



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.

-- Psalm 128:1a



Daily Mass

Week of November 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Constance Chaix+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Leslie Fuller+  
 Thursday: 9:00 **Thanksgiving!**  
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
 Saturday: 8:00 Mitchell Chaix+



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.

### Happy Thanksgiving!



**Please Note:** Corpus Christi's Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at **9:00 a.m.** (no 8:00 a.m. Mass that day). You are invited to bring some of the bread and wine that you will share at Thanksgiving Dinner. We'll ask God to bless the food and those who share it.

**Please Also Note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>! We will open again on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Have a happy and festive Thanksgiving!

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*On this Thanksgiving and this day of giving thanks,  
 we thank you for showing us  
 how to return thanks by lives of service,  
 by actions of hospitality,  
 by kindness of others and by concern for each other.*

*We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives  
 but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and  
 forgiveness that we have shared.*

*Bless our table and all the food of this feast.  
 Let us thank the Lord!*

Amen



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week's Gospel presents us with the familiar parable of the talents entrusted to the three servants.

There was a time when I felt that the master was unfair in his treatment of the servant that buried the talent given to him. It wasn't that the servant was lazy, rather his actions were motivated by fear. But upon reflection, I have come to realize that fear did not excuse him of his responsibility. He was graced by his master with a talent; it was his obligation to use that talent wisely.

We have been graced by God with talents that must be nurtured and shared. The gifts I'm speaking of have nothing to do with natural abilities, but rather it is the grace to be loving and compassionate. These talents grow by our willingness to share them with others.

The hard truth is this: our God will accept no excuses; he expects us to utilize the gifts that he has given us. If we don't share the love and compassion that we have received from him with others, we will have to face the consequences.

Love, Fr. Leo

### Be Thankful!

Thanksgiving Day flourishes as a unique melting of traditional observances and modern life styles. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 at Plymouth by that assembly of religious dissidents and adventurers known collectively as the Pilgrims. They thanked God for a successful first harvest in their new home by inviting their Indian neighbors, the Wampanoags, to a three-day festival. Many Catholics celebrate Thanksgiving by attending Mass. After all, the catalyst for the initial Thanksgiving was the Pilgrims' belief in the providence of God.

It's reassuring to realize that the core of the holiday remains for most people the gathering together of family and friends for a communal remembrance of God's goodness during the past year.



### Use Your Talent!

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!

-- Anonymous

***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](mailto:katiehayes57@yahoo.com).

***Screenagers Free Documentary!***

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a free documentary showing the biggest parenting issue of our time, will be shown on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, explores the struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Screenagers empowers kids and parents to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help. Appropriate for adults and children in grades 5 and above. For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybygscbo>.

***Change Our Lives!***

*The* letters of Paul to the Thessalonians are among his earliest writings, and are driven by his belief and the belief of the entire early Christian community that the return of Christ was imminent and that devoting time or attention to anything else was foolish.

*As* time progressed, this fervor subsided a bit. Today, we may wonder when we hear these readings about the coming end-times, if we should take them to heart, if we really believe that Christ still may come upon us as a "thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Does this mean that we are to stop our long-range goal-setting, get rid of our yearly calendars and planners or stop putting money in the college education fund? Of course not. What it does mean is that we need to change our lives, living like children of the light and illuminating the world around us with the light of the gospel. Then on that day, when the details of our daily living become unimportant, we will be ready to find our peace and security in Christ Jesus.

***Today's Readings!***

**First Reading** -- The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalms** -- Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** -- Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel** -- To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

***Birthday Party for Fr. Dan!***

Everyone is invited to attend Fr. Dan Danielson's Birthday Party to be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Noon. There will be food and drinks. It is important to RSVP by calling Gail at the Parish Office so we know how many people will be attending. Thank You!

***Campaign for Human Development***

This weekend, November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD works for the relief of those oppressed by poverty by empowering neighbors to help one another eliminate the causes of poverty in their communities. The Campaign for Human Development is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you for helping!

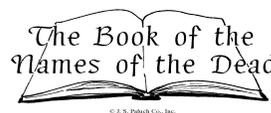
***Altar of Remembrance!***



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.

Weekly Collection	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$10,97600
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,387.00

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 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.

***True Gratitude!***



Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

-- Theodore Roosevelt