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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2019

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

-- 1 Corinthians 13:13



Daily Mass

Week of February 4th – 9th

Monday: 8:00 Donald Vogt+
Tuesday: 8:00 Scott Bullen+
Wednesday: 8:00 Molly Tibbetts+
Thursday: 8:00 David Edgerly+
Friday: 8:00 Charles & Bernadina Elsenius+
Saturday: 8:00 Marcy Fletcher+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Donald Mulvey, husband of Kathleen. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	January 27, 2019
Plate	\$8,048.00



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

Santiago Cieslak Suarez, son of Marta Cieslak and Jerreme Suarez.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Guest Speaker!

Sister Lilly, from Immaculate Conception Academy in San Francisco, will be the guest speaker this Sunday, February 3rd, at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The Immaculate Conception Academy is an all-girls, College Prep. Catholic High School which is located in the Mission District. It has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently, the girls are working at companies such as the GAP, Bank of the West, UCSF, Jones Day Law Firm, Hefernan Insurance Brokers, etc. Nationwide, this program is already succeeding in 32 other cities coast to coast. A team of four students works at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days. Operating as essentially a small, outsourcing staff agency, ICA enables the organization to fill needed clerical or entry-level positions.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the third week in which the second reading is taken from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. There was a problem that existed within the community that St. Paul felt was necessary to address in this letter.

The Christians of Corinth were enamored with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But, they valued some of the charisms of the Spirit over others. In the readings of the last two weeks, Paul attempts to correct them of their misunderstanding. He tells them that all the gifts of the Spirit are of equal importance because they all contribute to the growth of the Body of Christ.

In this week's reading, St. Paul takes a different tact. In what is one of the more beautiful and powerful passages in all of scripture, he tells the Corinthians that there is one gift of the Spirit that transcends all the others in importance; it is the gift of love. He describes love as the perfect gift by which all other gifts are measured:

*"Love is patient, love is kind...
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails."*

The message of St. Paul to the Corinthians and to us is wonderfully clear: the most important gift of the Holy Spirit is the one that we are all capable of sharing.

We are not all called to be prophets. We are not all able to speak in tongues. But, we are all abundantly blessed with the gift of love!

Love, Fr. Leo

Effortlessly,
love flows from God into man,
like a bird
who rivers the air
without moving her wings.
Thus we move in His world
one in body and soul,
though outwardly separate in form.
As the Source strikes the note,
Humanity sings --
the Holy Spirit is our harpist,
and all strings
which are touched in Love
must sound.

-- Mechthild of Magdeburg

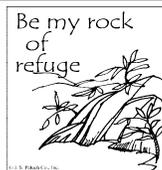
Middle School Youth Group: Join us this Sunday, February 3rd, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center for community, food, games and reflection on February's theme: the Love of God. See you there and bring a friend.
Adult volunteers wanted! If you would like to accompany our middle schoolers as we deepen our faith and lift our spirits in fun, contact Catherine at: ccteen-faith@gmail.com.

Core Team Meeting: The students and adults who create, plan and initiate **Rooted** will meet temporarily in the Conference Room in the Rectory until our new, unnamed, Youth Center is completed. Interested in joining us? Parents and high schoolers are welcome to meet after the 10:30 a.m. Mass today to help make our next gathering an unforgettable experience.

Rooted Returns: Next Sunday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m., high school students are invited to the School Auditorium for an evening of friends, fellowship and faith. Let's grow this new ministry, like our new mascot "Rooty" the tree! We hope to see you there and your friends, too. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine and/or Vince at [:ccteenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ccteenfaith@gmail.com).

Couples Communication Workshop!

Celebrate the feast of St. Valentine and give yourself the gift of more loving communication! Join our facilitators on Wednesday, February 13th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center for an evening to strengthen communication and happiness in your relationship! The facilitators are AnnaMarie Franco, MA and MFT, a certified Imago Relationship Therapist, and Chuck Siebenand, the former Director of Planning for the Diocese of Oakland.



Today's Readings

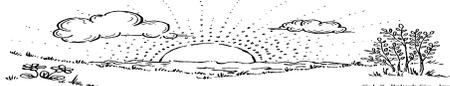
First Reading -- I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).
Psalm -- I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading -- If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31--13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel -- No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

Catholic Charities of the East Bay!

Pope Francis often speaks about service to others. In fact, Pope Francis specifically stated, "The credibility of the Church and of the Christian message rests entirely on how Christians serve those marginalized by society." Catholic Charities of the East Bay provides many volunteer opportunities to serve others in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. To learn more, please call Annie Banbury, Volunteer Program Coordinator, at (510) 768-3166 or email to: abanbury@cceb.org.



Upcoming Potluck!

In celebration of the Lunar New Year (Year of the Pig), our next community potluck will take place next Saturday, February 9th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The main course will be provided, along with a special Valentine's Day desert of a brownie/vanilla gelato sundae! Appetizers, side dishes, salads, adult beverages (wine, beer) are welcome. Freewill donations are always appreciated. Hope to see you there!

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

The Outreach Committee is once again sponsoring a warm winter coat collection for men, women and children. This is a good time of year to go through your closets and weed out those outgrown or unused items that just take up space in your closet. Someone will be so appreciative of your donation, someone less fortunate than you! What's needed are clean, gently-used coats and sweaters to benefit the women and children served by the St. Vincent de Paul Visitation Center. Please drop off your donations in the marked containers in the Gibson Center now through March. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone!



An Ongoing Mission!

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?" Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street. Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

Understanding!

One understands the cosmos, but never the ego.

-- G.K. Chesterton