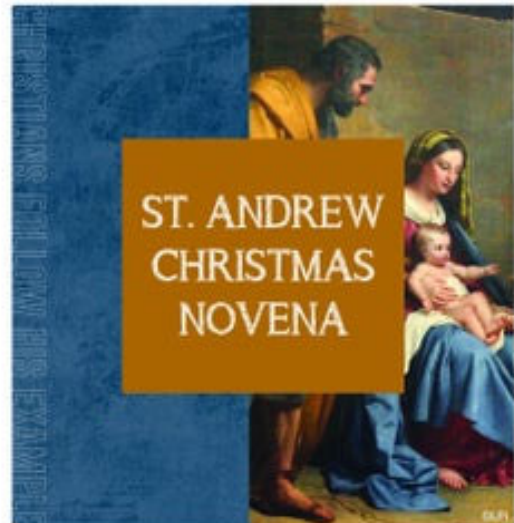
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent; Respect Life Sunday
Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve. St. Andrew was the first disciple of Christ, and in saying this prayer Christians follow his example of prescient faithfulness throughout the days of Advent.

Prayer for Advent - Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!
Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.
Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.
Inspire us with new visions.
Be with us as we climb closer to You.
Amen.

In loving of memory of our loving husband, father,
& grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss
you,
Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and

In memory of my
dear friend, Nadine
Laurent, Love, Angela

In Memory of
Alvarez and Onelia
RODRIQUEZ

**DECAY
REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory
of **Granny & Papa,**
Love Kelly & Kids

**Mr. & Mrs. Selma &
Donald Nicholl by
their children**

Mrs. Monica Reeves,
Nicole & Larry, Jr. by
Husband & Father,
Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.

**Terrance & Osborne
"Mike" Demas by
their family**

**Brian DeCuir,
In loving memory,
By Abbie Fazande**

**Victor Duvernay, Jr.
Memorial by lifelong
friend, Abbie**

**In Memory of Paul, Jr.
& Patricia Johnson
By the Family(825)**

**In Loving Memory of
My best Friend,
Dina M. Lemus
(Ms. Mike)
Missing and lov-
ing you,
Thais**

**IN MEMORY OF
THE FAVRE FAMILY**

*In Loving Memory
of our ancestors; Sev-
erin, Demas, Washing-
ton, Nicholl & Grant
Families* 

*In Memory of
Patricia Boyd-Hebert
1934-2000
Philip H. Hebert, Sr.
1932-2022*



**In Loving Remembrance of our
parents; Henry Butler & Del-
phine Butler, and sisters; Mad-
el Butler & Patricia Butler**
"Eternal rest grant unto their
souls, O Lord, and let the per-
petual light shine upon them."
Missing & Loving you, Paul,
Matthew, Robert, Frederick &
Wanda



*In Loving Memory of
Our Mother & Grandmother,
Marjorie Rouzan Gabriel
Missing You,
Marvel-Marie, Paul, III & Paul IV*

*In loving memory of
MURRAY ANCAR
We remember you with love
& appreciation. Your
memory lives on in our
hearts.
YOUR FAMILY*



*Protection and Prayers for
Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ
by Mom, Ms. D and Sis*

**Louis "Big
Lou" Cerre,
Jr.,
by Demas
Families**

*In Loving Memory of
Our Father & Grandfather
Missing you 45 years,
Paul Gabriel, II
Marvel-Marie, Paul, III
& Paul IV*

**In Memory of
Earl &
Catherine
Raymond**

By family(325)

In loving memory of
DUNTEZ SHAWN DAWSON
"Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day."
Missing and Loving you,
Mother, daughter and
sister



*In Loving Memory of
Gwendolyn McFarland
LAMPKIN*

*In Loving Memory of
**Audrey Spann Layman
Charles C. Layman, Sr.
Dr. Kim F. Layman
Nicole K. Scott
The Layman family***

*Eternal Rest grant
unto them, O Lord.*

Readings for the week of

November 30, 2025

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,
5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-
21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt
9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-
4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-
13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Yvette Gilyot, memorial, by Nadine Harris, Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial**, by son; Barry, Valma Narcisse, **memorial**, by family, Stanley Cuillier, Jr by family, Michael Roussell, B'Day, by family, People of the parish

Sunday, November 30, 2025

7:30 a.m.

Elaine J. Gutter, memorial, by family & friends, Karen Mercadal, **memorial**, by Mr/Mrs. Gutter, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., memorial, by wife & family, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Uradal Kerr by Pepin Family, Ronald & Geri Rigaud, memorial, Wayne Bierria & Family, People of the parish

Monday, December 1, 2025

Enola Mary Egana Rawles, memorial by Glapion Family

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Thanksgiving to God

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Roland F. Lagarde, Sr., memorial B'Day, by family

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Sick and Shut-ins

Friday, December 5, 2025

Special Intentions of the priests



***SICK & SHUT-INS PRAY FOR THEM**

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Ernest Baptiste, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, , Walter Bonam, Niley Bieniemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers, Charlotte Butler, Joseph Butler, Sr., Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ**, Kim Davis, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Rosie Francis, Darrell Frazier, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Lynn Honore', Jewel Hunter, Assunta Jackson, Delores Jett, Avery Johnson, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Ken Lagarde, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Rosemary Menzies, Armand Mercadel, Jr., Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Florence Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Cheryl Morning, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Corey Peters, Marguerite Ragas Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, Michelle Robair, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., . Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Joseph Triggs, Shirley Ward, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield
Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.

GOD BLESS



**PRAY THE
ROSARY
DAILY**



**IN MEMORY OF
ARMAND PETER
MERCADEL, SR.**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 2) Lorraine Smith
- 3) Clarence Leon, Marilyn Barbarin
- 4) Loretta Wiltz, Wanda Wiltz, Michele Picou,
- 5) Joya McGlory
- 6) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 7) Jamel Hines, Terrell Theophile, Natalia Carter, Greer Adams
- 8) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 9) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 10) Victoria Jones
- 11) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 12) Patricia Aperwhite, Anne-Lucie Hottor
- 13) Nick Spears, Sr.
- 14) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 15) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 16) Endya May, Rosie Wright-Francis, Dr. Garland Green
- 17) Jaquetta Fortune'-Toney, Paul Johnson
- 18) Yvette St. Julien, Patricia Irving, Keyonta Johnson
- 19) Orren Mitchell, Pamela Roche'
- 20) Audrey Fleury, Patricia Lee
- 21) Vera Norman, Charles Saulny
- 22) Jay May, Jr., Cheryl Moore
- 23) Yvonne Guidry
- 24) Gari Brown, Vera Norman
- 25) Rod Pichon
- 26) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 27) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 28) *Happy Birthday to you...*
- 29) Leslie Baptiste, Glenda Moore, Sonya Stanley
- 30) Ariana Newman, Herman Freeman
- 31) *Happy Birthday to you...*

**GOD BLESS YOU
ON YOUR BIRTH-
DAY/
ANNIVERSARY**



MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

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| ♦ Altar Society | Fatima Rosary Group | Knights of Peter Claver |
| ♦ Bereavement | Finance Council | Junior Daughters |
| ♦ CCD | Garden | Lectors |
| ♦ Church Environment | Holy Name of Jesus Society | Legion of Mary |
| ♦ Counters | Knights of Peter Claver #60 | Men in Christ |
| ♦ Ministers of Hospitality | Parish Council | Sacristan |
| ♦ Music Ministry | OCIA | Sodality of the BVM |
| ♦ Grief Share Ministry | Society of St. Vincent de Paul | |

♦ MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30 & 10:00 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00 A.M.**

- ♦ **NOVENAS(before or after 7 a.m. Mass)**
Tuesdays– Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays– St. Joseph Novena
Fridays-Sacred Heart Novena, Stations of
the Cross
Saturdays-Adoration of the Blesses
Sacrament
In the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel
(Building D)

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Mr. Henry Hottor: 1-402=301-4815

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Charlotte Brown-504-503-1119

CONFESSIONS:

**1 hour before weekend masses or any-
time by request.**

WEDDINGS:

**Make arrangements with office staff 6
months prior to the event to begin re-
quired preparation process.**

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
RENTAL SPACE AT THE
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MRS. LINDA LAGARDE
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NAME:

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