



This people  
honors me  
with their lips,  
but their hearts  
are far from me

## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2018

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

-- James 1:21b



Daily Mass

### Week of September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Tom & Jackie Hayes+  
Tuesday: 8:00 Jack & William Meagher+  
Wednesday: 8:00 Maria Rinkus McLaughlin+  
Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Vernell Reed  
Friday: 8:00 James P. Kelly+  
Saturday: 8:00 Della Roberts+



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 26, 2018
Plate	\$9,807.74

**Labor Day**

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday tomorrow, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe holiday!



Welcome to Our Family

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

**Andres Zavala Sandoval**, son of Sonja Zavala and Felix Sandoval.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Dear fellow parishioners,

Please add your voice to those who wish to support the Holy Father as he is being viciously attacked by asking our bishop to lend his voice of support as well. His email is: [bishop@oakdiocese.org](mailto:bishop@oakdiocese.org); his phone number is (510) 893-4711.

Fr. Basil

From  
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back from Summer vacation!



I want to begin the School year by strongly encouraging you to make weekly attendance at Mass a priority for you and your family. Let me tell you why I think that you need to do this. One of the central characteristics of our religion is our understanding of the importance of community. We are a communal religion. We live our faith in the context of relationship. We believe that one of the most important messages that Jesus came to share with us is that we are called to live as one family. Jesus did not die on the cross to save you and me individually; he died to save us collectively. It is not acceptable for a Catholic to say, "I don't need to go to church; I have a personal relationship with Jesus." Salvation for us is a communal experience.

Unfortunately, one of the consequences of original sin is that we have a false sense of the importance of "self." Because of sin, we are all inclined to believe what is false about ourselves and to deny what is true. But, St. Paul describes our true nature perfectly when he says, "we were made incomplete, we find our completeness in the Lord and each other." This is why we Catholics celebrate the sacraments: to remind ourselves of who we are.

The Eucharist is the central sacrament of our faith because it best epitomizes our belief and our need. When we participate in the Mass, we are making two statements: first, we are acknowledging that we are one with each other through our oneness with Jesus; second, we are also admitting that, although we know the first statement to be true, because of our false sense of "self," we don't live what we profess to believe.

The simple truth is this: we need to attend Mass frequently in order to develop the wisdom and courage necessary to live according to our true nature. The Mass is not an option to be experienced when we find it convenient; it is a necessity of life.

Love, Fr. Leo



**Issues of Social Justice & the Catholic Church**

Please join us for a talk by Ann Naffziger, MA, MDiv, on "Issues of Social Justice and the Catholic Church" on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and repeated again on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson Center. We will look at what the social teachings of the Church are on immigration, war, the death penalty, the "preferential option for the poor" and more. We will try to connect the dots between what Jesus taught and how we are called to address these very complex issues today. You may not walk out with any clear-cut answers, but you will be challenged to think about how your faith calls you to act in the social, economic and political arenas. RSVP is helpful, but not required: [ann@gospelliving.org](mailto:ann@gospelliving.org) or 521-8011.

**Come and See**

The RCIA program will begin on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room. Any adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, exploring different types of prayer and meditation or are considering becoming a Catholic are most welcome. Each meeting will offer something for the head and for the heart. Please contact Ann Naffziger at 521-8011 or: [ann@gospelliving.org](mailto:ann@gospelliving.org) for more information.

**Lori's News!**

Family Faith Formation (formerly Sunday School) for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade begins on September 9<sup>th</sup>! 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. Forms should have been in by **Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions, contact Lori at: [corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com).

**Friendly Reminder!**

If you use the Gibson Center, please remember to rinse out, empty out & unplug coffee pots; make sure the stove is off; the refrigerator doors are firmly closed; and all lights are turned off!

**Congratulations!**

Happy Anniversary to Lorraine and Edward Heinemann who celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>! Best wishes from all of us at Corpus Christi!

**Labor!**

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

-- Grover Cleveland



**Corn Dog Event!**

The Outreach Committee is once again sponsoring a Corn Dog event to benefit Elizabeth House in downtown Oakland. The event will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Elizabeth House provides a home-like environment for women and children whose lives have been severely impacted by violence, addiction and/or homelessness. Clients are given every help to get their lives back on track on a sustainable basis. Please join us for a fun evening to benefit a great cause!



**Annual Parish Picnic!**

You are invited to the **Annual Corpus Christi Picnic** to take place on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at Roberts Regional Park, beginning with 11:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. Leo. The picnic will offer great food and beverages. As always, the kids relay races and favorite tug-o-war competition will take place. Buy your tickets early to receive a discount: prepaid \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids ages 4-12, \$20.00 for family; at the door: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids and \$25.00 for family. (There is also a \$5.00 parking fee at the Park.) If you have any questions, contact Daryl Grace at: [dgrace64@gmail.com](mailto:dgrace64@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!



**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. 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!

