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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

The greatest among you must be your servant.

-- Matthew 23:11



Daily Mass

Week of November 6th – 11th

Monday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Margaret Anthony+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 Leo J. Edgerly, Sr.+
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Saturday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+



Prayer Requests

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Donald Mulvey, John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, 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 29 th
Plate	\$7,687.66
The Catholic Voice	\$1,777.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,071.00



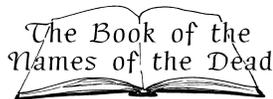
Welcome to Our Family

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

Taeminh Theodore Kwon Miller, son of Bonnie Kwon and Teddy Miller.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Throughout November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages. You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though



The Book of the Names of the Dead

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dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.



From Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm writing this during the week of Halloween and I am reminded of a conversation that I had with some of our children a couple of years ago. I wanted to share with them my thoughts about the connection between All Hallow's Eve and All Saints Day.

Our session was going well until a sixth grader asked a question. He wanted to know what was the difference between All Saints Day and All Souls Day. I acknowledged that he had asked a very important question, but told him that my explanation would be too difficult for the first, second and third graders present to understand. In reality, my response to him was only partially true. The topic that I was trying to avoid was our Church's teaching on the subject of Purgatory. I preferred not to discuss the matter of Purgatory because I thought that it might be both frightening and confusing to the younger children. And, because it is also an unsettling concept for me to accept.

Let us review the Church's understanding of Purgatory. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified...undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven...the Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...."

This very vague explanation of Purgatory leaves many questions unanswered. But, the Good News is this: if we make it to Purgatory, we know that we will eventually get to Heaven!

Love, Fr. Leo



In Remembrance

Altar of Remembrance!

Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish Office to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.



VETERANS Day

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10th, in honor of Veterans Day, November 11th! Don't forget to remember our veterans!



Continuing Adult Faith Formation!

The Corpus Christi RCIA program welcomes anyone who is interested in learning more about their faith to join us for any and all sessions on Thursday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Rectory Conference Room. A list of topics that we will be covering can be found on the Parish website at: <http://corpuschristipiedmont.org/rcia>. Whether you are a lifelong Catholic who wants to go beyond what you learned about your religion when you were a child, to adults who may not have been confirmed, to those who are exploring becoming a Catholic, this program may be for you! If possible, please call Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or email her at: ann@gospelliving.org to let her know you will be coming.

New Visitation Ministry!

Would you or anyone you know like a visit at your home from a Corpus Christi parishioner to bring you the Eucharist if you are unable to attend Mass regularly? Or, would you or someone you know benefit from a friendly visit from a fellow parishioner, particularly if you have trouble getting out of the house? Our Parish is beginning a new home visitation ministry. Volunteers will be paired up with those who would appreciate a visit for spiritual or social reasons or both. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Katie Hayes at 336-1875 or email her at: katiehayes57@yahoo.com.



Corpus Christi School Book Fair!

Corpus Christi School's annual Book Fair begins this Sunday, November 5th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the School Auditorium. The entire community is invited. There are books for all ages. Proceeds directly support the Corpus Christi School Library. The Men's Club will be serving donuts. Enjoy a cup of coffee and buy a book, all while supporting the School Library!

Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief!

Boy Scout Troop 6 is having a Hurricane Relief fundraising campaign to assist the people of Puerto Rico. Life is very difficult on the island right now because of Hurricane Maria, especially in the outlying areas that are still without power. Schools and businesses are still closed, and buying essential items like water, fuel and food continues to be a struggle. Troop 6 wants to help our fellow Americans of Puerto Rico and have identified a church, Parroquia El Salvador, on the southwest part of the island in need of support. As part of this effort, there will be a donation table set up outside the Church after all the Masses this weekend, November 4th and 5th; and on Saturday and Sunday, November 11th and 12th. All proceeds will go directly to Parroquia El Salvador to benefit their community and the broader community they serve. **Please make checks out to Corpus Christi Church.** Donations can also be made online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/troop6hurricanerelief>. For more information on Parroquia El Salvador Parish (which is part of the Diocese of Mayaguez), please visit: <http://www.diocesisdemayaguez.org>.

Upcoming Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck will be next Saturday, November 11th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Let's give thanks! It will be a great opportunity to share old family recipes or try out new ones. Turkey and ham will be served. Everyone is welcome to bring a side dish, dessert or a bottle of wine to share. For more information, contact Carol at: heardwhat@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!



Open House for School Enrollment!

On Tuesday, November 7th, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m., Corpus Christi School will hold their 2nd Open House for prospective families to visit classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about the School. If you or anybody you know is interested, you are welcome to come! For more details, call the School at 530-4056, ext. 200; contact Evelien Verpeet at: everpeet@gmail.com; or Heidi Catapusan at: heidi.wagner510@gmail.com.

Coping With The Holidays!

A presentation on Coping with the Holidays, hosted by the Grief Support Ministry, will be held on Sunday, November 12th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the Gibson Center. As the holidays can be an especially difficult time, this program will offer practical ideas and suggestions to help those who have experienced the death of a loved one. All are welcome! If you would like to attend, please call the Parish Office at 530-4343.

St. Mary's Center Sunday Meal!

Corpus Christi Church is providing a meal for 70 seniors at St. Mary's Center on Sunday, November 12th. They are in need of some items. If you can contribute, check the appropriate space & return this slip to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Please call Trish Ryan at 530-5652. Thank You very much!

- Tea _____ Coffee _____ Butter _____
- Italian salad dressing _____ Dinner rolls _____
- Home-made Cookies _____
- Small "Bingo-type" prizes _____
- Money _____
- Help serve on November 12th at 1:30 p.m. _____
- Name _____
- Phone _____