

St. Francis of Assisi Mission



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

• June 7, 2026

• **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)**

• Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 / John 6:51-58



Good News!

June 7, 2026

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MIGUEL DULICK

The “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and-rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.) The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” •

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:15 AM
St. John of the Cross

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 11:00 AM ~ English
6:00 PM ~ Spanish

Daily Mass:

Mon., Tues., & Fri. ~ 8:00 AM
Thurs. (Sp.) ~ 6:00 PM ~

Adoration ~

Thurs. (Sp.) - 6:30PM

1st Saturday Mass: 8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursday: 5:30 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 5:30PM

Please contact Fr. Patrick by phone or email if you need to make an appointment for Confession or **Anointing of the Sick.**

Parish Office Hours

St. John of the Cross

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Fri., Sat., & Sun.

Worship & Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun.-June 7 9:15 AM The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	† Caren T. Hardoin by Robert & Nancy Vial † Phyllis Toler by Charles Toler Altar & Rosary Society on their Communion Sunday People of the Parish
Sun.-June 14 9:15 AM	† Phyllis Toler by Charles Toler People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST

May He bless all who are in need of His strength, especially:



Ana Culpepper, Henry Garrett, Kenton Heider, Paula Heider, Gerald Lindsey, Melba Malik, Cheryl Marshall, Adrian Nunez, Daniel Nunez, Phillip Torres, Paige Trevino, Adolfo Trevino, and Bo Weaver

Praying for expecting mothers and their babies:

Mama Cecilia, Ricki Rodriguez Choat, and Celina Garcia

Please contact the parish office for any additions or deletions.



Praying for our Military

We remember these service personnel in each 'Mass for the Families of the Parish'

Air Force: Vincent Gordon, Preston Holliday, Christopher Lauer II, Alayah Moore, Deborah Thomas, Audry Winstead

Army: Father Jim Craig, Magdeleena Delaney, Celine De Los Santos, Allen McDonald, Jacob Madrid, Eduardo Enrique Perales, Robert Ponce, Fernando Ramos III, Anthony Rios, Tyree Winstead

Coast Guard: Corey Bunton and Joshua Salinas

Marines: Aurora Alarcon, Hunter Frees, and Andre Rodriguez

Navy: Cory Elyasevich, Diane Martinez, Aubrey McCown, Andrew Saenz, Robert Silva, and Noah Vasquez

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY!

Please call the parish office or use the online form to submit names & branch of service.



Stewardship of Treasure

PREVIOUS WEEK	05/24/2026	CURRENT WEEK	05/30/2026
Collection	\$613.00	Collection	\$687.00
		May online giving	\$976.00

Our Living Church Capital Campaign Building Fund ~ There will be a special collection this weekend for **Our Living Church Capital Campaign Building Fund**. Renovations have begun. We can finally see the fruits of our donations. The scaffolding is up, and the stucco and stained-glass window repairs have begun! Your continued support is needed to see these projects completed and paid for.



2026 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal ~ The SFoA BSA goal is \$2,811 of which \$2,075 has been pledged. With a projected \$560 recurring gift, SFoA has a total of \$2,635 expected pledge & recurring gifts. That is 94% of the diocesan goal with 10% of the parish participating in the 2026 BSA.



Parish Organizations

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 5 @ 2PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS # 8335  NEXT MEETING: JULY 7

Rosary: 6:40 PM at the KOC Building Men 18 yrs. & older are welcome

CASA DE LUCY MEETS ON TUESDAYS @ 9AM.

Casa de Lucy Helping Hands Quilting Ministry sews Prayer Quilts for the terminally / critically ill persons needing prayers. Please contact the office if you know anyone in need of a quilt.

Works of Mercy

Loom Kitting ~ Parishioners are invited to meet in the SJoC parish hall on Mondays at 9AM to knit hats for patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital Oncology Department. Contact the parish office or Bertha Forbes for more information.

The next bread and pastries distributions will be at 9AM at **SJoC** on **Wednesday, June 10**, and at **St. Francis** on **Saturday, June 13**.



Coastal Bend Food Bank distributions at 9AM at **St. John of the Cross** on **Thursday, July 2**, and at **St. Francis of Assisi** on **Saturday, June 27**.



Father Patrick is retiring!

Join us in saying, "farewell," to Father Patrick as he gains his



FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE



In retiring after 50 years of service to the Diocese of Corpus Christi with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, June 28, after the 11AM Mass, in the SJoC parish hall.

The Knights of Columbus will provide sliced brisket, and each parish organization will contribute to the celebration.

Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with our parish family.

Please see the sign-up sheets in the church foyer.

Religious Education



Catechists and classroom aides are needed!

As the office staff prepare for the 2026-2027 year of religious education, they are faced with the possibility that some grades of religious education cannot be offered next year since there are not enough teachers for every grade level, as TWO adults are required for EVERY classroom (one teacher to prepare and present weekly lessons and one classroom aide to assist the teacher in classroom management)

Committed Catholics who have received all of their sacraments and are living out these sacraments daily are needed to teach our youth the traditions of the Catholic Church.

All volunteers MUST be Safe Environment certified through the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

If you feel God's call to serve in this ministry, please call the parish office to find out more about how you can help our religious education program. (361-384-2795).

The future of our religious education program really depends upon YOU!.

Save the dates: Registration for the 2026-27 religious education program will take place on Wednesday, August 26, and Sunday, August 30.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS VBS



JULY 20-24,

5:30PM-8:00 PM

GRADES:

KINDER -FIFTH

Please contact the parish office if you can help with our VBS program.

Group leaders are needed for each grade level.

PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM IN THE CHURCH FOYER OR PARISH OFFICE

Community

First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Orange Grove invites you to join them for Vacation Bible School June 9-10, from 4:30—7:00PM.

Children will enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, games, snacks, and fellowship while learning that Jesus is the Light of the World.

Mission Project: School Supply Drive In lieu of an offering, we will be collecting school supplies to help local students prepare for the 2026–2027 school year.

Theme Verse: "We love because He first loved us." — 1 John 4:19

Please arrive a few minutes early to register in the Fellowship Hall.



The Coastal Bend Blood Center Mobile Bank will be at St. John on Sunday, June 21, from 8AM—1PM.



All donors will receive a t-shirt and a Blue Bell Ice Cream voucher, and all donors between June 1—21, could be a winner of a \$1000 Southwest Airlines Gift card and a \$500 AirBnB Gift card or a \$500 Southwest Gift card.

Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. Scan the QR code to schedule your life-saving donation today!



Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. **JTD** is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers.

It is for those who: want to grow spiritually, need time away from distractions to reconnect with God, value community, faith, and encouragement. The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is

<u>Men's:</u>	<u>Women's:</u>
June 18-21	July 30—August 2
September 17-20	October 15-18



Weekends are held at OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225 (assistance is available for those with need).

More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or contact Bud Coldwell @ (361) 779-1971.

America will celebrate her 250th birthday this summer! ~ St. John of the Cross would like to extend sincere thanks to military service members actively serving as well as those veterans who have served. Care packages will be organized and delivered to our parishioners serving in the military.

Items requested include travel-size body wash, shampoo and deodorant, as well as chocolate-FREE snacks, reading material, puzzle books, and prayer cards.



Please bring donated items to the parish office by June 18 so the packages can be delivered by July 4, 2026.

We will have Mass celebrated for our veterans and active service members on July 4, at 8AM, at St. John of the Cross.

Please contact the parish office to provide a mailing address for your service member or veteran.

AGAPE RANCH—Dream Big Bed Build— June 27, 2026, 8AM—1PM, Corpus Christi

Many children in foster care have been wounded by trauma of their past. Agape Ranch reflects the heart of Christ by surrounding children and aged-out young adults from foster care with unconditional love, steady support, and intentional community. Through lasting relationships and a dedicated network of support, a space is created for deep healing and builds a legacy of hope that changes generations.

Agape Ranch has taken the initiative to provide a bed, a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs.

Through the Agape Ranch Bed Build events, we are able to build beds that support vulnerable children and their families with a safe sleeping space.

Our 2026 goal is to build one hundred twin and twenty-five toddler size beds that will serve our community through requests from our partnering child serving agencies.

Agape Ranch will provide all lumber and supplies while our volunteers bring their willingness to help and valuable time.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.agaperanch.org/bedbuild>.



Diocesan News

High School Leadership Retreat ~ Applications are now available for the upcoming High School Diocesan Leadership program and retreat. The retreat will be on June 8th and 9th at Our Lady of Corpus Christi. The cost is \$30 per person.

Apply at <https://form.jotform.com/communicationsdofcc/leadership-liability>



Father Walsh's Summer Camp—designed for adults 10 yrs. and up with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 9 –11

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at

<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/summercamp>



Registration ends May 15

Father Walsh's VBS— a fun-filled day of adventure and faith, designed for children ages 4-13 with a special ability, blind, deaf, or hard of hearing.

June 12

9:00AM—2:00PM

Check-in & Breakfast: 9:00AM

St. John Paul High School

Register at

<https://catholiccharities-cc.org/vbs>

World Youth Day—Seoul, South Korea—All young adults (18-39 years old) are invited to join the Diocese of Corpus Christi on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day with Pope Leo XIV!

There will be an **Info Night on Saturday, June 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall** (7522 Everhart Rd., Corpus Christi). Full package, cost, and pilgrimage leaders will be presented. Please check diocesan social media for updates coming soon!

To help sponsor a young adult pilgrim from your parish, please contact the Office of Young Adult Ministry:

soconnor@diocesecc.org.



EMBRACING THE COMMISSION

A DAY OF FORMATION FOR PARISH SCHOOL, CATECHETICAL, AND MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastors, deacons, parish staff, catechetical leaders, faith formation leaders, and all ministry leaders are invited to join us for a day of formation and renewal focused on the Church's call to evangelization and missionary discipleship.

Topics will include:

The Great Commission and the Evangelical Sequence, Sent: Engaging Inactive Parishioners, G.O.S.P.E.L.: An Introduction to the Kerygma, and Resources for Embracing the Great Commission

This free seminar will be hosted by the Augustine Institute in partnership with the Diocese of Corpus Christi and will take place on **Tuesday, June 30** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.



LEARN MORE
& REGISTER

SAVE THE DATE ~ CAMP ROOTED, Diocesan camp, will be held July 9th through July 11th at the Spirit Center. The cost to participate is \$75. Registration details are coming soon.



This will be an amazing experience and parish youth leaders are encouraged to bring their groups of teens to be a part of this gathering that will focus on leadership, fellowship, and faith.

Save the Date: Celebration of Charity Give from the Heart Guest speaker: Bishop Mario Avilés

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi invites you to **Celebration of Charity** - an inspiring evening celebrating compassion in action and the strength of our community.

The event will take place on **Thursday, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilliard Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd.** in Corpus Christi. Guests will enjoy a beautiful evening of fellowship, stories of impact, and a renewed call to serve with love and purpose.

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Social Media



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www.facebook.com/

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Live Streaming

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHEDRAL:

Sunday 9:30AM (ENG)

and 11:00 AM (SPA)

Available at: KDF-TV Ch 47 (9:30AM only),
KLUX 89.5HD, or Diocese of CC Website

Dear Padre,

What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ. The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ's threefold mission: the prophetic mission

of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ. The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. "The Eucharist's particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass," wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*, 41. Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty. Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: *Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community?* If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Barnabas, Apostle	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Weekday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1-6 Mt 5:1-12	1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16	1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-5 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	1 Kgs 19:19-21 Mt 5:33-37	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets.... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 22, 2025