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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

-- Jeremiah 31:33



Daily Mass

Week of March 19th – 24th

Monday: 8:00 Charles C. Plummer+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Robert Pruter+
 Wednesday: 8:00 David Edgerly+
 Thursday: 8:00 Rene Mangini+
 Dev Arnold+
 Friday: 8:00 David Edgerly+
 Saturday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Prayer Requests

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Ed Heinemann, Josephina McKay, Hether Ludwick, 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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially David Michael Edgerly, brother of Fr. Leo. Our prayers and condolences go out to the Edgerly family.

Weekly Collection	March 11 th
Plate	\$10,862.16
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,541.00
School Support	\$547.00

2018 Celebration of the Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 29th

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30th

12:30 p.m. - Passion of the Lord

2:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 1st

8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Easter Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not celebrated during Holy Week or on Holy Saturday.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lenten Season will soon give way to the joys of Easter. In two weeks, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Our journey from here to there will lead us through Judea, where Jesus will raise Lazarus from the dead. Then on to Jerusalem, where Jesus will arrive to the acclamation of the people:

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

Five days later, we will witness him standing before Pilate in judgment; the people will speak once again, this time saying:

"Crucify him, crucify him!"

From the praetorium, we will follow him to Calvary where he will be raised up on the glory of the Cross. Our Lord willingly made this journey because he loved us and he didn't want us to walk alone.

The Easter experience awaits us; but in order to truly appreciate it, we must pray for the humility and courage to follow Jesus from here to there.

Love, Fr. Leo



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

Jay Thomas Trapani, son of Andreana Melchiorre and Andrew Trapani.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Psalm -- Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

Second Reading -- Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9).

Gospel -- If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33).

Angelina Augustine, Kera Bartlett Binns, Nat Binns, Kasia Ekstrand, Ryan Flynn and Jennifer Hayes come from diverse backgrounds but have decided to call Corpus Christi Church their spiritual home. Five of them grew up Catholic and have now chosen to be confirmed as adults, claiming Catholicism as the religious path. The sixth, Kera, has decided to join the Catholic Church after a circuitous route in Protestant and Jewish circles during her childhood and young adult years. She will receive her First Communion and be confirmed. All of them have been a part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process this year and are preparing for their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 31st.

They, like most of us, have lots of questions: how to respond when we encounter homeless people, if/when we should mention our faith in public situations, what our faith has to say about how we treat the earth and how we are asked to live differently Mondays through Saturdays because we are followers of Jesus. Do you have similar questions? Do you wish you had others that you could talk to about these things? Are you searching for a spirituality that is life-giving rather than constrictive or irrelevant? If so, you are welcome to join the Corpus Christi RCIA program. Please contact Ann Naffziger, RCIA Director, at 521-8011 or email her at: ann@gospelliving.org.

Baby Diapers Collection!

The Outreach Committee has received an urgent request from the Visitation Center for baby diapers in all sizes. The Center is part of St. Vincent de Paul and serves deserving women and children in downtown Oakland. Please place your donation in the marked box in the Gibson Center. Thank You!

Oakland Elizabeth House Annual Luncheon!

Please join Corpus Christi for the Annual Benefit Luncheon for Oakland Elizabeth House on Thursday, March 22nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Claremont Country Club, 5295 Broadway Terrace in Oakland. The program includes a silent auction, wine pull, basket of hope, raffle of a signed Kevin Durant jersey and some other surprises. The keynote speaker will be the Hon. Jennifer Madden. Visit: www.oakhouse.org/events to learn more about the event and purchase tickets.

Boy Scout Troop 6 Open House!

Scouting has a reputation for helping young men develop self-reliance, strong character, respect for others, good citizenship skills, and physical and mental fitness. For almost a century, their programs have instilled in young men the values and knowledge that they will need to become leaders in their communities and in their countries. Not only that, but Scouting is fun! Please join Troop 6 for their Open House on Wednesday, March 21st, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. You'll get a first-hand look at some of the Troop activities; and you can visit with the Scouts and their adult leaders. All boys in the 5th grade and older are welcome to attend with a parent or adult.

Annual Fish Fry!

The Men's Club Annual Fish Fry is returning on Friday, March 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. The main dinner will be served and the bar will open after the Stations of the Cross in the Church. There will be food for those who need to eat early. This year, they have a new commercial deep fryer to fry the fish and will be adding Baja-style fish tacos in addition to the classic fish and tots. Please join the Men's Club for this great community event! The cost is \$10.00 per person with children under 5 free. Beer and wine available for purchase. The NCAA Basketball Tournament will be streaming at the bar.

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!

Underwear Donation Collection!

My name is Debra Kalmon and I belong to a group of knitters who recently made a donation of handmade fingerless gloves, hats and scarves to "Operation Dignity," which assists homeless veterans and their families. They also offer comprehensive support services, nutritious meals and a strong peer community. Their goal is to help veterans rediscover hope and provide the tools needed to live a self-sufficient and stable life. After we made our donation to them, we asked what other items we might be able to provide for them. Surprisingly, they said, "men's and women's underwear." Through Sunday, April 15th, Corpus Christi is sponsoring an underwear collection for men and women only. These are much needed items and will be so appreciated by our neighbors at Operation Dignity. Please purchase new, packaged underwear in average sizes. There is a marked box in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, please contact Debra at 529-1014. Thank You in advance!

Wings (Women in God's Spirit)!

Wings is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing and community. Meetings take place on Wednesdays from October through May at St. Theresa's Event Center, Meeting Room 1, 4850 Clarewood Drive in Oakland; 9:15 a.m., hospitality followed with a guest speaker and program until 11:15 a.m. Meg Bowerman will be the speaker on Wednesday, March 21st. Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome. For additional information, contact Gaby Miller at: gabymiller275@gmail.com.