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## Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

-- Baruch 5:7



### Daily Mass

#### Week of December 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Margaret Dougherty+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Gary Nelson+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Lucille Gonsior+  
 Friday: 8:00 Angela McCormick+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Elizabeth Boothman+



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.

### Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. – Family Mass  
 10:00 p.m. – Christmas Carols  
 10:30 p.m. – Mass

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Mass

Feast of the Holy Family – December 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. – Family Mass  
 Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2019  
 9:00 a.m.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

No, it is not Christmas and we are engaged in our Advent Conspiracy to push against the noise of the buying and selling of the world around us. But we are preparing for the birth of our Lord and it is not too soon to cherish the image of the new born Christ, both as the child in the crib and as the light of the world. Here is a poem that covers both aspects of the Christmas feast.

#### Carol for the Nativity:

At His birth as at His death  
 A fearful darkness held the earth,  
 But bright His star and radiant host  
 Proclaimed the joy and not the cost.

How dark the earth since that far day!  
 Of broken stone, the rough, the way!  
 Guide us, fair star the hard way home,  
 Sweet heavenly Child, Thy kingdom come.

Janet Lewis (1899 -- 1998)

Advent blessings, Fr. Basil

Weekly Collection	December 2, 2018
Plate	\$10,619.00

### Reconciliation Service!

The Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Don't forget to pick up your pictures from the Sacristy that were around the Altar of Remembrance, either after Mass or stop by the Parish Office for the key. Thank You!

### Christmas Decorations!

This is your invitation to become part of a beautiful tradition by giving toward the Christmas decorations for our church. It is also a loving way to remember or honor someone for whom you care.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor/memory of: (Circle One)

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**Welcome!**

Today, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**Middle School Youth Group!**

Join us today, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 welcome! Your presence wanted!

**Thank You!**



A special Thank You to all those who volunteered at the St. Mary's Center Dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

A special acknowledgment to Catherine and her Teen Group for helping out. The seniors at the Center were so appreciative!

**Special Thanks!**

The Outreach Committee and the clients at Champion Guidance Center for Men send many thanks for your generous contributions to the Men's Clothing Drive. Your help is deeply appreciated!

**Pre-Christmas Event!**

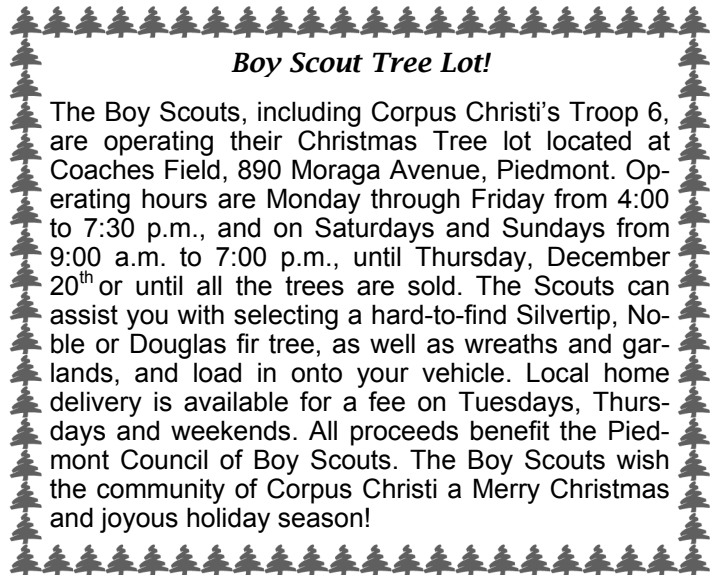
We will gather in the Gibson Center on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a special Holiday Celebration to include: appetizers and finger foods; dessert and adult beverages (wine/beer) are welcome. Hope to see everyone on the 15<sup>th</sup>!

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Boy Scout Tree Lot!**



The Boy Scouts, including Corpus Christi's Troop 6, are operating their Christmas Tree lot located at Coaches Field, 890 Moraga Avenue, Piedmont. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., until Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> or until all the trees are sold. The Scouts can assist you with selecting a hard-to-find Silvertip, Noble or Douglas fir tree, as well as wreaths and garlands, and load in onto your vehicle. Local home delivery is available for a fee on Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends. All proceeds benefit the Piedmont Council of Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts wish the community of Corpus Christi a Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season!

**An Evening of Caroling!**



Please join the Corpus Christi Parish Family for sing-a-long caroling on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, featuring Fr. Leo's [in]famous "Twelve Days of Christmas!" Singing begins at 4:30 p.m. sharp. From 5:30 p.m. on, the Men's Club will be providing holiday cheer in the Gibson Center, including hot mulled wine and assorted treats. Consider bringing an unwrapped toy to be delivered to St. Vincent's day home, and/or a dozen unwrapped cookies to share with your fellow singers. See you there!

