



## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

-- Sirach 28:2



Daily Mass

Week of September 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Sean Hales+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Leo Abcede+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Terry Achiam+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
 Friday: 8:00 Marcy Fletcher+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Special Intentions



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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Jane Louise Meagher, survived by many members of the Meagher family. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$9,715.00
School Support	\$360.00

### Tuition Assistance!

This weekend, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### Tango Del Cielo!

The amazing Tango Del Cielo will perform here on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Join us and experience the excitement, passion and the beauty of tango and flamenco through music and dance in the midst of our own community. We are looking forward to sharing these moments with you! After the 5:00 p.m. Mass, there will be food and drink in the Gibson Center, followed by the concert. Admission is \$20.00 per ticket/\$15.00 per ticket at: [tangoatcorpus2017.bpt.me](http://tangoatcorpus2017.bpt.me). Tickets will also be sold at the door. For more information, email: [ccmusic322@gmail.com](mailto:ccmusic322@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has put out a statement that I have found particularly helpful with regard to the sin of racism, a sin that has been so clearly evidenced in Charlottesville, Virginia, in recent weeks.

What I liked most about the text they put forth is that it was made clear that we have all been imbued with some racism simply by living in our society, that, though we are Christians and are trying to do what is right and think what is right, we too can be subtly guilty of racism and prejudice of many kinds. Whenever we group people together in our thinking or in our speech under categories of class or ethnic make-up, gender, age, etc., we are indulging in some categorization that can be called prejudicial.

To become aware of our own biases, a true conversion is necessary and courageous self-reflection. They have suggested some questions we might ask ourselves:

- How have I been silent on the events of the past weeks?
- How have I been silent on racism?
- How have I participated in words or actions that denigrate others?
- What am I not seeing in myself, ignoring about myself that is contrary to love of neighbor, even those I do not know?
- What fears do I knowingly or unknowingly hold about people that are different from me?
- How do I consciously or unconsciously act on these fears? In my choices, my beliefs, my actions, my attitudes?
- How have I failed to do what is right and just?
- Have I failed to ask Christ to heal me of my prejudice?

Reflection on these questions as well as a hard look at our civic institutions and attitudes -- toward minorities, toward immigrants and refugees is called for if we are to be true Christian witnesses in our fractured society today.

Fr. Dan



### Don't Forget!

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our Bulletin. Through their participation, our Parish receives our weekly Bulletin free of charge!

**Want to Grow Your Faith?**

Whether you have a small spark of faith that you wish you could fan into a flame or you have a robust faith life that you would still like to deepen, you are welcome to join Corpus Christi's RCIA program, beginning on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a program for adults who are interested in being a part of a community that is exploring faith topics and spiritual practices. For those who may decide to become Catholic or Catholics who have not yet been confirmed, this is a great place to begin. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Ann at 521-8011 or email: [ann@gospelliving.org](mailto:ann@gospelliving.org).

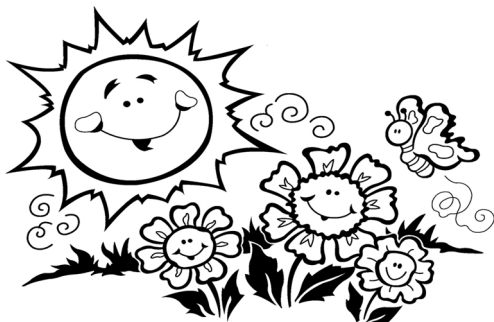
**Lori's News!****Introducing Family Faith Formation**

© J.S. Pabek Co., Inc.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and First Reconciliation (4<sup>th</sup> 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 began on September 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at: [corpuschristisundaysschool@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristisundaysschool@gmail.com).

**René's News!****Middle School Ministry!**

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer! Now that school has started, so has our Middle School Ministry. All children in middle school (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to join. Our first session is Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Dinner will be provided. Our focus will be a safe and fun place for middle school kids to learn more about our faith and learn what it means to give back to our community. No paperwork is needed for the first session. I will have papers for you to sign as well as a schedule of dates for future sessions. We will meet once a month on Fridays in the Gibson Center. I look forward to seeing you and your children this year!

**Upcoming Potluck!**

Hospitality's next Potluck is this Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. What a great opportunity to welcome our new parishioners! Be sure to stop by. Hope to see you there!

**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30--28:9).

**Psalm** -- The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** -- Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** -- Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

**Clean Out Your Book Shelves For A Great Cause!**

Just a reminder that the book drive is this weekend and will be extended through Friday. 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. 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. He can be reached at 251-8055. Thank You for your continued generosity!

**Forgiveness!**

When Jesus lived on earth, he personally offered forgiveness to sinners. He can't do that today without us. The Gospel reading tells of the forgiveness we are to bring to one another. In the parable, Jesus contrasts the senseless action of the servant who refuses to forgive the barely day's wages owed him by a fellow servant after a "huge amount" -- really an unfathomable amount -- has been forgiven him by the king. God who has forgiven the sinfulness of humanity will not tolerate our inability to forgive one another of our small faults. One of the most visible ways the Church offers its forgiveness is through actions of its priests in the sacraments, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest officially dispenses grace in the sacraments, but also dispenses grace just by being present. Cardinal Suhard of Paris described this as "*l'apostolate de la presence*," the "apostolate of the presence." As Christians, we are all called to this apostolate; the priest is a special way.