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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

-- Mark 13:33



Daily Mass

Week of December 4th – 9th

Monday: 8:00 Gerald Margand+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Thanksgiving Intentions
 Wednesday: 8:00 Trinidad Flores+
 Thursday: 8:00 Patsy Byrne+
 Friday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+
 Saturday: 8:00 Alfred Celidonio+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Doris Brusasco, 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 26 th
Plate	\$9,983.00
Plate -- November 19 th	\$10,118.67
Human Development	\$1,291.00

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8th. Thank You!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is the patron saint of the United States. This feast day *is* a holy day of obligation. The Masses are at 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. There is also a School Mass at 10:30 a.m.



An Evening of Caroling!

Please join the Corpus Christi Parish Family for sing-a-long caroling on Sunday, December 17th, featuring Fr. Leo's [in]famous "Twelve Days of Christmas!" Singing begins at 4:30 p.m. sharp. From 5:30 p.m. on, the Men's Club will be providing holiday cheer in the Gibson Center, including hot mulled wine and assorted treats. Consider bringing an unwrapped toy to be delivered to St. Vincent's day care center, and/or a dozen unwrapped cookies to share with your fellow singers. See you there!

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin the Season of Advent, I want to share with you some thoughts that I read about this period of anticipation and preparation offered by the noted Jesuit, Walter J. Burghardt:

"Advent can be confusing. What are we about in the liturgy -- in this liturgy that is supposed to symbolize what goes on in the rest of our lives? The Lord has come, and yet we prepare for his coming. He is risen, and still we ready a crib for him. We rejoice that he lives within us, and we cloth ourselves in purple. Has 'the day of the Lord' dawned or hasn't it? Is Advent make-believe? Are we pretending that the Lord has not yet come?"

The fact is, Advent expresses in symbol and ritual three stages in the human journey, in the Christian journey. Christ has come; Christ will come again; and Christ is here now. We remember the first; we look to the second; we live the third. All three are part and parcel of our lives; so all three have to find expression in our liturgy."

Love, Fr. Leo

Religious Retirement Collection!



Next weekend, December 9th and 10th, is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal. Almost 33,000 religious women and more than 5,500 religious men are past the age of 70.

Though they may withdraw from compensated, full-time ministry, the religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children, and volunteer in parishes and among refugee populations. Thank You for caring!

Watch!

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The three-fold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about. We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work -- the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

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.

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 today, December 3rd, 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.

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm -- Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading -- God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel -- Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come (Mark 13:33-37).



Upcoming Potluck!

Please note that the next Hospitality Potluck has been changed to Saturday, December 16th, 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 next Sunday, December 10th, 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!

Boy Scout Tree Lot!

The Boy Scouts, including Corpus Christi's Troop 6, are again operating a Christmas Tree lot located at Coaches Field, 890 Moraga Avenue, Piedmont. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., until Thursday, December 21st or sooner if all the trees sell out. The Scouts can assist you with selecting a hard-to-find Silvertip, Noble or Douglas fir tree, as well as wreaths and garlands, and load in onto your vehicle. Local home delivery is available for a fee on Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends. All proceeds benefit the Piedmont Council of Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts wish the community of Corpus Christi a Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season!

Walking the Camino!

Are you interested in learning about, and possibly walking, the Camino de Santiago in Spain? If so, please join parishioner Laurie Ferris on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center for a brief overview of its history, routes and pilgrim traditions. She will also share some highlights of two short Camino routes, the *Portugués* and *Inglés*. You will learn how you can walk a Camino in as little as one week and still earn a *Compostela* (certificate of completion). There will be time for questions and answers. Laurie is an active member of the Bay Area chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino and maintains a blog at: thecaminoprovides.com.

Kids Fun Night Out!

Calling all boys and girls to come hang out with our very own Corpus Christi Troop 6 Boy Scouts for a night filled with fun and excitement. It's a win, win situation! Kids get to have fun, parents get to have fun and the Scouts raise money to help pay for Summer Camp. The date is Friday, December 8th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. The price is \$25.00 for the first child, additional siblings are \$10.00. Please RSVP to Sean McKillop at: sjmckillop@icloud.com. Hope to see you there!