

# CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) .....4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
**Spanish Mass (3rd Sunday) ..... 1:00 p.m.**  
Monday .....12:10 p.m.  
Tuesday ..... 12:10 & 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday-Friday ..... 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays (12:45-3:15 p.m.); Thursdays (7:00 p.m.)

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Rev. Paul D. Becker, Pastor ..... 255-4600 (ext. 203)  
Rev. Raphael Obotama, Parochial Vicar 255-4600 (ext. 211)  
Rev. Terry Wipf, Parochial Vicar.....255-4600 (ext. 218)  
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager.....255-4600 (ext. 212)

## **PASTORAL MINISTERS**

Cindy Anderst, Pastoral Care.....255-4600 (ext. 205)  
Jennifer Braun, Music Ministry.....255-4600 (ext. 209)  
Mariah Conner, Faith Formation .....255-4600 (ext. 219)  
Mary Janusz, Pastoral Care .....255-4600 (ext. 220)  
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry .....255-4600 (ext. 208)

**DEACONS:** Michael Fix, Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall

## **PARISH SUPPORT STAFF**

Loretta Arntz, Bookkeeper ..... 255-4600 (ext. 201)  
Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600  
Viola Bullert, Janitress ..... 255-4600  
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician ..... 255-4600  
Bridget Johnson, Administrative Secretary..... 255-4600  
Colleen Reinhardt, Receptionist ..... 255-4600



## January 7, 2018

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation** is offered:

*Saturdays: 3:00-3:30 p.m.*

*Mondays - Fridays: 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.*

*Tuesdays: 5:05-5:20 p.m.*

*Wednesdays-Fridays: 6:35-6:50 a.m.*

Two Priests available Saturday afternoon & Wednesday before the 12:10 p.m. Mass. If you are unable to make these times, you can call the pastor at 701-255-4600 for an appointment.

**Baptism** - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 255-4600 to register prior to your delivery date and the program director will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

**Marriage** - Couples planning to be married should call the parish office at 255-4600 at least **9 months** in advance. Completion of required paperwork and taking the FOCCUS premarital inventory is also needed this early. **December FOCCUS will be on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

**Natural Family Planning Classes** are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 222-3035 or [www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp).

Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 255-4600.

**PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be received by noon on Wednesdays (*typed format*).

**PRAYER TREE:** 255-4600

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

My warmly felt affection to you for your remembrances this Christmas season. Your cards and gifts mean a great deal to me and I thank you for them. As I open each card and gift and picture you, I am thankful that you are part of our parish family.



**The Magi and their gifts.** According to legend, the wise men were considered royal personages. Their names are traditionally given as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar. Melchior was supposedly an old man with long hair and a white beard. His gift of gold is said to be a testimony to the royalty of Christ. Gaspar is usually pictured as young and beardless. Tradition says his gift of incense was a token of Christ's divine nature. Balthazar is pictured as black of complexion with a full beard. The myrrh he held is said to have prefigured the death of Christ.

**Baptism of the Lord.** John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps Jesus comes to sanctify His mortal baptizer, certainly our Lord comes to bury sinful humanity in the purifying waters of His Baptism. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us. He who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

**Pure Waters.** The Lord was baptized not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that these waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of baptism. *(St. Ambrose)*

**K.C. Breakfast at Corpus Christi**

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
(9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Serving pancakes, sausage and eggs.  
Proceeds will benefit Religious Vocations.



**Your stepping stones back in to life...**

LOTUS (Looking Onward to Understanding and Serenity) is a group for men, women and young adults who have experienced a death. This group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month September through May at 10:00 a.m. for men, 1:00 p.m. for women, and 7:00 p.m. for men and women.

LOTUS will meet on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Parkway Funeral Service. The topic will be *"Dealing with anger and frustration."*

CONTRIBUTIONS (GENERAL FUND) - (2,277 households)	
Adult Envelopes (331).....	\$21,551.37
Youth Envelopes .....	\$ 175.59
TOTAL RECEIVED (December 313).....	\$21,726.96
1st Sunday .....	\$23,150.26
Electronic Contributions (148) .....	\$14,347.68
2nd Sunday .....	\$22,333.46
3rd Sunday .....	\$22,724.38
Electronic Contributions (98).....	\$ 9,239.68
Spanish Mass .....	\$ 164.00
4th Sunday .....	\$23,077.51
Christmas .....	\$23,419.15
5th Sunday .....	\$21,726.96

*We appreciate your generosity which is part of being faithful stewards of Corpus Christi.*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.** Tuesdays 12:45-3:15 p.m. (*private, quiet time, incense free*) with the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend time in Jesus' awesome Eucharistic presence. Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction, rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy) is also available Thursdays with Father Terry from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Marriage Moments: Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #7 - Let Lists Rule Your life.** It's the season of New Year's Resolutions. This can be good, but it can also turn your focus away from your beloved to self-improvement. Today, make one specific resolution to deepen your love.

**Parenting Pointers:** Jan. 6 was the Feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the 3 wise men's (foreigners) search for God. Legend has it that they followed a star. Gazing at stars can be a mystical experience. Look up at the sky with your child tonight. Hopefully you will see stars. Ponder the universe together. *(Susan Vogt....www.SusanVogt.net)*

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

- Monday, Jan. 8- ✠Nick & Jenny Kuntz (12:10 p.m.)*
- Tuesday, Jan. 9- Nagel Grandchildren (12:10 p.m.)*  
*✠Dolores Barta (5:30 p.m.)*
- Wednesday, Jan. 10- ✠Ewald & Patricia Heisler (7:00 a.m.)*  
*✠Helen Eberle (12:10 p.m.)*
- Thursday, Jan. 11- Poor Souls in Purgatory (7:00 a.m.)*  
*Richard Naumann (12:10 p.m.)*
- Friday, Jan. 12- ✠Elsie Volk (7:00 a.m.)*  
*✠Harry & Philippina Nagel (12:10 p.m.)*
- Saturday, Jan. 13- ✠Fred Kuntz (4:00 p.m.)*
- Sunday, Jan. 14- ✠Leona Werlinger (8:30 a.m.)*  
*Dennis & Rita & family (10:45 a.m.)*

Rachel Krueger, our Youth Coordinator, is resigning from her part-time position here at Corpus Christi for family reasons. She worked with our teens in middle school and high school youth ministry and coordinated our middle school faith formation program. We appreciated her work at the parish and wish her the best moving forward.

We have begun a formal search for a new youth minister and hope to have results to share in the future. Until then, middle school programming schedules will be adjusted.

**Stewardship Thoughts:** As we begin this new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.

**Vocation Views:** God is not made manifest in magnificence, but in the small and the ordinary. Use your talents to manifest God's ever faithful love for His people. (Is. 60:1-6)

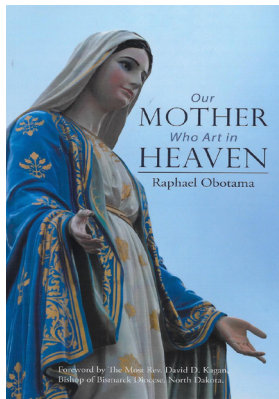
**Soup & Fry Bread Tasting Event**

Assorted home made soups and fry bread will be served on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Ascension Church Education Building, 1911 South 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**OUR MOTHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN**

*By Raphael Obotama*

A reflection on Mary's activities as described in the Bible and her messages during her apparitions on earth. This book is written by Fr. Raphael Obotama, a priest at Corpus Christi, and is for sale in the Parish Office for \$14.



**Shine with the Light of Christ**

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year opens to the public on January 8, 2018. Pre-K (ages 3-5), Kindergarten-Grades 5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12.



Light of Christ Catholic Schools

**Open House:**

**Pre-K to Grade 5** - Sunday, January 7, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

**Grades 6-8** - Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Call 701-354-7067 to schedule a private tour or shadow day at any of our schools. You can also apply online now at [lightofchristschools.org](http://lightofchristschools.org).

**What's Going on Here This Week**

- Tues. 1/9 Quilting, 9:00 a.m., Community Room  
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-3:15 p.m., Chapel  
K.C. Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Wed. 1/10 Faith Formation (B), 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Children's Choir, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Faith Formation (B), 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Confirmation (3), 6:30 p.m., Conference Room  
Pre-Confirmation (2), 7:00-8:15 p.m., Community Room  
Confirmation (4), 7:30 p.m., Conference Room
- Thurs. 1/11 Toastmasters, 6:30 a.m., Community Room  
Bell Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 p.m., Chapel  
Prepare, Care, Share, & Prepare Women's Group 7:00 p.m., Community Room
- Sun. 1/14 K.C. Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Parish Hall

**FOCCUS.** Is your marriage a gift? Would you like to help engaged couples in our parish who are getting ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony? We are looking for sponsor couples to work with engaged couples to go through their pre-marital inventory. We offer training and support. The next training session will be Monday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mary Janusz in the parish office at 255-4600 or by emailing [mary.janusz@corpuschristibismarck.com](mailto:mary.janusz@corpuschristibismarck.com).

**SMCHS** Silent Auction committee is looking for NEW items to be donated for the SMCHS Carnival; both silent and live auction items. If you can help in any way with the auction, contact Dick Heidt at 701-220-8181, or Dave Fleckenstein at 701-400-5037.

**EVANGELIZATION AND THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

This ten part video series will run Mondays from January 8 - March 19. Dr. Mary Healy, a passionate, prayerful Catholic teacher combines insightful biblical study with Church teaching and practical advice. She explores topics such as the call of Jesus to evangelize, the power of the Sacraments, techniques from St. Paul for reaching a secular culture, and more. Contact Cindy Anderst in the Parish Office at 255-4600 to register.



*The Holy Father Speaks...* The year opens in the name of the Mother. The Mother of God. There is no longer God without man; the flesh Jesus took from His Mother is our own, now and for all eternity. The great miracle of Christmas is that man is no longer alone; no more an orphan but forever a child. This is the novelty presented to us by the liturgy at the beginning of the new year. Knowing that we are children of God helps us to realize that humanity is precious and sacred to the Lord. Henceforth, to serve human life is to serve God. The Bible says of Mary only that she kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. She remained silent in the face of the great miracles and wonders of Christmas. In this, Mary follows in the footsteps of her Son, the Eternal Word of God, Who chose to become an infant, Who did not speak. This silence tells us that, if we would 'keep' ourselves, we need silence. As we look on the crib in silence, we let Jesus speak to our heart...To set aside a moment of silence each day to be with God is to keep our soul. Mary pondered both the joys and sorrows of life, dwelling on them with God in her heart. She pondered them by always turning them over to God. When we do that, God, Who keeps us in His heart, then comes to dwell in our lives. At the beginning of the new year, we too, as Christians on our pilgrim way, feel the need to set out anew from the centre, to leave behind the burdens of the past and to start over with the things that really matter. The point of departure is the Mother of God. Devotion to Mary is not spiritual etiquette, it is a requirement of the Christian life. If our faith is not to be reduced merely to an idea or a doctrine, all of us need a mother's heart. *"May the Mother, God's finest human creation, guard and keep this year, and bring the peace of her Son to our hearts and to the world."*

Welcome! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today and we hope you will return often. If you do not belong to a parish, please consider choosing Corpus Christi as your church home. You may call the parish office at 255-4600 to register.

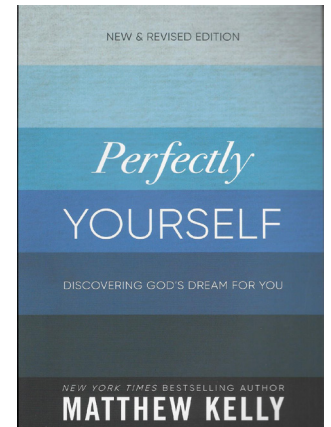
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Hospitality	1	Mary Ann Grossman	1		1	Bonnie Kisch	1	
	2	Evelyn Spangler	2		2	Stella Schiele	2	
	3		3		3	Lucille Shea	3	
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Ushers	1	Helen Berger*	1	John Saiki	1	Nancy Haunz*	1	Tim Rivinius
	2	Michael Kordonowy	2	John Novak	2	Chuck Holzer	2	Karen Selensky
	3	Derek Theurer	3	George Simek	3	Bernie Holzer	3	Vince Selensky
	4	Ron Hopfauf	4	Pius Ternes	4	Dennis Mastel	4	
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Lectors	1	Joyce Hinman	1	Dale Kasowski	1	Al Wolf	1	Annie Paulson
	2		2	Mary Kasowski	2	Joyal Meyer	2	Michael Schaff
Servers	1	Noah Weber	1	Kylie Paczkowski	1	Charlie Holzer	1	Mikayla Brackin
	2		2		2	Taylor Howell	2	Zachary Brackin
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	R-1	Carol Thompson	R-1	Dale Kasowski	R-1	Gary Feist	R-1	Maureen Vosberg
	2	Clyde Thompson	2	Mary Kasowski	2	Matt Kraft	2	Myles Vosberg
	3	Darrell Pladson	3	Helen Werlinger	3	Mary Siverson	3	Moni Krantz
	4	Lorraine Hoffman	4	Jim Janusz	4	Vicki Wetzel	4	
	5	Phyllis Lentz	5	Amy McKay	5	Kim Wetzel	5	
	6	Sharleen Pulver	6	William Knudson	6	Phyllis Lentz	6	
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	9	Father Paul	9	Father Terry	9	Father Paul		
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	1	Bob Clooten	1	Gerald Mathern	1	Cora Buchholz	1	Tim Bohan
	2	Sandy Wald-Clooten	2	Pamela Mathern	2	Rick Kaufman	2	Pat Herbel
	3		3	Charlie Volk	3	Laverne Kaufman	3	
	4		4	Anna Rathbun	4	Mary LaDuke	4	
	5		5	Jerome Werlinger	5	Steve Mittelsteadt	5	
	6		6	Emerita Loeb	6	Kathy Zahn	6	
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Can you help? The blank spaces mean we need more help in that ministry. Please come to the ushers room and sign in on the schedule to help. Thank You.

ENJOY A GIFT ON US!  
(Stop by the entrances of the Church and please take one per family)

**Perfectly Yourself**  
**Discovering God's Dream For You**  
by Matthew Kelly

Do you ever get the feeling that you are not enough? Not smart enough, not loved enough, not rich enough, not good enough? We all feel this from time to time - even the rich, the famous, the beautiful, and the geniuses in this world. These feelings are usually born from comparing ourselves with others, but God doesn't compare you to anybody else. Comparisons are worthless in a world of individuals. *God simply wants to help you become the person he created you to be - perfectly yourself. You are enough!*



**SPANISH MASS**

The January Spanish mass at Corpus Christi will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. As always, all are welcome. If you know of anyone who would care to celebrate mass in Spanish please feel free to invite them.

We thank you for your great awareness and kindness in parking and not intruding on our neighbors' property. This is the busy season and we know with the cold weather the temptations are strong to park where we shouldn't. You've been great about respecting our neighbors and we thank you for that.



**St. Mary's High School Carnival**

This year's annual carnival event to support Catholic Education in the Bismarck area is February 2-4. Corpus Christi, along with the other four Bismarck parishes, are joining together in an effort to make the 67th Anniversary of the carnival the most successful one yet and we need your help. We need volunteers to help with Corpus Christi's meals and midway games. Please stop by the sign-up table downstairs after mass and see where you might be able to help. Thank You.

**SIGN UP HERE!**

**Mary - A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**

by Edward Sri

Prepare, Care, Share and Prayer Women's Group  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Participants will experience an extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary's life as we explore "*The Presentation and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple.*" All women are invited to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Each session is designed so women can join anytime during the year, or miss a session if there is a conflict. No cost or registration. For more information, contact Cindy in the parish office at 701-255-4600.

**Martin Luther King Day Event**

Internationally acclaimed religious historian Albert Raboteau is the guest speaker at Bismarck's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration. Raboteau will speak on "*To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King's Prophetic Vision for Today*" at an interfaith service on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Avenue A). Free and open to the public, this event will include music, book signing and an exhibit featuring memorabilia from local residents who heard Martin Luther King, Jr. in person.

## Sunday, Jan 07, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Bless this threshold

Think of everything that goes on in your home. Whether you live in a studio or on an estate, home is where the action is. Meals eaten, laundry folded, conversations shared, faults confessed, injuries forgiven, promises made, dreams spoken out loud, victories celebrated, defeats laid to rest, births welcomed, wanderers embraced, sickness tended, disappointments endured, deaths grieved—these are the many elements by which the vitality of our homes is measured. Doesn't a space this important deserve a New Year's blessing? Celebrate a ritual for these rooms where love puts down its roots.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."*

## Monday, Jan 08, 2018

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Be prepared

Moments of great insight and personal revelation, such as the experience Jesus had when he emerged from the waters after John baptized him, are a gift from God. But the ground is ours to prepare. It is doubtful that Jesus arrived at this moment of his life, which marked the beginning of his public ministry, without having spent a good deal of time in prayer and quiet reflection. We can do the same. Working with the limitations of time and the circumstances of your life, create a time and space every day for prayer and quiet contemplation or meditation. Many people make it the first thing in their day. That way it doesn't get lost. Prepare the ground, so that when the Spirit "descends like a dove" with a revelation for you, it will find a solid place to perch.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11 (21). *"One mightier than I is coming after me."*

## Tuesday, Jan 09, 2018

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### What possessed you?

It's worthy to note that the "unclean spirits" in the gospel stories speak in the plural: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" Why is that? The "possessed" person is one who has lost his center, whose soul is divided, split and without grounding or foundation in the "Holy One of God." He is dominated by one voice, then by another. No wonder he speaks in the plural. Today, we might take a moment to ask ourselves, *What is my center? From where do my thoughts and actions flow?* Then make any necessary adjustments.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 or 1:1-8; Mark 1:21-28 or 1:14-20 (306 or 305). *"The man with the unclean spirit cried out, 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God!'"*

## Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018

### Healer, heal thyself

You may have heard the expression "wounded healer." It suggests that you don't have to be perfectly healthy to help others. But you have to be careful not to bring your unresolved problems into helping relationships with others, or you could do a lot of damage. Scripture makes it clear that taking care of your personal spiritual health should come first. Peter's mother-in-law

took to her bed when she was ill and only served the apostles after Jesus healed her. You can give of yourself only if you have something to give. Think about some ways you can improve your spiritual health—by doing some spiritual reading, praying more, seeking the sacrament of Reconciliation, or going on a retreat.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307).

*"Jesus took her by the hand and lifted her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them."*

## Thursday, Jan 11, 2018

### Take in the outcast

In the gospel era, lepers were considered rejects of society. According to the law of Moses, they had to announce their presence to everybody within earshot so they could be avoided. Yet, with a simple choice, a word, and a gesture, Jesus restored a leper to health so he could be around others without being afraid. How many people will we encounter today who, by their appearance or their language, will announce their rejection by society? Part of doing God's will is choosing to welcome the stranger and include those whom society rejects into our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). *"A leper knelt before Jesus and said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.'"*

## Friday, Jan 12, 2018

### Stick with the basics

The Gospel of Mark is the story of Jesus told in simple language for simple folk, without big words or extra commentary. But even without embellishment, extraordinary things happen—friendship so phenomenal that a paralytic makes an unlikely grand entrance followed by a more dramatic exit. It's plain to see Jesus works wonders, not just forgiving unforgivable sins but proving his right to do so by giving the paralyzed power to walk. If we're paralyzed today, it's because we've made life more muddled than Mark, wrapped up in rationalizations and fancy phrases when all we really need is "Jesus saves."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7; Mark 2:1-12 (309). *"They removed the roof above Jesus, and let down the mat on which the paralytic lay."*

## Saturday, Jan 13, 2018

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### Make the ask

Saint Hilary of Poitiers (d. 368), a midlife convert, felt great passion for the Christian concept of God—the Trinity—and fought hard against the Arians, who denied the divinity of Christ. For Hilary, Jesus wasn't simply a holy person; Jesus was the Christ, the second person of the Trinity. Therefore, Hilary argued, it is through Jesus that we find our way to God's grace: "We have been promised, and he who made the promise is trustworthy: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'" No matter what you've done or failed to do, your sins will be forgiven, if you just ask.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17 (310). *"All the crowd came to him and he taught them."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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