

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation founded in 1999 — 300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson, AZ 85748

The Mission of Corpus Christi

We, at Corpus Christi, seek
to experience God in Scripture,
the Sacraments, our prayer,
studies, one another
and all of God's creation.

We aspire to embody
God's presence
by sharing our gifts
and welcoming all.



May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



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Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm

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Celebrating



Years

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 7:45AM

9:45AM

HOLY DAY VIGIL: 6:00PM

HOLY DAY: 8:00AM

MONDAY through FRIDAY: 8:00AM

Rosary: 7:15AM

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From the Desk of Fr. Chris



There is a certain sense of energy, excitement, and empowerment in those early disciples as we read through Act of the Apostles. Today Peter proclaims to the Sanhedrin, "We are witnesses of these things!" That word, "witness", is an essential element of discipleship for Luke as we follow first Peter and then Paul through Acts. It comes from the Greek "martureis", to witness, testify, or attest, and it's easy to see our English word, Martyr. Odds are no one here will be called to give their lives, to be a Martyr for our faith in any grand situation or event. But there are lots of small and ordinary opportunities to exercise discipleship – in the checkout line, in traffic, around the watercooler, or on the playground. In every moment and interaction, our words, actions, and presence are opportunities to bear witness and provide testimony to Christ Jesus.

Fr. Chris 

We welcome all who are visiting our Corpus Christi Faith Community for the first time or are frequent visitors. We are honored by your presence. If we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

If you would like to become a member, complete a registration form located at the back of the church, parish office, or visit:

www.cccctucson.org/becomeamember

Corpus Christi Website

To hear homilies from Father Chris (with an occasional homily by Deacon Mark Cesnik) or if you would like more information about our Corpus Christi Catholic Community and Community Events please visit our website at www.cccctucson.org. Be sure to click on **"This Month's Calendar"** tab for an at-a-glance calendar of meetings and events!



Ways to Donate to your Parish

Use your weekly envelope; contribute by Visa or MasterCard; credit or debit card; recurring weekly or monthly donations through your bank. For more information on using one of the alternative methods of donating, please

contact John Salapski at the Parish Office at 520-751-4235.

Have You Moved?

Do you have a new address, phone number or family changes? Updating this information helps us serve the parish more effectively and saves on the cost of returned postage. Please call the Parish Office at 520-751-4235 to update your information.



Thank You For The Easter Flowers

Many thanks to those who generously gave donations for our Easter flowers this year. What a beautiful way to honor and remember our family and friends!

In Memory / Honor of...

By...

Gerry Veale
Ray Norton
The Pence Family
Jacqueline Aiello

Dee Veale
Owen Veale
Colleen Pence
Mom & Dad



You're Invited to a Tea Party!

*In Memory of
Jackie Garvin
and to Celebrate
Mother's Day*

WHO: All Ladies of Corpus Christi (moms, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, nieces . . .)

WHEN: Friday, May 9, 2025, from 11:30 to 1:00 PM

WHERE: Corpus Christi Community Center

RSVP: By Monday, May 5, 2025, with the number of people attending to Theresa Romanelli at Grandma.romanelli@gmail.com

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

*Donations will be accepted at the door.

*There will be a raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 or six (6) for \$5.00.

*Come dressed to the Nines! Show off your hat and boa!



Celebrating **CORPUS CHRISTI'S 25th ANNIVERSARY**

Parish Founded August 6, 1999



★ **Come Join the Fun** ★
at our

Monthly 25th-Anniversary Community Events

May 4.....Intro to Non-Profits/Ice Cream Social

June 21.....Fiesta de Corpus Christi

July 26.....Anniversary Potluck & Bingo Finale

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, or have a prayer request, all that's required is to have a computer with internet access, an email address, a compassionate heart, and willingness to pray for others (no phone trees). Send requests to prayerchain@cccctucson.org



***"The Lord never tires of forgiving - never!
It is we who tire of asking his forgiveness."***

~ Pope Francis



Usher Ministry

Corpus Christi Usher Ministry is in need of several new Ushers in particular for the Sunday 9:45am mass. Ushers serve 1 or 2 masses a month, and will be an important part of our Mass Celebration. (*Safe Environment Compliance must be completed before volunteering*) If you have an interest but have questions regarding the Usher Ministry, we encourage you to contact ministry lead, Al Scionti who is more than willing to explain the duties of an Usher and how scheduling works, or answer any other questions you may have. Contact Al by email: scionti52@gmail.com or by phone **520-204-5961**.



Altar Servers!

We have a wonderful crew of altar servers, but we could use your help! If you are between the ages of 8 and 18, and have received your first communion, you are eligible to serve! Please call Marcy Block at **520-401-0403** or email: blockmarcy@yahoo.com for more information.

OCIA: Thinking About Becoming Catholic? New Cohort Starting in May

**Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?
Do you know someone considering Catholicism?
Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) Inquiry sessions are designed for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Whether you're taking your first steps towards a relationship with God, towards exploring Catholicism, looking for full communion with the Catholic church, or want to learn more, these sessions provide a welcoming and supportive environment to ask questions and discover more about our beliefs and traditions.

What to Expect:

- Friendly, open discussions about the Catholic faith
- Answers to your questions and guidance on your spiritual journey
- Opportunities to meet others on a similar path

When: We have multiple dates throughout the summer. We welcome you to any or all!

Wednesdays, May 7th and May 21st at 7 pm

Sundays, May 11th and May 25th at 11 am

Where: Chapel

For questions or more information, please contact Dc. Mark at mcesnik@cccctucson.org or Sylvia Olberding at sylvia.olberding@gmail.com.

Grief and Loss Support Group

Grief and Loss group sessions will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages to express feelings, build rapport, get support, and be heard. The intent is to create a safe place to connect, learn about grief, understand how grief affects us, and identify coping strategies to assist with experiencing grief. The group will provide encouragement, strength and support through the use of reflection, sharing, and prayer to assist with the healing process of grief and loss. Group sessions will be held in the Chapel the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. *****Please contact Dr. Thouin at 520-240-3599 or tanis@qualityoflifecounseling.net to register before attending a session.***

The following is the current session schedule for 2025:

10:00am—11:30am in the Chapel (*peer facilitated)

May 2 & *16

June 6 & *20

July 18

August 1 & *15

September 5 & *19

October 3 & *17

November 7 & *21

December 5 & *19

To submit an article for the bulletin or pulpit announcement send it via email to bulletin@cccctucson.org or drop it by the Parish Office. Submissions must be received by 12 pm Monday.

I am so pleased to present to the parish our senior spotlights for this year. My heart is full of gratitude and joy! I'm so proud of all these teens, all they have accomplished, and all they will do in the future! Please extend congratulations to these wonderful youth of our parish! ~ **Stacey Beste**

"Look back for a moment. Reflect in peace. Then let this year draw to a close. All parts of the journey are sacred and holy. You've learned that by now. Take time to honor this ending-though it's not really the end. Go to sleep tonight. When you wake up tomorrow a new adventure will begin. Remember the words you were told when this last adventure began. The words whispered quietly to your heart, let the journey unfold. Let it be magical, the way has been prepared. People will be expecting you. Yes you are being led." Journey to the Heart—Melody Beattie

Senior Spotlight

Go forth and set the world on fire.
~ St. Ignatius of Loyola



Brycen Duncan is graduating from Empire High School where he was the QB for the football team. He plans on going to Pima Community College to get his associate's degree in welding. Brycen says, "My favorite memory was back when I was in middle school and came with my sister to hang out with all the seniors who used to work in the kitchen and eat pizza from Costco. That made me want to work in the kitchen too." Brycen started in Children's Church and still helps in that Ministry as well as many other outreach projects in Youth Group. He recently stepped up to help with setting up, cleaning up and making the youth group lunches. Brycen has participated in many Parish events like Stations of the Cross, Youth-hosted breakfasts, Moonlight Labyrinth Prayer walks, and our bi-annual plant sale fundraisers. Off campus he was part of the group volunteering at Kent's Heart and Hope fundraiser in Marana, and "Paws and Patches" which benefits a fallen officer's family. We are very grateful for his help and appreciative of his continued support and desire to help the group and community.



Honoring Mary in May

Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major

Church of Santa Maria Maggiore



Three miles from St. Peter's, the Basilica of St. Mary Major is one of 4 papal basilicas as well as one of 7 Pilgrim Churches of Rome. It is the first Marian sanctuary in the Western World, the place where Pope Francis prayed before/after his apostolic journeys and more than 100 times in his papacy. It is the place of his entombment in the corridor outside of the Pauline Chapel which enshrines the icon of *Santa Maria, Salus Populus Romani* to whom he prayed.

Also known as Our Lady of the Snows, legend has it that the Virgin Mary asked for a church to be built in her honor and the sign she gave was on August 5th, though summer, when snow fell on the summit of the Esquiline Hill (one of Rome's 7 hills) and a church in her honor was built there. This miracle is commemorated each year when white rose petals are dropped from its dome during the feast day mass.

Over time St. Mary Major was also known as St. Mary of the Crib because 5 sycamore boards thought to have been from the manger of Christ's birth are the relics housed under the papal altar in this building. The first Christmas midnight mass was celebrated here.

A church is named a basilica by apostolic grant and this one is one of only 4 named as a "major basilica." Pope Benedict named 5 as papal basilicas and they, along with 2 others, are known as the 7 Pilgrim Churches of Rome. There are now 8 popes buried here and the mortal remains of St. Matthew are also within this basilica.

More information: www.basilicasantamariamaggiore.va



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift to the appeal supports the ministries and service in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. If you have not yet made your gifts, please consider doing so. Completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped in the mail. You may also visit www.cathfnd.org/donate

Progress Report as of 4/29/2025

	Goal	To Date	% to Goal
Amount	\$70,000	\$130,812	187%
Participation	385	353	92%
Registered Parishioners		955	



Baptism

Giancarlo Caleb Nolasco

Euchre Schedule

Euchre meets on the 4th Friday of the month. The next game will be Friday, May 23, 2025 at 6:00pm. All are welcome!



Youth Group



Weekly Schedule:

ID/Password for all meetups

84822907450 / 9vQxVc (case sensitive)

Monday: no meetings

Tuesday - Horses w/ Wings team, in-person assist at equine therapy program 5:30-6:30pm. Contact Stacey for details.

Wednesday - Innovative RE, 4:30pm

Thursday - Confirmation catch up class (evening session on Zoom)

Friday - Guided Meditation on Zoom at 4:00pm.

Saturday - no meetings

Sunday - Children's Church - 2nd Sunday during 9:45 Mass.
YG/Confirmation, 11am—2pm

****Innovative Religious Education Youth Volunteers****

Innovative Religious Education on Wednesday, in-person from 4:30 to 5:30pm. Contact Stacey Beste to join the team of helpers.

**** Tuesday Night Horses with Wings—Limited group sizes.**

Weather Permitting! Contact Stacey for details.



"Service is Love & Joy. Service is being who you are. Service will flow naturally from you. It will freely be given and freely received. And know what you do will really help." - Journey to the Heart

For information on Youth Group please contact Corpus Christi Youth Minister, Stacey Beste at sbeste@cccctucson.org
Like us on Facebook: **Corpus Christi YouthMinistry**



Cub Scout Pack 747 is back!

Corpus Christi's Cub Scout pack is back! Kindergarten through 5th grade. Pack 747 is a family pack for both boys and girls.

For more information, please reach out to Rick Robertson at 520-313-5286 or by email at tucsonpack747@gmail.com

Religious Education the Family Way Family Faith Formation

In April the families have been focused on Eucharist and the Easter Story. It's the grand climax to all we've been learning and preparing for since October.

The more we do something, the more we tend to forget the significance behind the actions. Before he died, Jesus did a strange thing. He told his friends that the bread was his body, his life. We are to eat it and remember him. We are to remember his life and follow his teachings of forgiveness and love. Of course we will stumble and fall many times, but that's okay as long as we get up and keep going.

As you see the children receive their First Communions, take a moment to remember your own. Getting to know Jesus is important not just for those preparing for First Communion, but for all of us. We come together at mass to be nourished by the Body of Christ. That includes us as well as the Eucharist. Our faith is truly beautiful and mysterious.

For more information about Family Faith Formation contact Suzanne Hensel, Coordinator of Family Ministry and Children's Sacrament Preparation at shensel@cccctucson.org
shensel@cccctucson.org



Attention

Our buildings and grounds are "maturing" with use and time which means there are occasional, usually minor, hazards popping up. For example, tree roots in the courtyard have begun to move brick paving in some areas so that it is no longer perfectly flat. Please be attentive to possible changes while using any of our facilities.

Innovative RE (Religious Education)



Teaches religious and spiritual lessons using prayer and meditation, Bible Study, relatable, fun projects, and community outreach services. The class is for ages K—5th grade, and Junior Youth Group 6th—8th grade. Sessions are held on Wednesday, 4:30—5:30pm, year-round with breaks for camp and holidays. Contact Stacey at sbeste@cccctucson.org for more details.

Save the Date—Kid's Camp 2025!

June 9 - 13, 11:30am-2:30pm

July 7- 9, 11:30am-2:30pm

More information in future bulletins!

National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5—9, 2025

Gracious God, Thank You for continuously guiding us through our teachers and mentors. Bless them with Your protection and wisdom. Thank you for the special gift that You have given them and for giving them a spirit of grace and compassion. May they have strength and endurance and adequate resources to perform their many tasks. May they have the support of those they collaborate with in the formation of young people. May they remain dedicated to their vocation. May they always inspire their students through their words and example, and may they know and feel the deep gratitude of those whom they teach.

Amen.



Milestones

Do you have a "milestone date" coming up (birthday, anniversary, etc.)? Would you like your friends and fellow parishioners at Corpus Christi to celebrate the event with you? Please either call the parish office 520-751-4235 or email bulletin@cccctucson.org and let us know about your upcoming milestone event at least 10 days before you would like it announced.

Our Facebook page...

"like" us on Facebook at "**Corpus Christi Parish**" and be part of increasing our faith community presence!



Monthly Food Drive

May – supporting Casa Maria

Casa Maria is Tucson's Catholic Worker Community providing free food, clothing, toiletries, hot showers, medical aid and legal services for the homeless and at-risk families.

Suggested Donations -

Food: peanut butter/jelly; rice; beans; broth; canned vegetables; snack-size desserts

Toiletries: shampoo; soap; razors; sunblock; deodorant; toothpaste/brush

LOOK FOR THE BLUE WHEELBARROW IN THE NARTHEX
BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES



LET'S TALK TRAVEL

May 4, 3 PM

Community Center



Italy from Milano to Tuscany By Plane, Train, Auto, Ferry, & Bus

Travel glorious Italy with Carol Carder by varied modes of transportation to explore the modern metropolis of Milano, the romantic lakeside hamlets of Varenna & Bellagio, the colorful villages of Cinque Terre, and five lovely historical Tuscan towns.



Join the Out-to-Lunch-Bunch Tues, May 20th, 11:30 am



OPA'S BEST

GREEK AMERICAN CUISINE

4590 E. Broadway

(just west of Swan)

Menu at opasbest.com

Sign up near bulletin board
in Community Center

Wear your 25th Anniversary Shirts!

"For it is in the giving that we receive" ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Donations: General / Designated

April 20, 2025 \$16,944 \$7,111

April 27, 2025 \$ 8,462 \$5,874

Thank you for your generosity!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Gothard
 Monday: St. Hilary; Cinco de Mayo
 Tuesday: St. John Before the Latin Gate; National Teacher Appreciation Day
 Wednesday: St. John of Beverley
 Thursday: Blessed Julian of Norwich; National Day of Prayer
 Friday: St. Catherine of Bologna
 Saturday: St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster; St. Antoninus



Sunday, 5/4 All Corpus Christi Parishioners
 Monday, 5/5 Matt & Courtney Danloe (L); Elaine Rork (L); Cheryl Pruett-Fimbres (L)
 Tuesday, 5/6 Susan Middleton (L); Rosie Scherb (L); Deceased members of the Tommasino and Romanelli Families
 Wednesday, 5/7 Ron Garvin (D); Gene & Jeff Galus (D); Sally K. Callahan (D)
 Thursday, 5/8 Kevin Williamson (L); Raymond Skoda (L); James & Sharon Fieber (L)
 Friday, 5/9 Jaynae Lynn (D); Cruz Belasco (D); Helen Amado (D)
 Saturday, 5/10 All Corpus Christi Parishioners

Registered Households: 954

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Mandatory Reporting Information – Safe Environment

In accordance with the Mandatory Reporting law of the State of Arizona, all employees and volunteers are responsible to immediately report reasonable suspicion of the abuse of any vulnerable person/minor, regardless of the source of the abuse. For Diocesan information please visit <https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect-1>.

Law Enforcement: 9-1-1 or the local Law Enforcement
 Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS): (888) 767-2445
 Arizona Adult Protection Service: (877) 767-2385
 Diocese of Tucson OCAAP: (520) 838-2513 or (520) 838-2567

Corpus Christi Ministries

Activities	Ceil Woodruff	751-4235
Altar Linens	Cathy Cristo	401-9140
Altar Servers	Marcy Block	401-0403
Altar Server Robes	Kathy Cullinan	480-206-5976
Becoming Catholic	Sylvia Olberding/Dc Mark	751-4235
Church Decorations	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Eucharistic Ministers	Dave Baker	290-9064
EM Training	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Funeral Receptions	Dee / Lisa / Mary / Pat	751-4235
Greeters	Angie Buchanan	730-0249
Grief & Loss Support	Tanis L. Thouin, Ph.D.	240-3599
Homebound Eucharist	Theresa Romanelli	751-4235
Hook, Needles & Yarn	Rose Britt	906-3301
Infant Baptism Prep	Dc Dennis Scalpone	751-4235
Knights of Columbus	Mike Kwin	751-4235
Labyrinth	Jennifer Van Boxel	443-690-5147
Lectors	Tom Louis	396-9248
Liturgical Life	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Outreach	Maura M. / Cheryl P.	751-4235
Parish Council	Dave Ronquillo	751-4235
Parish Librarian	Kay Dahms	751-4235
Prayer Chain	Lyn Diehl	751-4235
Quilt Ministry	Diane Arnold	990-7490
Scholarship Ministry	Gaby Lochner	751-4235
Scrip (Gift Cards)	Bill Wierschem	369-9662
Time & Talent	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Ushers	Al Scionti	204-5961
Vocations	Georgene/Nancy	751-4235
Welcoming Ministry	Georgene Fromm	647-0036
Widowed Women	Theresa Harth	751-4235
Women's Ministry	Donna Celenza-Sweet	370-9507

Corpus Christi Groups

Blood Drive Coordinator	Dee Veale	751-4235
SA Troop 747	Chaz Elsten	991-0429
Bridge	Barb McElroy	885-4996
Cub Scout Pack 747	Rick Robertson	313-5286
Hiking Club	Cheryl Pruett-Fimbres	237-5879
Let's Talk Travel	Brian & Karen McKenna	751-4235
Out to Lunch Bunch	Theresa Romanelli	373-5442
Texas Hold'em	John Gulli	245-2149



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Celebrating 25 Years



Happy Mother's Day



DON'T FORGET

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Mother's Day

May 11th

An easy way

to MAKE her day:



BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS



Use them to BUY her gifts. GIVE her the cards AS a GIFT. Easy to mail to faraway moms too.

We have cards for national chains and local businesses...for restaurants, dept. stores, drugstores, Target, Walmart, Amazon, Civano, for groceries, for coffee...and more. Buy all cards after mass or in the office during the week. You can also special order other cards.

Buying gift cards benefits the Corpus Christi budget, as does using a check/cash to purchase.

