



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

-- Matthew 18:19



Daily Mass

Week of September 11th – 16th

Monday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Wednesday: 8:00 Bill Woodward+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns
 Friday: 8:00 Mary Vukas+
 Saturday: 8:00 Bob Wilson+



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.

Weekly Collection	September 3 rd
Plate	\$10,211.00
Hurricane Harvey	\$3,511.00



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

Julian James Sierra, son of Lizelle Manuel and James Sierra.

Mya Wright, daughter of Rosa Ramirez and Marcel Wright.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Priests Retirement Collection!

Currently, we have over forty retired priests in the Diocese of Oakland. With one hundred active priests over the age of 60 or older, the number of retired clergy will grow considerably over the next decade. In addition, thanks be to God, our retired clergy are living longer and continue to help at Masses. However, this increases the cost above projections that were made when the system was put in place a couple of decades ago. Also, priests who come to our Diocese from another one or religious orders to serve the people of Oakland do not bring their retirement benefits with them. They start with zero when they begin to minister here. The second collection is this weekend, September 9th and 10th. Thank you for your support!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is much talk these days about left and right, conservative and progressive and the like. In our faith community it often refers to positions of the Second Vatican Council of 1962-1965, which gave us the liturgy as we celebrate it now as well as teachings of the church on marriage, relations with other Christians, labor and management, etc.

For some the Council went too far in a "liberal" way, meaning that there was too much loosening of rules, that long standing practices had been abandoned, that authority had been diminished. One could refute each of these allegations but it is more useful to view each of them in the light of the good will and charity which prompted the changes that some find so troublesome. The fact that everything the Council did was aimed at bringing a deeper understanding of God's love to all his people.

We tend to be influenced by the political atmosphere in which we live where a word like "liberal" has been demeaned because its basic root is misunderstood. It comes from the Latin "*liber*" which means free; it also gave us the word liberty. As Christians we are dedicated to the freedom with which Christ has set us free. But nothing was changed by the Council in that regard; everything the Council proclaimed was rooted in the tradition that came to us from Christ and the apostles.

The Irish poet Eavan Boland said of another poet that he was deeply nourished by tradition and lovingly open to change. There is the key: loving openness. To cherish what is best and authentic about the past, and to love what promises to make the future better. That is a blessed recipe for every aspect of human life.

Fr. Basil

Clean Out Your Book Shelves For A Great Cause!

Oakland Elizabeth House, which provides transitional housing for women and their children who are victims of violence or domestic abuse, is looking to refresh their library with new and gently-used books geared toward young children and moms. There will be a container at the front entrance of the Church to drop off your books and in the Gibson Center. The book drive will run until Monday, September 18th. For those who would like to purchase new books, checks should be made payable to **Oakland Elizabeth House** and either dropped into the collection basket at Mass or at the Parish Office. This drive is organized by Jett Roberts for his Eagle project and he will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. He can also be reached at 251-8055. Thank You for your continued generosity!

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!

Have you ever vowed to read more of the Bible but didn't know how to get started, or have you ever started but quit because it was so confusing? This fall, you will have a chance to read all four of the Gospels while learning about their background and historical context. Join us for a free, six-week "Overview of the Four Gospels" class, beginning on Tuesday, September 12th. The class will be offered both on 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 to: ann@gospelliving.org.

**Lori's News!
Introducing Family Faith Formation**



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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. Classes begin on September 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.

Tuition Assistance!

Next weekend, September 16th and 17th, the Annual Tuition Assistance collection for our School will take place. This special collection goes to help needy families who would otherwise not be able to send their children to Catholic school. Thank You for your generosity!

Upcoming Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck is next Saturday, September 16th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. What a great opportunity to welcome our new parishioners! Everyone is welcome to bring a side dish or desert to share. Be sure to bring your family and invite your friends. Hope to see you there!

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel -- If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

Speaking Out in Love!

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading, Jesus says that when two or more are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them." So, we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken in the presence of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he does not speak out to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age where moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly, when the message we share with others is rooted in love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As Saint Paul writes, "Love does no evil to his neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

Magnificat SOTI Prayer Breakfast!

Magnificat SOTI, a ministry for women, invites you to a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 16th, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive in Concord. The guest speaker and author will be Annette Baber. She was born and raised into a Jewish Orthodox family. Hear her life story and how it led her to turn her life over to Christ. Tickets are \$40.00. For more information, call Jennifer at (503) 709-8449. You may also visit their website at: www.magnificatsoti.org.

Presence!

Wherever you see another, there I am.

-- Rabbinical Saying

