

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2017

Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

-- Romans 6:11



## Daily Mass

### Week of July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

- Monday: 8:00 Mary Gomez+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Santitos Martinez+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Rose Marble+
- Thursday: 8:00 Elizabeth Meagher+
- Friday: 8:00 Joe I. Martinez+
- Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Caria & Robin's Anniversary



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Betty Perkins, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.



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

Welcome to Our Family

**Ethan Alexander Drobocky**, son of Laruen Breznikar and Nicholas Drobocky.

**Nia Davon Yvette Jackson**, daughter of Naila Vitatoe and Davon Jackson.

**James Augustino Baltazar Orjalo**, son of Sharon Baltazar and Arturo Orjalo.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



**Summer Hours:** The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Have a fun and safe summer vacation!



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be back on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and fun Fourth of July weekend!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The proper name of the famous statue in New York harbor is "Liberty Enlightening the World." The torch held high by the female figure signifies release from the darkness of ignorance and tyranny. We may well consider on this Fourth of July weekend to what extent that high aspiration has been achieved and what dangers lie ahead as this nation falters into the unknown.

As followers of Christ we know the true liberty of the people of God: the sure hope of those who walk in the light of the Lord. That light touches every aspect of our human existence, including our commitment to life in human society which respects the lives of all its members. Pope Francis has made it clear that this includes decent material benefits such as food, housing and health care. The degradation of extreme poverty has no place in a civilized nation; hence the picture of encampments of the homeless should be a source of shame for all who view it, especially governmental agencies which have power to prevent or at least ameliorate it.

To deny health care to millions of people is knowingly to condemn them to serious injury and even death. This is not an economic issue but a moral one, that is, a policy directly opposed to the law of God.

Such reflections come to us from the mouth of Jesus, who says, as long as you did it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me. All of us, and especially our political leaders, need take these words very much to heart.

Fr. Basil

### Lost and Found!

If anyone has lost or misplaced something in the Church or Gibson Center, please check with the Parish Office. We may have it!

### Unity!

Then join hand in hand, brace Americans all!  
By uniting we stand,  
by dividing we fall.

-- John Dickinson

**Not Sure What You Believe?**

Do you consider yourself spiritual but not religious? Or have you been a churchgoer for some time but you have doubts and questions about what you believe? Perhaps something feels like it is being rearranged inside your heart and you want to explore your spirituality more. Or maybe your partner or spouse is Catholic, but you feel completely "out of the loop" when it comes to his/her religious beliefs. If you fit any of these descriptions, you are invited to gather with others who want to explore their spiritual lives more as well.

The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) at Corpus Christi offers a chance for anyone on a spiritual journey to gather with others who are asking questions about their spirituality or faith beliefs. It is an opportunity to search, share, question and grow alongside others. Jesus always invited others, without pressure, to "come and see" if they were interested in living the way that he lived. We invite you to do the same, no strings attached. Please join us in the Parish Office for a Q&A session about this group on July 16<sup>th</sup> or August 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m., between the morning Masses. Feel free to bring family members or friends. To learn more, contact Ann Naffziger at: [ann@gospelliving.org](mailto:ann@gospelliving.org) or call 521-8011.



**Remember Your Offerings**

**Weekend Mass Collection During the Summer!**

It is important that we maintain the level of weekly giving to the Sunday Mass collection even as we make payments towards our Stewardship Campaign pledges. If the giving in this area declines, we will have defeated our purpose in maintaining a healthy operating budget, paying off the debt and sowing the seeds for the future in terms of the needs outlined in the Stewardship Campaign. The Parish has been very responsive to this message and your generosity is very much appreciated.

This especially holds true during the summer months when many of us are away for extended periods of time. Please remember your Parish by writing a check that includes the Sundays that you are away, either before you leave or upon your return. Or, you can set up automatic bill payments from your bank's Online Banking system.

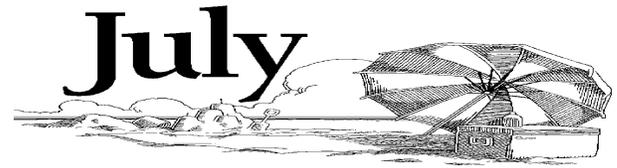
Again on behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you for your continued generosity and responsiveness as we work together towards keeping the Parish finances on a firm footing and share collectively the responsibility for stewardship of Corpus Christi.

*Finance Committee*

**Freedom!**

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

*-- Abraham Lincoln*



**Independence Day Prayer!**

*God, source of all freedom,  
this day is bright with the memory  
of those who declared that life  
and liberty are your gift to every human being.*

*Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.  
Make our vision clear and our will strong;  
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,  
and justice only in the honor that belongs  
to every life on earth.*

*Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:  
to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship,  
and to find safety only in the common good of all.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**Upcoming Concert!**

The Choir, *Maitrise des Hauts de France*, will give a performance at St. Margaret Mary Church, 1219 Excelsior Avenue in Oakland on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Works by Antonio Vivaldi, Guillaume Bouzignac, Giovanni Battista Martini, Waclaw x Szamotul, Johann Sebastian Bach, Léo Delibes and Giovanni Battista Pergolesi will be performed by the young Choir whose members come from the city of Lille and the area of Lambersart in France. Admission is free. A free-will offering accepted at the concert. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 482-0596 or: [parishoffice@stmargaretm.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmargaretm.org).



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