

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2018

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.

-- 2 Corinthians 12:9



Daily Mass

Week of July 9th – 14th

Monday: 8:00 Lawrence Daggett+
 Tuesday: 8:00 John Tenedine+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 David Edgerly+
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Saturday: 8:00 Ross Cadenasso+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Fr. Dan, Ed Heinemann, 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, Juanita Estrelles, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Anna Nancy Jarnigan, mother of Michelle and Michael Jarnigan. Our condolences to the family.



Summer Hours: The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Have a fun and safe summer vacation!



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

Fletcher Robert and Marlowe Stella Barrows, son and daughter of Nicole Belushko and Jeffrey Barrows.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

2018 Missionary Cooperative Appeal!



Corpus Christi is pleased to have Fr. Johnson Abraham, Pastor at St. Agnes Parish in Concord, who will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend, July 14th and 15th. Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Abraham.

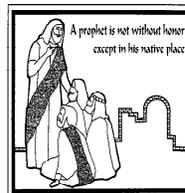
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Everybody knows that national boundaries are purely imaginary; birds and clouds ignore them. But in the political world they are used as instruments of power and control, often to the hurt of the innocent and the needy. In the American tradition our boundaries were open and welcoming -- until now. Where once they meant asylum and refuge -- check the base of the Statue of Liberty -- they now serve as barriers. The Attorney General has recently proclaimed that no asylum would be given to women and families fleeing for their lives if they cross our southern border.

The position of the American Catholic bishops is quite otherwise. At a recent meeting the president of the group, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, said that asylum is a "right to life" issue, an aspect of pastoral concern that has been emphasized by Pope Francis as well. The rigid imposition of law with no room for compassion and common human decency is a denial of basic Christian values and a political mistake as well, one which inevitably come back to haunt its authors.

On the Fourth of July weekend we recalled the ideals of liberty and openness that are part of our national tradition. As Catholic Christians we remember at all times what the Lord said in his declaration of belonging to him: whenever you did it to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me. All of us, and leaders of church and state in particular must never forget those words.

Fr. Basil



Today's Readings

First Reading -- They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm -- Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading -- I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel -- "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).



Enjoy your Summer!

Invitation to the RCIA Program

Are you searching for a faith tradition that you can call home without having to check your intellect at the door? Have you ever had the slightest inkling to explore becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic but you have never received your First Communion or Confirmation? If so, the RCIA program might be right for you. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process of exploring the Catholic faith while developing a deeper spiritual and faith life. There are plenty of opportunities to learn and experiment with different forms of prayer and share spiritual questions, doubts, hopes and experiences. It is also a chance to learn about the broad themes and teaching of the Catholic Church, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or: ann@gospelliving.org.

What Do You Want To Learn About?

Beginning in the fall, Corpus Christi will be offering monthly morning and evening sessions for adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith tradition. Whether you are a long-time parishioner, new to our Parish or someone simply interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, we want to hear from you. What are your questions? What topics are you most interested in learning more about? Please fill out a survey, located on the credenzas at the entrances to the Church and drop it in the box provided.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent, which was otherwise devoted to liturgical uniformity, was very tolerant of age-old marriage customs. The Council singled out "praiseworthy" customs and hoped they would be retained. The Second Vatican Council likewise asked for a careful evaluation of customs, admitting that not everything about wedding practice is "praiseworthy." In our revised liturgy, all of the prayers consistently stress the equality of the partners. Some familiar customs do not match this insight. Often, the groom remains hidden in a sacristy while the bride, accompanied only by her father, enters with her attendants. This is hardly equality, especially if it appears that her father is "giving her away" to her husband. This is a familiar enough scene, but increasingly couples are called to a different practice. Symbols and signs carry and communicate meaning. The challenge for couples today is to match the meaning to the symbol, and for the couple to be authentic in all they do and say on the day of their wedding. Having bride and groom both take part fully and equally in the entrance procession is exactly the kind of "praiseworthy" practice we've been looking for!

The Shape of Things!

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

-- St. Francis de Sales

Infant Clothing for Visitation Center!



Clothing Drive The Outreach Committee will be collecting clean, gently-used infant clothing, sizes one year to three years old, and also diapers in all sizes. The collection will be from June 1st to July 31st. All items will benefit moms and babies served by the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks!

AN OLD ENGLISH PRAYER!

*Give us, Lord,
a bit of sun
a bit of work and
a bit of fun.*

*Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.*

Faith in Jesus Christ!

Mark's Gospel account today is built on a double astonishment or amazement: the neighbors and family of Jesus are astonished that he taught in the synagogue with wisdom and worked powerful signs. Jesus, in turn, is amazed that they have no faith in him because they know his origins, not because of any fault with his teachings or ministry. As with many of Mark's passages, we get a rather intimate glimpse here of the human part of Jesus' two-fold nature. To reinforce his point, Mark tells of Jesus' return to his native place, and further points out that he is in the midst of his own family members there. From the very people he expected the most, Jesus received the least. In the day of the Gospel's writing, Mark was attempting to illustrate a lesson to the house of Israel: the God of the covenant expected the greatest faith from the house of Israel, but often received the least. This is a good source for reflection on our part, we who are Jesus' followers today. For the wisdom of Christ to continue and for our lives to be seen as signs of his power, he must expect and be able to find great faith among us. Will he? Can he? Does he? Or is he, once again, amazed by its absence?

