

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

-- *Philippians 4:6*



Daily Mass

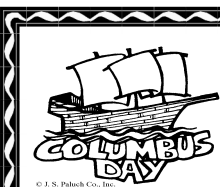
Week of October 9th – 14th

Monday: 8:00 Mary Gomez+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Isaac Gomes+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+
 Thursday: 8:00 Eugenio Duimich+
 Friday: 8:00 Rodney B. Costello+
 Saturday: 8:00 Margaret Dougherty+
 Peggy Reich+



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 Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	October 1 st
Plate	\$9,862.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$945.50



In observance of Columbus Day tomorrow, October 9th, the Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 10th. Have a great holiday!



Next weekend, October 14th and 15th, is World Mission Sunday, a special day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions of today. Through your prayers and your generous help, you will be a missionary yourself, reaching out to share your own faith with the world so in need of Christ's message. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You!

The Start!



It's the start that stops most people.

-- Anonymous

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This column in the Bulletin is meant to provide spiritual good for our people. There are several ways to do that; by now you know enough not to expect spirituals nose-gays from me. So here I will revert to wearing a hat from another life, that of film reviewer, and recommend a movie.

It appeared on PBS last month, *The Vietnam War*, made by Ken Burns, who has produced many fine documentaries. It may be repeated there or you may find it in another place. Many of you are too young to remember that war but you need to know about it and what it signifies in the life of this country.

Pope Paul VI in a famous speech at the time pleaded "No more war." Popes are like poets; they do not have external power (remember Stalin's jibe at the pope -- "how many divisions does he have?"). But popes like poets have the power to expose the truth where politicians and military men (rarely women) base their actions on lies. Every war depends upon lies. As a famous baseball player once said, you could look it up.

The power of the Burns film is its dedication to truth, especially painful truth. The most painful thing about the Vietnam War is not that the U.S. lost it -- we have not won a war since 1945; but that it proved definitively that the evil of a war can infect a whole society, that even good people can be deceived into thinking that we are doing the right thing. Many good people were deceived then, as many good people were deceived in the election of 2016.

The Vietnam War film shows the full horror of bloodshed, but we knew about that. What is almost as horrible is that leaders were willing to destroy so many lives to "save face" and to maintain a high rank in the world. What could be more vicious and evil?

The prophets of Israel denounced evil shepherds who led their people astray. St. Paul cautioned the people in his churches not to be deceived by false doctrine about Christ. We know the truth about Christ and his peace and it must lead us to seek both truth and peace as we make our judgements about the world we live in.

I recommend the Burns film not only as a piece of honorable reporting and the good work we are studying these Sundays but also as a testament to the need to seek the truth. As our Lord has told us, to seek him is to seek the truth and the truth will set us free.

Fr. Basil

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 which began on Thursday, September 28th. 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.

Lori's News! Family Faith Formation

Preparation for First Holy Communion begins on Saturday, October 28th, with our kickoff retreat from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The retreat is mandatory for 2nd graders and parents. Children who are not enrolled in the Parish School must be registered in Faith Formation classes in order to prepare for receiving First Communion. Please contact Lori as soon as possible at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com if you need to register or have any questions. We're excited about our new program that strengthens the role of parents in the preparation process. See you soon!

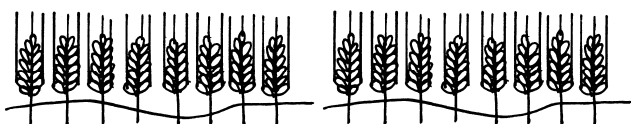
In the Vineyard!

As usual, today's first and third scripture readings are obviously related, with the second continuing one of Paul's Letters -- these days, the Letter to the Philippians. The vineyard stories from Isaiah and Matthew both talk about evildoers coming to a bad end. In Isaiah, it's the vineyard itself that produces "wild grapes" instead of the crop the owner dreamed of and worked for. So, it will be "trampled" and "overgrown with thorns." In Matthew, those to whom the owner leased the vineyard destroy the dream. The owner "will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants" (Matthew 21:41).

Yes, if we reject divine love we come to a bad end. And with all this talk of the unfaithful being trampled and thrown out, it's consoling to hear Paul's message to the Philippians, who were by no means perfect. "Have no anxiety at all," Paul said. "Then the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:6-9).

Enjoy an Evening of Fun!

Join friends for an evening of fellowship and fundraising, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County, on Friday, November 3rd, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The place is Holy Spirit Church, 37648 Fremont Blvd. In Fremont. To R.S.V.P., call 719-0774.



Upcoming Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck is Saturday, October 14th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy the fall weather with a little Oktoberfest! There will be sausages, cider and pretzels. Everyone is welcome to bring a side dish, dessert or beer to share! For additional information, contact Carol at: heard-whart@yahoo.com.

Wings (Women in God's Spirit)!

Wings is back on Wednesday, October 11th. This is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May at St. Theresa's Event Center, Meeting Room 1, 4850 Clarewood Drive in Oakland; 9:15 a.m., hospitality followed with a guest speaker and program until 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker presentations will uplift you and keep you informed. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. Bring a friend. The Fall season is devoted to catechesis, exploring and enriching knowledge of Catholic tradition. The theme for this year is *Gather Your People*. Contact Gaby Miller at: gabymiller275@gmail.com for more information.



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7).

Psalm -- The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel (Psalm 80).

Second Reading -- God's peace will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-9).

Gospel -- The kingdom of God will be given to those who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:33-43).

October Mass Count

As customary, Sunday Mass attendance is tabulated every year during the month of October. Our ushers will take up this count each weekend throughout October. The count of adults and children under the age of 13 is to be taken separately. Thank you for your help!

Extra Yarn Needed!

If anyone has any extra yarn that they are not using, please drop it by the Parish Office. Sally Costello will be making items with it. If you have any questions, Sally's number is 339-1771. Thank You!