

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

-- Psalm 95:6



Daily Mass

Week of January 29th – February 3rd

Monday: 8:00 William Murphy+
Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Wednesday: 8:00 Albert Elsenius+
Thursday: 8:00 Andrew & Thomas Kukorelli+
Friday: 8:00 Albano G. Oliveira+
Saturday: 8:00 Marina David+



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 21st

Plate

\$10,376.67



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

Emerson Clare Flannery, daughter of Joél Benegar and Conor Flannery.

Quincy Isaiah Grace, son of Christina Lane and Daryl Grace.

Sophia Marilyn Ludwick, daughter of Lauren Jensen-Akula and Gordon Ludwick.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Please Take Note!!

Due to the Corpus Christi Crab Feed this Saturday evening, the 5:00 p.m. Mass will be at **4:30 p.m., not 5:00 p.m.**

Leaders!

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them... one at a time.

-- Anonymous

From
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,



The gospel readings that we hear at Mass are repeated every three years. The cycle begins with Matthew (Year A), followed by Mark (Year B) and concludes with Luke (Year C). Because these three gospels share a similar theme and structure, they are known as the synoptic gospels.

The Gospel of John stands alone because it is primarily theological treatise on the nature of Jesus. We read from his gospel during the Christmas and Easter Seasons.

During the majority of this year, the gospel reading we will hear at Mass will come to us from the evangelist Mark.

Although it is listed second in the canon of gospels, scripture scholars believe that Mark's gospel was written first. It is the shortest of the gospels and focuses exclusively on Jesus' public ministry. Two-thirds of Mark's gospel gives us a detailed accounting of our Lord's passion and death.

The theme of the good news according to Mark is very clear. The price that Jesus had to pay to be our Messiah included suffering and death. The call to discipleship requires us to accept a similar cross of self-sacrifice.

The hard-edged words of Mark don't sit well with many of us today. We prefer to reflect on more pleasant aspects of the good news. But the truth of Mark's message should not be denied or ignored. To try to live and love as Jesus lived and loved will sometimes lead to pain and suffering.

During this year, we will have ample time to reflect on Mark's hard truth, but we need not feel depressed. His accounting of the Messiah's mission of salvation ends happily. The moral of Mark's gospel is clear: if we follow Jesus to the end of our days, resurrection and not death will be our reward. Now that's **GOOD NEWS!**

Love, Fr. Leo



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!

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 21st, 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.

Corpus Christi's Homebound Ministry!

Do you know someone who is homebound and cannot regularly attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? Or, do you have an elderly, ill or disabled friend or relative who doesn't get out much but would appreciate having a friendly visitor occasionally? The Corpus Christi Homebound Ministry is made up of parishioners who are willing to visit others at their home and provide the Eucharist, prayer and/or simply companionship and friendly conversation. To arrange a visit or for more information, please contact Kera Bartlett Binns at 612-7909 or email her at: kerabartlett@gmail.com.

Today's Readings!



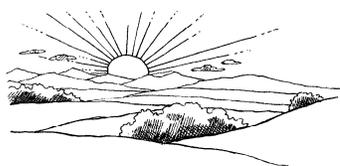
First Reading -- First Reading -- Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel -- The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

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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.

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

Through March, the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a warm, winter coat collection for men, women and children. This is the time of year to go through your closets and donate those outgrown or never used items that just take up space. They are needed so much and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Your clean, gently-used coats will benefit those served by the St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. There are marked containers in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity!

**Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Mental Health Training!**

Like CPR, Mental Health First Aid prepares people to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help. Catholic Charities of the East Bay's Experience Hope Training Institute teaches basic restorative and trauma-responsive philosophies and practices. Many people with mental health struggles find solace in their faith. But, church members or staff may not know how to respond to their struggles or help in a crisis. This training offers tools and answers to questions like, "What do I do?" or "Where can someone find help?" This course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. Participants can use the skills learned in their daily lives, including within their own families, churches or neighborhoods. For more information about upcoming Mental Health Training sessions, contact Willett at (510) 290-6103 or: cwillett@cceb.org.

False Prophets, True Prophets!



In Deuteronomy today, we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled

with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.