

We have found  
the Messiah



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19a



Daily Mass

### Week of January 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Kathleen Whelan+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Jennie Mitchell  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
 Friday: 8:00 Mary Vukas+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Hether Ludwick, Carlotta Tormey, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, 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 Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$11,118.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,308.00



Welcome to  
Our Family

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

**Julian Floyd Fischer**, son of Barbara Fischer and Patrick Settle.

**Gabriella Rey Nash**, daughter of Kristine Gregory and Michael Nash.

**Warren Vincent Renner**, son of Gerianna Lopera and Stephen Renner.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Martin Luther  
King Day

### Please Note!



Tomorrow, Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday! We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>!

# January

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Now is the winter of our discontent...” begins one of Shakespeare’s most famous plays. It is a very hard winter in some parts of our country, with freezing cold and blizzard-like conditions. Just yesterday the Christmas feast reminded us that Jesus was born in poverty and homelessness; so too terrible hardship afflicts many people right on our doorsteps.

The charity of many people, including Catholics, tries valiantly to alleviate some of this suffering. But for more than a century Catholic popes have stated strongly that charity is not the sole answer. Justice is an imperative in any society that claims to have, as a basic constitutional obligation, the responsibility “to provide for the general welfare.” Welfare here does not mean temporary help for those in dire straits; it refers to basic human needs: food, housing and medical care.

And yet these three things are the most expensive items in every household in this country. Why? Because these things are protected by the “free market,” i.e. free of government regulation. The government determines whether you can drive a car or what kind of plumbing you have in your house, but it makes no demands on those who grow your food or charge you rent; they can get what they demand.

You have only to read the daily paper with attention and care to see how far from the demands of social justice are the conditions under which our fellow citizens and many of our fellow Catholics have to exist. As Pope Francis has reminded us, our faith does not build walls, or separate families, or allow people to sleep on the streets. When Jesus said, the poor you have always with you, he was not approving of that fact. This election year of 2018 will give us a chance to turn winter into a springtime of hope.

Fr. Basil

### 2018 Annual Seminary Collection!

The Diocese of Oakland’s Annual Seminary Collection will be this weekend, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions support the formation and education of these men who are giving their lives in the service of God’s people as priests in the Diocese of Oakland. Your support for our Seminarians is deeply appreciated. Keep them in your prayers. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You!

***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<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://thecaminoprovides.com).

***Attention Parents!***

Are you concerned about how much screen time your children are already exposed to at a young age? Do you wonder about how to set boundaries around their electronic media use? Are you concerned that screen time might affect their social, physical and emotional well-being? If so, please join us for a documentary showing about the biggest parenting issue of our time. This will be thought-provoking for parents of children of any age, not just teenagers. Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age will be shown in the School Auditorium on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Appropriate for adults as well as children in grades 5 and above. Tickets are free, but you are encouraged to reserve a space by registering at: [tinyurl.com/corpus-screen](http://tinyurl.com/corpus-screen).

***Watching for the Messiah!***

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual. It's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made. John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus. The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?

***Special Donations!***

**Please Note:** Any donations that require special attention, i.e., matching funds, etc. should be sent to Judy at her email address: [judyhilgert@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhilgert@yahoo.com). Thank You for your help.

***Gentleness!***

Feelings are everywhere -- be gentle.

-- J. Masai

***Upcoming Potluck!***

Hospitality's next Potluck is this Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme for January is hot chili and cornbread! You will be able to sample a variety of chilies: Cincinnati chili, white chicken chili, vegan black chili to 5-alarm chili. Bring your favorite side, beverage or dessert to share.

***Corpus Christi's 2018 Crab Feed & Auction!***

Everyone is invited to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction scheduled for Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the biggest fundraiser of the year! Back by popular demand, the Men's Club is offering two options for dinner. Choose to attend the Crab Feed & Live Auction in the School Auditorium for an exciting evening or the Candlelight Dinner in the Gibson Center for a more relaxed, fine dining experience. Buy your tickets and register for the Auction online at: [www.ccfeed.org](http://www.ccfeed.org). **Registration deadline is Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, to guarantee your seating request with friends and School families. Happy New Year from the Crab Feed & Auction Team!

***Today's Readings!***

**First Reading** -- Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalms** -- Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** -- Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** -- The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

***2017 Contributions!***

The 2017 contribution records will be available this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2017. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!

***Did You Know?***

Did you know that if you miss a Mass you can go to our website and listen to that Sunday's homily. Go to: [www.corpuschristipiedmont.org](http://www.corpuschristipiedmont.org).

