



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

-- Isaiah 56:1a



Week of August 21st – 26th

- Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Tuesday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Nanette Sabatte Schneider+
- Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Friday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
- Saturday: 8:00 Elda Duimich+

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, 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.



Weekly Collection	August 13 th
Plate	\$9,272.00
Missionary Co-op	\$2,425.00

 Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed this coming week, August 21st through August 25th. The Office will be open on Monday, August 28th.

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- Thus says the Lord: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right" (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm -- O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading -- The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel -- Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish" (Matthew 15:21-28).

Gratitude!

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more -- a grateful heart.

-- George Herbert



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Tuesday, we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our mother was privileged at the end of her life to go immediately to heaven for two reasons: first, because of her willingness to submit her will to God. Remember her response to God's invitation at the Annunciation, "Let it be done to me according to your will." Second, as a sign to all of us of what is in store for us if we follow Mary's example. We, as Catholics, acknowledge our mother to be the perfect disciple, second only to her son in her devotion to the Father. In honor of our Lady's feast, I invite you to read and reflect on her beautiful hymn of praise, the Magnificat:

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
 for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm,
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 the promise he made to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his children for ever."*

Our mother offered this hymn of praise on our behalf; may it become our Magnificat!

Love, Fr. Leo

A Special Thank You!
 I am trying to contact as many as possible of the lovely, generous people who contributed to the big birthday bash last Saturday. If I fail to get to every one of you individually, please accept my deep, heartfelt thanks. It is you, the people of Corpus Christi, the People of God, who have been the great gift of my life for so many years. May God richly reward you with peace and joy always.
 Fr. Basil

Invitation to the RCIA Program!

Do you want to learn more about becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic but interested in receiving your First Communion and/or Confirmation? Or, are you already a practicing Catholic who is looking for a spiritual community and is interested in learning more about your faith? If you answered yes to any of the above, the RCIA program might be right for you. The program will begin in late September. There will be plenty of opportunities to experiment with different forms of prayer, share spiritual questions, doubts, hopes and experiences, and learn about the broad themes and teachings of the Catholic Church, with time for questions and discussion. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Ann at 521-8011 or email: ann@gospelliving.org.

Let's Read All of the Gospels!

Corpus Christi will be sponsoring a free, six-week "Overview of the Four Gospels," class beginning on Tuesday, September 12th, taught by staff member, Ann Naffziger, MA, MDiv. There will be no "homework," except that the class will read each Gospel in its entirety during the course. (Not as hard as it sounds!) Whether you have never cracked open that family Bible on your mantle or you have some background with Bible study groups, feel free to join us Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center. For more information or to register, please contact Ann at 521-8011 or email: ann@gospelliving.org.

Introducing Family Faith Formation



Corpus Christi is excited to announce some changes to our former Sunday School program that we hope will support families with children in Kindergarten through 6th grade. We will continue to have classes on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. During classes, Paul Canavese and Ann Naffziger will facilitate parent discussion groups. New this year will be three sessions where parents join their children for learning activities. This year, preparation for First Communion (2nd grade) and First Reconciliation (4th grade) will involve greater parent participation. More information, the calendar and registration forms may be found on the Parish website and at the Parish Office. Please register by September 1st. Classes begin on September 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.

History of Our Church Needed!

My name is Alec Abdul-Rahim and I am a high school senior, working on my Eagle Scout project. If anyone has any historical information about our Church prior to the 1962 and 1998 renovations, I would love to talk to you. There will be a gathering on Tuesday, August 29th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church to exchange stories and memories. Please call me at 508-1431 by August 27th if you are able to attend or have any information. Thank You!

Catholic Alumni Club!

The Catholic Alumni Club invites single Catholic professionals to a dinner at Tomatina Restaurant, 1325 North Main Street, Walnut Creek at 5:30 p.m. Plan to have a good time and meet new friends. Call Earle at (925) 300-8811 by Thursday, August 24th, to reserve a space!

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

Treasures From Our Tradition!

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education; but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917, a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset; and, increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But, the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.