



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

-- Mark 13:31



Week of November 19th – 24th

- Monday: 8:00 Betty Wagener+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Vicki Cotter+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Ray & Verna Van Deusen+
- Thursday: **9:00 Thanksgiving**
- Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns+
- Saturday: 8:00 Gary Nelson+

Prayer Requests
Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Tina Chaix, Fr. Dan, 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	November 11, 2018
Plate	\$10,543.00
School Support	\$459.00

Happy Thanksgiving!

- Please Note:** Corpus Christi's Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, November 22nd, at **9:00 a.m.** (no 8:00 a.m. Mass that day). You are invited to bring some of the bread and wine that you will share at Thanksgiving Dinner. We'll ask God to bless the food and those who share it.
- Please Also Note:** The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 23rd! We will open again on Monday, November 26th. Have a happy and festive Thanksgiving!

Throughout the month of November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages. You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In two weeks, we will enter into the Season of Advent, the time that we Catholic Christians set aside to prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. For many of us, the days leading to Christmas are so hectic that the religious dimensions of the Season are buried under an avalanche of things to do and promises to keep. In our country, the sights and sounds of the Christmas Season are overwhelmingly secular. Santa is everywhere, but the baby Jesus cannot be found. We have to make a concerted effort to be mindful of the fact that December is a holy month, calling us to spiritual preparation in anticipation of the arrival of Emmanuel.

In order to help us stay focused on the true meaning of the Season, there are certain things that we can do:

We should all have an Advent Wreath in our homes and, throughout the Season of Advent, set aside a few minutes each day to light the candles of the wreath and offer a prayer to God. (Advent prayers will be available for all parishioners.)

One of the best ways for us to prepare for Christmas is by experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church teaches that every Catholic should receive this sacrament at least twice a year. On Wednesday evening, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m., we will have a communal Reconciliation Service. I strongly encourage you to join with other members of our Parish Family for an evening of prayer and healing.

The joys of Christmas await us; but in order for us to appreciate its deeper meaning, we must prepare for it properly. The Season of Advent affords us that opportunity.

Love, Fr. Leo

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*On this Thanksgiving and this day of giving thanks,
we thank you for showing us
how to return thanks by lives of service,
by actions of hospitality,
by kindness of others and by concern for each other.*

*We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives
but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and
forgiveness that we have shared.*

*Bless our table and all the food of this feast.
Let us thank the Lord!*

Amen

**Family Faith Formation
Holiday Giving Campaign!**

The 5th and 6th graders in Family Faith Formation are sponsoring a "Giving Campaign" to collect items that will be given to the homeless. They have made warm blankets. They now need donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items and warm clothing, such as socks and hats. A marked bin will be in the Gibson Center through Sunday, December 2nd. Thank you for helping these generous children with their project!

CCEB Upcoming Event!

Want to get more engaged with your nonprofit organization? Come to the Catholic Charities of the East Bay one hour mission-based, "Transforming Lives Tour." Learn how your time, talents and treasures can help children, youth and families succeed in school and in life! Join Catholic Charities on Tuesday, December 11th, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at their office at 433 Jefferson Street in Oakland. To register, please call 768-3133.

Spirituality and Conscious Aging Retreat!

This Retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns around retirement and aging. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? The combination of retirement and growing older provides an opportunity to live life differently. Discover how we can share our Spirit-given gifts, talents and experience in new ways that bring joy to ourselves and others, and give continued meaning and purpose to our lives. This Retreat will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center, starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th. Presented by Jim Briggs, retired Executive Director, of the School of Applied Theology. For information, visit: www.sandamiano.org (click on **Retreats Calendar**) or call (925) 837-9141.

Be Thankful!



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day flourishes as a unique melting of traditional observances and modern life styles. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 at Plymouth by that assembly of religious dissidents and adventurers known collectively as the Pilgrims. They thanked God for a successful first harvest in their new home by inviting their Indian neighbors, the Wampanoags, to a three-day festival. Many Catholics celebrate Thanksgiving by attending Mass. After all, the catalyst for the initial Thanksgiving was the Pilgrims' belief in the providence of God. It's reassuring to realize that the core of the holiday remains for most people the gathering together of family and friends for a communal remembrance of God's goodness during the past year.



Upcoming Potluck!

The next Community Potluck will take place on Saturday, November 17th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. The theme will be Thanksgiving. All are welcome!

It's Crab Feed and Auction Season!

Mark your calendars. The 2019 Crab Feed and Auction will happen on Saturday, January 26th! CCFeed.org, the Crab Feed and Auction website, is live -- it's your one-stop shop for all auction information, and it's also where you can submit auction donations and sign up to volunteer. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated as the Men's Club works to make Corpus Christi's largest fundraiser of the year a great success for both the Parish and the School!

Men's Clothing Collection!

The Outreach Committee is once again sponsoring a Men's Clothing Collection for men served by St. Vincent de Paul in downtown Oakland. Much needed items are any type of gently-used men's clothing, both casual and suitable for employment interviews: slacks, sport shirts and jackets, dress shirts and suits, jeans, sweatshirts, t-shirts, dress shoes and tennis shoes. This is the perfect opportunity to make room in your closets. And, don't hesitate to contact your friends and neighbors! The collection will be from now until Thanksgiving. Marked containers will be in the Gibson Center. If you would like to make a donation by check, please make it payable to **St. Vincent de Paul** and note **Champion Men's Guidance Center** in the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304.

Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, November 17th and 18th, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD works for the relief of those oppressed by poverty by empowering neighbors to help one another eliminate the causes of poverty in their communities. The Campaign for Human Development is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you for helping!

Altar of Remembrance!



Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. It is located on the credenzas in the Church. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.