

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 24, 2017**

Turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God,  
who is generous in forgiving.

-- Isaiah 55:7b



**Week of September 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Terry Achiam+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Robert Kenny+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Mary Barlow+
- Thursday: 8:00 Terry Achiam+
- Friday: 8:00 Thomas Rapatz+
- Saturday: 8:00 Terry Riley+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Donald Mulvey, 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 17 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$8,453.00

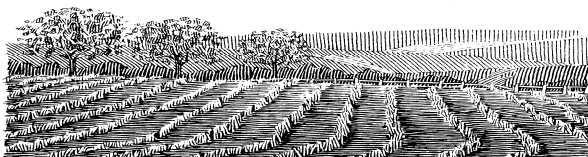
**Tango Del Cielo!**

The amazing Tango Del Cielo will perform here this 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. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, email: [ccmusic322@gmail.com](mailto:ccmusic322@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Autumn!**

Listen! The wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with leaves,  
we have had our summer evenings,  
now for October eves!

-- Humbert Wolfe



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's first reading from the book of Isaiah, God is quoted as saying:

"My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts."

The significance of these words is illustrated in this week's Gospel according to Matthew. In the parable of the owner of the vineyard, we are confronted with the actions of the owner who challenges our sense of fairness.

Those who are hired late in the day are paid first and given an amount equal to those who worked long and hard hours. That seems unfair by our standards. This is because in our world of "quid pro quo" mercy and generosity have little or no place in our value system. Our concept of "fairness" reigns supreme.

Fortunately for you and me, God does not think in terms of fairness. His "modes operandi" is outrageous generosity, outrageous mercy and outrageous goodness!

One of the greatest challenges that we face as human beings is learning how to let go of the values of this world so that we may be transformed by the values of our God in heaven.

Love, Fr. Leo

**Corpus Christi Parish Business Owners!**

Support Corpus Christi School by advertising with more than two hundred families! The 2017 Walk-a-thon is looking for sponsors. Each sponsor will be acknowledged in flyers and publications for our families and will be highlighted in a Montclarion ad. With a minimum donation of \$500.00, they will have their logo featured on the Walk-a-thon t-shirt. Please contact co-chair Amanda Okamoto at: [amanda.m.okamoto@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.m.okamoto@gmail.com) if you would like to become a sponsor. Thank You for your help!



**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! 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 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>. For questions, please contact Lori at: [corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristisundayschool@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!

**Today's Readings!**



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**First Reading** -- Turn to the Lord, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** -- The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** -- Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** -- The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

**Seek the Lord!**

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the Lord" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost. How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you .... And, on it goes.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations.

**Corpus Christi School Open House!**



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On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m., our School will hold their first Open House for prospective families to visit the classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about our wonderful School. If you or anyone you know is interested, we welcome you to come join us. For more details, please contact Evelien Verpeet at: [everpeet@gmail.com](mailto:everpeet@gmail.com) or Heidi Catapusan at: [heidi.wagner510@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.wagner510@gmail.com) or call the School at 530-4056, ext. 200. Hope to see you there!

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

In the early years of the church, most people never availed themselves of one-in-a-lifetime penance. Yet, penitents were highly visible. They wore distinctive garments or chains and they were relegated to special zones in the church. They might be dismissed from the Sunday assembly after the Word, forbidden to join in the Prayer of the Faithful or the Eucharist. This dismissal was done with great affection and tenderness as the bishop laid his hands on the heads of the sinners. During Lent, almost everyone would identify with penitents by clothing, insignia or by following the penitents' regular diet. Rather than sit in judgment over them, the church desired to intercede for them before the Lord. "Let Mother Church weep for you and wash away your sins with her tears," said St. Ambrose to his penitents in Milan. Ambrose liked to think of them as Jonah in the whale, meditating on his errors. In a letter to his sister, he said that Jonah is also a sign of Christ in the tomb and so he had great faith in the penitents' future proclamation of the Resurrection with their reclaimed status in the assembly.

**A Clear Conscience!**

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

-- French Proverb