



**First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010**

The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.

-- Romans 10:8



Week of February 22nd - 27th

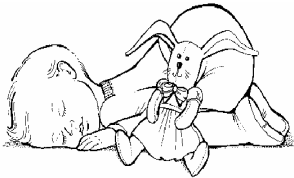
- Monday: 8:00 Paul Ryan+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Joyce Pederson+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Bruce Barr
- Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Frank Louie
- Friday: 8:00 William Ryan+
- Saturday: 8:00 Mary Ann McBride+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Betty Edgar, Doris Whitaker, Patty Charlton, Frank Louie, Bruce Barr, Joshua Bracciotti, John Murphy, Rebecca Bodle, Lucia Del Bagge & Robert Johnson.

Weekly Collections	February 14, 2010
Plate	\$9,211.50

The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:



Aidan Michael Moore, son of Camille Harrison and Michael Moore.

Gabriel Beau Pierre, son of Aileen David and Terry Pierre.

Isabella L. Sisneroz, daughter of Luzangela Ospina and John Sisneroz.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

RICE BOWL



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Operation Rice Bowl

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, I encouraged the Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes to fast during Lent. I told them that acts of self-denial might deepen their appreciation of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Today, I read a passage from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah in which he describes the kind of fast that is pleasing to God:

*"This is the fasting that I wish:
releasing those bound unjustly,
untying the thongs of the yoke;
setting free the oppressed,
breaking every yoke;
sharing your bread with the hungry,
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;
clothing the naked when you see them,
and not turning your back on your own."*

After reading these words, I felt that the fasting that I was encouraging the teenagers to do was rather superficial. Yet, I hesitate to ask them to do more because I know that I am reluctant to do more.

During Lent, we are encouraged to admit that the reason why Jesus had to make the ultimate sacrifice is because of our unwillingness to fast in the way that God desires of us.

Love, Fr. Leo

Lenten Prayer

*Good and Gracious God,
You who are full of compassion,
help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.
During this Holy Season we:
pray that we may be transformed,
fast in solidarity with those who are hungry,
learn to live with less,
and Give so that others may live.
May we join in solidarity as one human family
and love one another as you love each of us.*

Amen.

Please Take Note!

The deadline for the Bulletin is Monday at Noon for the upcoming weekend. Also, please note that everything should be submitted to the Bulletin Editor at the Parish Office or email to: gailvandeusen@yahoo.com or: rectory@corpuschristipiedmont.org. Thank You!

Maggie's News!

The next session of **High School Gospel Study** is today, February 21st, at 9:30 a.m. See you there!

A huge **Retreat Planning Session for all Teen and Adult Leaders** is scheduled for today, February 21st, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center.

The **Retreat for Confirmation** (10th graders) is on Friday, February 26th, until Sunday, February 28th. Carpools leave from the Church at 6:30 p.m. that Friday!

Monthly



Events

Get ready for pancakes! The **Annual Boy Scout Troop 6 Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, March 7th, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. They will be serving up stacks of hot pancakes and delicious ham with all the extras! The price is \$8.00 per adult, \$15.00 for two or \$20.00 for the entire family. The Boy Scouts will be selling tickets after Mass today or you can purchase them the morning of the event. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

Around the Parish!

The **11th Annual Corpus Christi Women's Group Lenten Retreat** will be held on Saturday, March 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church and Gibson Center. Our facilitator, Sr. Kathleen McCabe, will lead on the topic, "Living Lovingly in Turbulent Times." For more information, contact Kitty de Jong at 530-4249 or email her at: peerke@sbcglobal.net.

Ankie's News!



Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they begin their preparation for First Holy Communion.

Lenten Observances

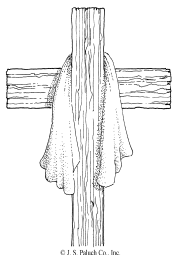


The Lenten fast began with Ash Wednesday. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem."

The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

Remember!

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.



Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.

Vocation Retreat for Young Women!

Single young women contemplating a religious vocation are invited to the Sisters of Nazareth Discerner's Day on Sunday, March 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nazareth House is located at 245 Nova Albion Way in San Rafael. For further information, call Sr. Fintan at (310) 216-8170 or Sr. Linda at (415) 479-8282.

Supplies Needed

The St. Vincent de Paul Men's Dining Room needs of the following supplies: bath towels; men's magazines, e.g., Time, Reader's Digest, Popular Mechanics, People, various weekly tabloids and mystery novels.

They could also use Rosary beads, medals, holy cards, bibles, prayer books, etc. Please drop off these items at the Parish Office or call John Marquette at 531-6756. Thank you for your continued support!

Crab Feed Auction Items!

If you have not paid for and/or picked up your auction items, please come to the School Office and do so ASAP. Any unpaid items need to be paid for by check or with cash. Thank you for your cooperation!

A former parishioner is looking for part-time work in childcare or taking care of the elderly, Mondays through Saturdays. She is experienced and has her own car. Contact Ester at 530-6469. References available upon request.