



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us?

-- Romans 8:31b



Daily Mass

Week of February 26th – March 3rd

Monday: 8:00 William Ryan+
Tuesday: 8:00 Leonardo Lopes+
Wednesday: 8:00 Michael Tonsing+
Thursday: 8:00 Teve Martinez+
Friday: 8:00 Eugene Sullivan+
Saturday: 8:00 Carlotta Tormey+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Josephina McKay, Hether Ludwick, Carlotta Tormey, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, 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	February 18 th
Plate	\$9,194.00

Corpus Christi Email List!

We are currently updating our email list. Please take a moment to send your current email address to: ccp1929@gmail.com. Please be sure to include your name. Thank You for your cooperation. Fr. Leo

RICE BOWL



Operation Rice Bowl

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our Parish's involvement in Operation Rice Bowl, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!



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From
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Try to imagine the unimaginable: God asks you to sacrifice the life of someone you love. This is what happened to Abraham. He and Sarah had desperately wanted a child; God answered their prayers and then asked Abraham to sacrifice the life of Isaac.

"Take your son, Isaac, your only one whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. God never intended to take Isaac's life; He was only testing Abraham's faith. The would-be sacrifice of Isaac prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. God's love for us is so great that He offered up His only Son, whom He loved, as a holocaust for our sins.

A parishioner asked me last week why did Jesus have to die. He wanted to know if our Lord could have saved us in another way. I shared with him that our Lord's death was necessary for two reasons: He had to conquer sin and its consequence. Our sins are deadly in their affect on us, individually and communally. If we accept the premise that we were created to love and live in relationship with each other, then we must also accept that when we sin we hurt ourselves badly. The ultimate consequence of our sinfulness is death: the death of relationship, the death of love. Jesus died because of our sins, to overcome the consequence of our sins. He died to show us that love is greater than sin and He even died to show us that there is no limit to God's love for us. God was willing to make a sacrifice for us that few of us would be willing to make for Him. We call that unconditional love!

Love, Fr. Leo



Annual Pancake Breakfast!

Pancake Breakfast

Get ready for Pancakes! The Brad Shaw Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, March 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the School Auditorium. Delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras will be made and served. Enjoy time with family and friends, and you don't have to cook or clean up! Unbeatable prices: \$8.00 per adult, \$15.00 for two or \$20.00 for the whole family. Tickets available from any Troop 6 Boy Scout that you know. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

Parents Group Invitation!

All parents are welcome to join us for a four-week parents discussion group series called, Taming Technology. We will be meeting on Sundays starting today, February 25th to March 18th, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in the School Faculty Room. We will be discussing how our faith calls us to moderate and set healthy limits on our use and our children's use of technology. There is no need to register. Feel free to join any number of the sessions. For more information, email Ann at: ann@gospelliving.org.

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 -- The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms -- I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading -- If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel -- Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The basis of Abraham's test in the first reading is the fact that his neighbors followed a religious system that demanded human sacrifice. In offering Isaac's life on an altar of sacrifice, he is following long-accustomed religious practice. Ancient people accepted this because they thought that life was an ever-renewing circle: what had been lost would be restored in time. But here, God springs this trap and gives Abraham, Isaac, and you and me a future. From now on, God will provide the sacrifice. From this point on, our lives have a direction, a purpose, a goal.

The faithful following of Lent and its consoling, challenging scriptures strengthens and prepares us to remember the Lord's passion and resurrection. Today, many parishes welcome home the elect, men and women chosen on the First Sunday of Lent for the Easter sacraments, from a celebration with the bishop. The scriptures today are chosen with them in mind, to steady their steps, to clear their vision, to strengthen their resolve: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"



Corpus Christi Community Potluck!

Come celebrate everything Irish! The date is Saturday, March 10th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Corned Beef and Guinness will be served. For additional information, you can email Carol at: heardwhat@yahoo.com.

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!

Bon Voyage Aboard the Oceania Insignia!

St. Anne's Society is sponsoring a 14-night cruise from Miami to New York with stops in Cuba and Bermuda. The dates are Sunday, July 1st to 15th! The cruise also stops in Aruba, Bonaire, St. Lucia and Dominica. The fares begin at \$2,399.00 and the single supplement is only 50 percent. There is also a \$200.00 per person shipboard credit included in the rates. This trip is escorted by John and Gale Lydecker. For more information on this amazing trip, contact Gale at (925) 937-7748. Hope to see you aboard!

Lenten Prayer

*Oh loving Lord,
during this Lenten season
I lift up my voice to you.*

*Instill in my heart the desire to hear
your voice in the voices of the poor,
your people.*

*May I find in their example
the path to my conversion.*

*Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning,
and Giving in this season of grace.*

*May these actions answer the call
to transform our world.*

Amen

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.