



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

-- Jeremiah 33:15



Daily Mass

Week of December 3rd – 8th

Monday: 8:00 John Heil+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Ray Steward+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Michael & Mary Ann McBride+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Betty Nguyen
 Saturday: 8:00 Alfred Celidonio+



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 25, 2018
Plate	\$9,505.11
November 18 th	\$8,626.00
Human Development	\$1,262.00



Welcome to Our Family

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

Melanie Diann Mejia, daughter of Maricella Munoz and Hector Mejia.

David Patrick Mortonson, son of Maria Sablan and Patrick Mortonson.

Darren Masahiro Shih, son of Adrienne Uyeda and Michael Shih.

Jackson Oliver Stearn, son of Vera Delson and Michael Stearn.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

December



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin the Season of Advent, it is helpful for us to remember that Advent is in some respect a "Little Lent." The four weeks of Advent, like the six weeks of Lent, are a time for reflection and repentance.

While we joyfully anticipate the coming of the Messiah at Christmas, it is important for us to acknowledge our universal need for the incarnation. The Word of God took flesh to dwell among us because we need to be saved from ourselves.

During the Season of Advent, we are invited to reflect on our lives and answer these two questions:

Why is it necessary for Christ to come into the world for me?

What must I do to worthily prepare for His birth at Christmas?

Taking the time to think about the first question and to act on the second question is a way to remain mindful of the ultimate purpose of Christmas.

It is important that we not romanticize this very Holy and wholly necessary event in Salvation History. The birth of Emmanuel that we will celebrate in four weeks will lead to the crucifixion of the Son of God in four months, a death that will be necessary because of the answer that each of us gave to the first question.

Love, Fr. Leo



Religious Retirement Collection!

Next weekend, December 8th and 9th, is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal. Almost 33,000 religious women and more than 5,500 religious men are past the age of 70. Though they may withdraw from compensated, full-time ministry, the religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children, and volunteer in parishes and among refugee populations. Please give generously. Thank You!

Outreach reminds everyone that this is a crucial time to donate non-perishable food items to the Alameda County Food Bank. Barrels are in the Gibson Center. Our most vulnerable neighbors need our help!

Also, please remember the women who use the services of Friendly Manor. They need sample toiletries, clean, gently-used bath towels and wash cloths, and small bingo prizes. Many thanks!

Who Was She, Anyway!

Fierce. Prophetic. Strong. These may not be words you usually associate with Mary; but, Jesus' mother wasn't the blond haired, blue-eyed Madonna often portrayed in art. She was a woman full of prophetic ideas about justice who passed her values on to her son. Come learn more about the historical Mary and what the Church teaches about her, including traditions such as the immaculate conception, perpetual virginity and devotions to her. The presentation will take place tomorrow, December 3rd, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and again on Thursday, December 7th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., both in the Gibson Center. There is no need to pre-register, but RSVP's are helpful. Please contact Ann Naffziger with any questions: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

Welcome!

Next Sunday, December 9th, we will formally welcome three adults who have decided to call Corpus Christi and the Catholic Church their spiritual home. Annmarie Mota, Allison Quantz and Natasha Ravnik have all found their way after experiences at various Protestant churches, other Catholic parishes and even the Camino de Santiago in Spain. They are participating in the RCIA program now, exploring different forms of prayer and faith-sharing, and learning more about what it means to live as a Catholic at this time in their lives. If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining them on this journey, please contact Ann at: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

High School Youth Ministry!

At Corpus Christi's High School Youth Group, we brainstormed what would be the name of a dynamic, thriving, growing youth group. About a dozen names were considered, and through a collaborative process of selection and discussion, a name was picked: **Rooted**. Not too far away from this image is a profound scripture reference, Colossians 2:6-7 which says, "So as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." How perfect is that?! From now on, whenever you hear us talking about **Rooted**, we are talking about the High School Youth Group.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: The first **Rooted** Core Team meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. We will have pizza and plan our next meeting; the next **Rooted** gathering will be on Sunday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group!

Join us on Sunday, December 9th, from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. for our next monthly gathering, "Preparing a Way" in this Advent season in anticipation of Christmas. In this budding ministry, we will also prepare a way for our youth group by brainstorming a name for ourselves. Your ideas and presence are welcome! For more information or to register, email to: ccteenaith@gmail.com.

Upcoming Potluck!

The next Community Potluck will be on Saturday, December 15th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme will be Christmas! Everyone is welcome.



Corpus Christi School Open House!

The School's 3rd Open House for the 2019 enrollment will be on Tuesday, December 4th, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m.

This is for prospective families to visit the classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about Corpus Christi School. Everyone is welcome! For more details, contact Evelien Verpeet at: everpeet@gmail.com; Heidi Catapusan at: heidi.wagner510@gmail.com; or call the School at 530-4056.

The 56th Crab Feed and Auction!

Consider donating to the Silent Auction! Donations are due by Friday, December 7th. Visit the Auction **Donations page and Parties page** at: CCFeed.org for ideas and to submit your donation forms. Donations may include parties, gift cards, sports tickets, vacation homes, physical goods or professional services. If you're unsure what to donate, you can also make a monetary donation on the **Donations page**.

Christmas Giving Tree!



The annual Christmas Giving Tree to benefit the low-income women and children served by St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center is now up in the Gibson Center. As usual, please take an ornament from the tree (labeled with the child's clothing size), make your purchase, and attach the ornament to the item and place under the tree. **Do not wrap the gifts!** Outreach will deliver the items to the Visitation Center in time for their Christmas distribution. The deadline for delivery of the gifts is Tuesday, December 18th. Often these gifts are the only ones received and are gratefully appreciated by Visitation's families. Thanks for your contribution to a Merry Christmas! If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalms -- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 -- 4:2).

Gospel -- Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).