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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

-- James 2:5



Daily Mass

Week of September 10th – 15th

Monday: 8:00 Jane Meagher+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Bob Beaudry+
 Thursday: 8:00 Bill Woodward+
 Friday: 8:00 Paul Curry+
 Saturday: 8:00 Mary Parsons Kopenhaver+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially David Dion, Tina Chaix, 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, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	September 2, 2018
Plate	\$10,308.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,293.00

Priests Retirement Collection!

Currently, we have over forty retired priests in the Diocese of Oakland. With one hundred active priests over the age of 60 or older, the number of retired clergy will grow considerably over the next decade. In addition, thanks be to God, our retired clergy are living longer and continue to help at Masses. However, this increases the cost above projections that were made when the system was put in place a couple of decades ago. Also, priests who come to our Diocese from another one or religious orders to serve the people of Oakland do not bring their retirement benefits with them. They start with zero when they begin to minister here. The second collection is this weekend, September 8th and 9th. Thank you for your support!

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; his phone number is (510) 893-4711.

Fr. Basil

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The other day I came across these words by George Orwell: "I am willing to believe that history is for the most part inaccurate and biased, but what is peculiar to our own age is the abandonment of the idea that history could be truthfully written." If the news of the day is history happening now, how true are Orwell's words these many decades later. The lie finds a home in the highest reaches of society, both secular and religious.

In the first pages of the Bible the serpent lies to Eve and thereby sets in motion the whole sad story of human deception and corruption. Jesus calls Satan the father of lies -- therein is his power over human events. And so it is reasonable to assert that the lie is the basis of all sin, both in speech and in action. Bishops and presidents lie when they cover up evil-doing. We laugh at the absurdity of TV commercials but we know that they are a tissue of lies and we just pass over them. In Orwell's words we abandon the idea that truth can be found in the public sphere.

This amounts to a cynicism on our part and we must not allow it to overcome what should be our indignation at the misbehavior of people in high places. In the secular world we have only the power of the ballot, in the church not even that. But we have our sense of right and wrong and we must exercise it and above all pass it along to our children.

As followers of Christ we are empowered by our Lord who said, "I am the truth." Saint Paul frequently says that we are "in Christ." That means that we are immersed in him and his truth; hence we stand for the truth against all the evil doing and lies that surround us. And thank God for that.

Fr. Basil

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: CCMC Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 22nd, with an 8:00 a.m. start at Metropolitan Golf Links. To join the Men's Club or for more information, send email to: contact@ccmensclub.org.



**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" tomorrow, September 10th, 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 or 521-8011.

Come and See

The RCIA program will begin on Thursday, September 20th, 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 for more information.

Lori's News!

Family Faith Formation (formerly Sunday School) for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade begins on September 9th! 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 1st**. If you have any questions, contact Lori at: 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!

Prepare to Save a Life!

The Piedmont Fire Department will be providing CPR/AED classes on Saturday, October 6th and the 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. The cost is \$20.00 for Piedmont residents and \$30.00 for everyone else. Sign-ups and class fees will be taken after all the Masses next weekend, September 15th and 16th, and September 22nd and 23rd. You can also donate towards purchasing an AED for the Church at the same time. These are tax deductible; make checks payable to Corpus Christi Church with "AED donation" in the memo line.

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 22nd. 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 30th, 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-of-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. Hope to see you there!

Annual Walk-A-Thon!

The 39th Annual Corpus Christi School's Walk-a-thon Fundraiser will be held next Saturday, October 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sponsorship in the form of contributions from local businesses enable the event's success and help support our School. Please consider supporting this neighborhood event and have your business recognized by local families and friends. Please contact Yolie Domingo at: yolie1432004@gmail.com for more information.

2018 School Supplies Drive!



School Supplies Needed

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, ball-point 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!