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MARCH 22, 2026



5th Sunday O F L E N T

"'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, 'Untie him and let him go.' Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him." Jn 11:43-45



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to enter into Holy Week, we stand before the most sacred time in our Christian journey. These holy days invite us not simply to remember, but to enter deeply into the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Holy Week is not just observed—it is lived.

From "Hosanna" to the Cross

On Palm Sunday, we join the crowd proclaiming "Hosanna!" Yet within days, those same voices cry "Crucify Him!" This challenges us to reflect:

- Is my faith consistent or conditional?
- Do I follow Christ only in comfort, or also in sacrifice?

Holy Week calls us beyond surface faith into true discipleship.

Walking with Christ

During this sacred week, we journey with Jesus:

- Holy Thursday – At the table of the Eucharist, where love is given
- Good Friday – At the foot of the Cross, where love is sacrificed
- Holy Saturday – In silence and waiting, where hope is tested

Each moment draws us closer to the heart of God.

Prepare Your Heart

To fully enter into Holy Week, we must prepare inwardly:

- Deepen your prayer life
- Seek reconciliation and healing
- Let go of distractions, resentment, and spiritual complacency

Ask yourself: What do I need to surrender at the foot of the Cross?

Be Present to Grace

Make a conscious effort this week to:

- Attend the Holy Week liturgies
- Spend time in quiet prayer
- Reflect on the Passion of Christ

These are not routine events—they are encounters with God.

Rev. Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji

Collections for the Weekend of March 14-March 15, 2026

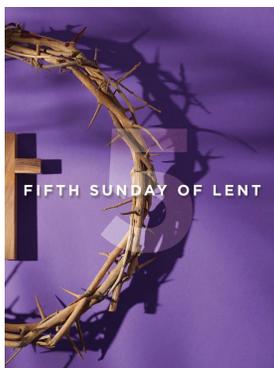
Saturday (4:00 p.m.)	-----	\$1319.00
Sunday (7:30 a.m.)	-----	\$1694.00
Sunday (10:00 a.m.)	-----	\$2159.00
Mail-In Donations	-----	\$815.00
*Specials:	-----	\$1935.00
Online Giving:	-----	\$535.00
Total Collection:	-----	\$8457.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

*Archdiocese Special Collections, St. Vincent de Paul, candles, maintenance, Community Center, special masses

Parish Announcements

- **Parish Update**-As we continue to beautify our church, we are undertaking important cleaning and maintenance projects both inside and outside the parish—including the parking lot, church interior, pews, doors, and surrounding areas. We believe that our sacred space should reflect the beauty and dignity of our worship. These improvements come with significant costs, and we humbly ask for your continued support. We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your offertory or making a special contribution to assist with these efforts.
- **Reopening of the Church Installation Mass**-Our celebration for the reopening of the church on April 11th will begin with a Rosary Walk at 3:00 p.m., followed by the Installation Mass. After Mass, all are warmly invited to an Appreciation Dinner in the gym of the Community Center. Flyers are available at the back of the church. Please take one and help us spread the word by inviting friends, alumni, family members, and former parishioners to this joyful celebration.
- **St. Joseph Altar**-We sincerely thank all who participated in the Novena in honor of St. Joseph. A special word of gratitude to the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary for preparing the St. Joseph altar inside the church, and to the Men in Christ for decorating the outdoor altar. May St. Joseph continue to intercede for our parish and families.
- **Stations of the Cross**-We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Bereavement Ministry for prayerfully leading the Stations of the Cross last Friday. Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. We invite you and your family to join us for this beautiful devotion as we walk with the Lord in His Passion. This week, the Eucharistic ministers will lead the Stations.
- **Confessions**-On Wednesday, March 25, a priest will be available for Confessions in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We encourage all parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual renewal.
- **Lenten Revival**-This year's Lenten Revival will be moderated by the students of St. Augustine High School. Dates: March 23–25 Location: St. Raymond–St. Leo Catholic Church Fish Fry
- **Our Fish Fry** continues every Friday throughout Lent. Thank you for your generous support, which helps make this important fundraiser a success.
- **QR Code Giving**-For your convenience, you may support the parish through online giving by using the donation button on our website or by scanning the QR codes found in the bulletin and throughout the church.
- **Weekly Collection**-The weekly collection report is available on the front page of the bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship. Your support sustains the life and mission of our parish.



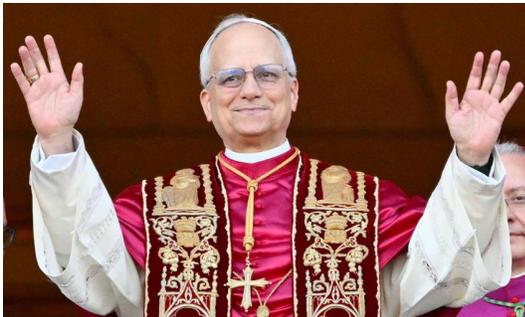


Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

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



Get your 50/50 ticket from
your trusty sellers.
**NEXT DRAWING-MARCH
29TH**

Pop-Up Shop Update:

Corpus Christi-Epiphany

The Pop-Up Shop has raised \$601.96 in support of the Youth of the Parish! These funds will go toward supporting activities in 2026.

Thank you for your generous support!

See you in April for
Mothers Day!

CCE - Planning Committee

Perpetual memorial Plaque update.

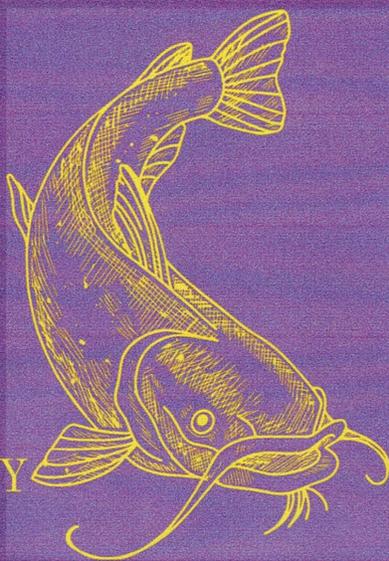
Because of the wonderful overwhelming request for memorial plates and the time that will be needed to have the plates printed the deadline to make your request is Sunday March 29, 2025 following the 10:00am Mass.

We thank everyone who helped to get the word out. Many faithful parishioners who are no longer with us will be forever memorialized in the baptistry of the church. Our ancestors are smiling. God bless and thank each of you for your prayers, generosity and support of this project.

COME! JOIN US!



CORPUS CHRISTI EPIPHANY LENTEN FISH FRY



ASH
WEDNESDAY

EVERY
FRIDAY
IN LENT

CATFISH PLATES \$15

SIDES: BAKED MACARONI, PEAS,
POTATO SALAD OR TOSSED SALAD,
CAKE, AND A DRINK.

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
CALL: 504-722-8794

DROP OFF DONATIONS
AT THE PARISH OFFICE

TIME: NOON - 5:00 PM
PLACE: COMMUNITY CENTER RM 123

EAT! PRAY! LOVE!

In loving 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 loving you, Thais 

IN MEMORY OF THE FAVRE FAMILY

In Loving Memory of our ancestors; Severin, Demas, Washington, Nicholl & Grant Families 

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

In Loving Remembrance of our parents; Henry & Delphine Butler, and sisters; Madel Butler & Patricia Butler "Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let the perpetual 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 memory of my husband, Frank Montegue Who is a citizen in heaven. Your Loving wife, Linda 

In loving remembrance of my ancestors, Irving & Farve' Families. Rest in Paradise. Missing you, Sophia Farve'. 

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

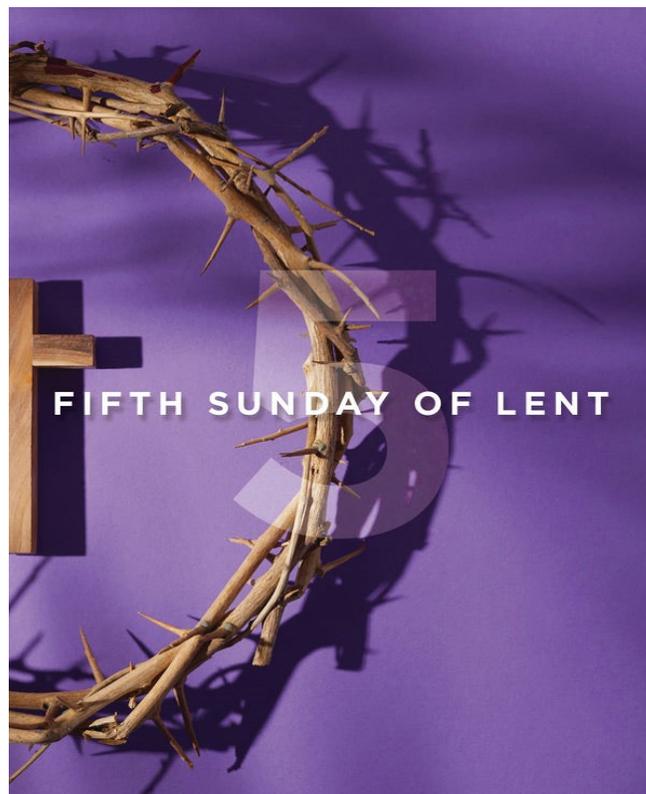


In Loving Memory of our brother,

ALVIN CHARLES MERRITT, JR.

by your family

Waldon Rucker, Patricia Harmon, Paula Merritt, Wanda Wiltz, Lydia Merritt Allen, Yolanda Merritt, Monica Merritt May your soul rest in peace 



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:00 p.m

Alvin C. Merritt, Jr., **memorial**, by family, Jourdain/Willis Families, by children, Thyra Lagarde, **memorial**, by Marilyn DeGrass, Stanley Cuillier, Jr by family, Valma Narcisse, **memorial**, by Family, People of the parish

Sunday, March 22, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Alvin C. Merritt, Jr. **memorial**, by Family, Elaine J. Gutter, **memorial**, by family & friends, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife & family, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Thyra Lagarde, **memorial**, by Marilyn DeGrass, Margurite & Anthony Cuillier, People of the parish

Monday, March 23, 2026

Onelia Gabriel Sarpy, B'Day memorial, by Angela Sarpy, Irwin A. Lagarde, Sr., B'Day, by family, Teri Lynn Brown, B'Day, by Aunt Linda

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Analise Harvey, B'Day, by Aunt Linda

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Sick and Shut ins of the parish

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Thyra Lagarde, memorial, by family

Friday, March 27, 2026

Holy Souls in Purgatory



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

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, 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, Dwight Franklin, Darrell Frazier, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, 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, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., . Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Joseph Triggs, 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
HOLY SOULS IN
PURGATORY**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS/
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1) Phoebe McElveen
- 2) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 3) Natasha Leon
- 4) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 5) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 6) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 7) Signora Durette
- 8) O. Joseph Dean
- 9) Bernice Ferdinand, Kenya Thompson
- 10) Louis Cushenberry, Jr.
- 11) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 12) Karen Johnson
- 13) Bernadette Magee
- 14) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 15) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 16) Balkie Barnes
- 17) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 18) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 19) Wanda Pouncy
- 20) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 21) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 22) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 23) Jessica Garnett, Irwin Lagarde, Sr.,
- 24) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 25) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 26) Wayne Lee
- 27) Dwayne Barnes,
- 28) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 29) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 30) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 31) Phillip Reed, Terica Weston

**GOD BLESS YOU ON
YOUR BIRTHDAY/
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)

SACRAMENTS INFORMATION

**Director of Religious Education
for CCD classes**

Mrs. Carla Bringier-Mason-504-289-1979

**Directors of Order of Christian Initiation of
Adults:**

Ms. Shannon Stanley-504-722-0493

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
COMMUNITY CENTER CONTACT
MRS. LINDA LAGARDE
504-945-8931**

#Interested in registering in the parish to receive envelopes? Do you have questions needing answered by the priests? Fill out the information at the bottom of thispage.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

Would like to register in parish and receive envelopes.

Would like to speak with a priest about:

Would like to speak with a priest about:

Adult Education ----- Marriage ----- Baptism ----- Other

* Fold and place in any church envelope addressed to Office
and place in collection bag or bring to office.