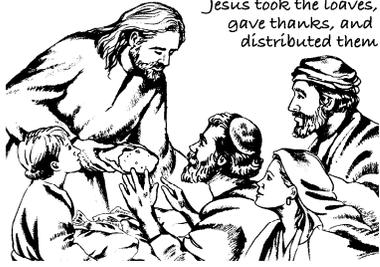


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Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2018

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season.

-- Psalm 145:15



Daily Mass

Week of July 30th – August 4th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Margaret Mendoza
 Tuesday: 8:00 Maria & Wellington Loh+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Fr. George Fitzgerald+
 Thursday: 8:00 Angiolina Precnis+
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Fr. Dan
 Saturday: 8:00 Special Intentions



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.

Weekly Collection	June 24, 2018
Plate	\$10,136.67
Plate July 1, 2018	\$9,571.00
Peter's Pence	\$1,497.00
Plate July 8, 2018	\$10,558.00



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!



Welcome to Our Family

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

Alexander Henri Stephens Augustine, son of Angelina Augustine.

Liam Jed and Lucas Benjamin Kahl, sons of Gabriela Dominguez and Nicholas Kahl.

Samuel Gregory Oberfelder, son of Katherine Moyce and Gregory Oberfelder.

Elizabeth Joan Silveira, daughter of Erin Brosnan and Gary Silveira.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

From Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you some thoughts as to why I believe that St. Paul was uniquely qualified to be the Apostle to the Gentiles (non-Jews). He was raised in the cosmopolitan city of Tarsus, Cilicia, which is in modern day Turkey. Although St. Paul lived in the Jewish community of Tarsus, he was educated in Greek philosophy; and because of the status of his family, he was afforded Roman citizenship. He brought to his ministry a world view unlike any of the other Apostles. His cultural background shaped how he approached his mission to proclaim the Good News.

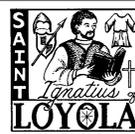
Although scripture scholars are pretty sure that St. Paul did not write the Letter to the Ephesians, the Disciple who wrote in his name, knew his mind. The first section Epistle to the Ephesians, Jews and Gentiles alike, highlighted the importance of each group, letting go of the enmity of the past which separated them religiously and culturally. The letter makes it clear that the death of Jesus on the cross ushered in a new world order. They were no longer two people, but now one person in Christ.

In this week's continuation of the letter, the community of believers are urged to treat each other with humility, gentleness, patience and love. It is easy to imagine St. Paul writing the following words of advice to the Ephesians:

"...preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Love, Fr. Leo

Copies of Father Basil's memoir, Wonder, are available at the Parish Office. There is no charge, but a contribution to defray the cost of re-printing would be appreciated.



Stand Firm!

In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.

-- St. Ignatius of Loyola



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.

Lori's News!

Family Faith Formation (formerly Sunday School) for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade begins on September 9th and we hope you can join us this year! We have some new whole family sessions planned as well as engaging topics for the parent discussion group that takes place while children are in class. For children receiving the sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation, enrollment in Faith Formation is required. Registration forms and more information can be found on the Parish website, at the Parish Office and on the credenzas in the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.

Today's Readings



Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them

First Reading -- When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm -- The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading -- Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel -- Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

Photo Sessions for New Directory!

Fr. Leo invites everyone in the Parish to be a part of our new Church Directory that will connect Corpus Christi community and tell our story. Photo sessions will begin on Tuesday, August 21st through Saturday, September 8th. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and printed Directory. To reserve your one-hour session, please go online to: www.corpuschristiypedmont.org and click on the **Lifetouch** link to view available dates and time. For general details, please call Lillian Buziak at (415) 613-8786 or email her at: lbuziak@gmail.com.

Infant Clothing for Visitation Center!

Clothing Drive



The Outreach Committee is finishing their collection of clean, gently-used infant clothing, sizes one year to three years old, and also diapers in all sizes. The collection ends today. 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!

Feeding the World!

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as a church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but, our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day.

