



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2018

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

-- John 6:53



Daily Mass

Week of August 20th – 25th

Monday: 8:00 Vivian Limserrano+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Wednesday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+
 Thursday: 8:00 Nanette Sabatte Schneider+
 Friday: 8:00 Michael Carpenter+
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Emily Wilson



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

Weekly Collection	August 12, 2018
Plate	\$10,612.00
School Support	\$781.00



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!

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 and will be held in the Gibson Center. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and printed Directory. To reserve your one-hour session, please go online to: www.corpuschristipiedmont.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.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our mother was privileged at the end of her life to go immediately to heaven for two reasons: first, because of her willingness to submit her will to God. Remember her response to God's invitation at the Annunciation. "Let it be done to me according to your will." Second, it is a sign to all of us of what is in store for us if we follow Mary's example. We, as Catholics, acknowledge our mother to be the perfect disciple, second only to her son in her devotion to the Father. In honor of our Lady's feast, I invite you to read and reflect on her beautiful hymn of praise, the Magnificat:

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
 my spirit rejoices in God my savior
 for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him
 in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 the promise he made to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his children for ever."*

Our mother offered this hymn of praise on our behalf; may it become our Magnificat!

Love, Fr. Leo

Some parishioners have asked for references to the poets I mentioned in my homily last week. They are as follows:

"Try to praise the mutilated world," Adam Zagajewski;

"Ask where man's glory most begins and ends and say my glory was I had such friends," William Butler Yeats;

"Despite your better judgment walk on air," Seamus Heaney.

To all those who came to the celebration, left messages and gifts, my heartfelt thanks!

Fr. Basil

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.

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.

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. Please submit them by Saturday, September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- First Reading -- Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding (Proverbs 9:1-6).

Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading -- Live as wise persons trying to understand what is the will of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and giving thanks always (Ephesians 5: 15-20).

Gospel -- Jesus says, "I am the living bread ... whoever eats this bread (my flesh) will live forever" (John 6:51-58).



2018 School Supplies Drive!

Join the Outreach Committee for the 2018 School Supplies Drive to benefit the Community Education Partnerships (CEP), the children of the refugee families we are helping and the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. CEP recruits and trains volunteers to provide high-quality academic tutoring for homeless children in the pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school system. The group is now working with several shelters in Berkeley and Oakland, and is in dire need of school supplies. Much needed items include: backpacks, staplers, scissors, protractors/compasses, folders, pencils, pencil boxes, pencil sharpeners, rulers, binder paper, erasers, colored pencils, mead composition notebooks, glue sticks, calculators, crayons, ballpoint pens and multi-subject spiral notebooks. Feel free to add other items that you feel would be useful and appropriate. Drop off your donations in the marked container in the Gibson Center through September. Please contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304 if you have any questions. Thank You!

Men's Club News!

The Men's Club invites you to be part of the Corpus Christi Men's Club which supports the Parish and School. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. They organize fun family activities such as the A's Baseball Game, Sports Award BBQ, Golf Tournament, Parish Picnic, Crab Feed and more. Join them at their next event: New Member's BBQ on Friday, September 7th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the School parking lot. To join the Men's Club or for more information, send email to: contact@ccmensclub.org.

Companions in Ignation Service & Spirituality!

Companions in Ignation Service and Spirituality is a unique program that engages women and men over the age of 50 who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities while deepening their spiritual development. It is an endorsed work of the California Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) that strives to balance the call to act for justice with the desire to come closer to our living God. Our ten-month program is based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and operates from September to June each year. To learn more about this program, please contact Marco Matute at: marco@saintagnessf.com, call (415) 487-8560, ext. 224; or call Peter Hayes at (925) 323-0463.

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