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## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 26, 2017

"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

-- Matthew 25:35



Daily Mass

Week of November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+  
Tuesday: 8:00 Gregg Vanderhart+  
Wednesday: 8:00 Lawrence Englund+  
Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
Friday: 8:00 Ron, Chris & Gail Dempster+  
Saturday: 8:00 Draven McGill+



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	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$10,671.00
School Support	\$450.00



Welcome to Our Family

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

**Sadie LamaiLe Sithi-Amnuai**, daughter of Connie Le and Mark Sithi-Amnuai.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

### The Lord's Flock!

Sheep are high-maintenance animals. Without guidance and care, especially in a climate like Israel's, they would die quickly from predators, starvation or just their own slowness. The scriptural image of us as the Lord's flock is not terribly flattering to us, since it is only the never-ending diligence of a watchful shepherd that allows the flock to survive.

The feast of Christ the King was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sole power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the Shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Book of Revelation, God identifies Himself in no uncertain terms: "*I am the Alpha and the Omega,*" says the Lord God, "*the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.*"

Thus, we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year, the feast of Christ the King. In this feast, we acknowledge that Jesus has dominion over all the living and the dead. This is because He willingly subjected Himself to the will of His Father. The words and deeds of our Lord offer us a unique perspective of what it means to be regal.

We live in a world where greatness is synonymous with power and status. While we all say that it shouldn't be so, most of us bow and pay homage to those who have "made it." We find ourselves emulating them in some small way, or strongly protesting against their way of life. In either case, we give them too much attention and importance in our lives.

Jesus offers us an alternative to this world's understanding of greatness. His way is the way of service and self-sacrifice. He says that, if you want to be first in the Kingdom of God, you must be willing to be last in this world. If you want to be great in God's eyes, you must serve your sisters and brothers.

Most of us find this almost impossible to do because, "...*the world is too much with us.*" But, we need not despair because the greatness of Jesus overcomes our weakness. This is why God anointed Him Ruler of the kings of the earth. This is why we proclaim him, **Christ The King!**

Love, Fr. Leo

### Don't Forget!

The Outreach Committee is hoping that everyone in the Parish will remember our less fortunate neighbors during the holidays. The Alameda County Food Bank barrels are always in the Gibson Center, ready to accept your gifts of non-perishable food items. Many blessings for your help!



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**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).

**2018 Young Adult Retreat!**

Do you want to make a commitment in the new year to bolster your spiritual life? If so, consider attending the weekend young adult retreat, *Discerning Our Call to Discipleship*, at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, from February 16 - 18, 2018. It will be led by Corpus Christi Staff member, Ann Naffziger, and others. For more information, visit: <http://www.jrclosaltos.org>.

**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, 2018, 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>.

**Advent Wreath Making Party!**

Family Faith Formation invites all parishioners to join them on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the School Auditorium. Begin the season of Advent by gathering with your family and making an Advent wreath to take home. All materials, prayers for each week of Advent, music and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Lori at: [corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

**Today's Readings!**



**First Reading** -- I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalms** -- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm

23).

**Second Reading** -- As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** -- Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

**Upcoming Potluck!**

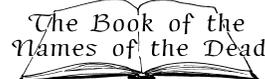
The next Hospitality Potluck will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

**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!

**Magnificat SOTI Prayer Breakfast!**

Magnificat SOTI, a ministry for Catholic women, invites you to an Advent Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive in Concord. The guest speaker will be Fr. Gary Thomas who is a mandated exorcist for the Diocese of San Jose. In 2005, he traveled to Rome to receive training in the Rite of Exorcism. In Rome, he apprenticed with Fr. Carmine De Pillipis. His training was the subject of the 2010 book, The Rite: The Making of a Modern Exorcist, which was later the basis for the movie, *The Rite*, starring Anthony Hopkins. Tickets are \$33.00, \$40.00 after December 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, go to: [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) or call Kim Sullivan at (925) 683-8220.



It's not too late to remember your beloved departed friends and relatives by inscribing their names in the Book of the Dead, located near the Baptismal font. 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.

**Special Thanks!**



The dinner for the seniors at St. Mary's Center on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, went very well as always! They were so grateful for the meal and we are grateful, too, for the opportunity to serve those in our community we have a little less than most.

**Fragrant Forgiveness!**

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

-- Mark Twain