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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said, "send me!"

-- Isaiah 6:8



Daily Mass

Week of February 11th – 16th

Monday: 8:00 Joan Martel+
Tuesday: 8:00 Tom O'Shea+
Wednesday: 8:00 Mary Vukas+
Thursday: 8:00 Amanda Cecil Hawkins+
Friday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+
Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Diego



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.

Weekly Collection	February 3, 2019
Plate	\$10,512.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,685.00



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

Wren Louise Kiphart-Padgen, daughter of Colleen Kiphart and Michael Padgen.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

God's Summons!

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me." We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Someone has written that trust is "the most precious and the most vulnerable of all human virtues." That it is precious and valuable is clear; it is vulnerable because it can be wounded, it can betray the precious bond between people. Think of the experience of Jesus and his betrayal by Judas.

The slogan, "trust but verify" is false on its face: if you truly trust you don't betray that trust by questioning the good faith of the other. The lack of trust is so evident in the world today; it rears its ugly head in racism, nationalism (the opposite of patriotism) and the lust for predominance among nations.

A superb example of trust is, not surprisingly, given to us by the visit of Pope Francis to the country of United Arab Emirates. He is shown in one photo with the caption "Pope Francis with his friend Sheik Ahmad al-Tayeb." Imagine that: a Catholic pope linked in friendship with a Muslim leader. How different from a recent pope who showed contempt for the Muslim faith. Here, by contrast, the two men of God sign a "Document of Human Fraternity."

And lest this be thought a sign of "softness" the pope did not hesitate to mention the brutal war in Yemen, where his hosts are responsible for terrible slaughter and the death of children by starvation. Truth is the necessary companion of trust.

Our faith constantly calls us to trust in God; look for example, at Psalms 11, 12, 62, 86 ("you could look it up"). Our trust in God demands that we reach out with good will to all others in our own work of human fraternity.

Fr. Basil

AN OLD ENGLISH PRAYER!

Give us, Lord,
a bit of sun
a bit of work and
a bit of fun.

Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.

Rooted Returns: Today, 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 and your friends there.

Volunteers Wanted for Youth Group: Middle School Youth Group is searching for amazing adult volunteers to accompany our monthly youth groups. This is a two-hour commitment once a month and an opportunity to grow in faith, mentorship and lift your spirits with the youth of Corpus Christi. Contact Catherine at: 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.

Heart's Flowers!

Deep within the sanctuary of ourselves
 there is a glade,
 Where the grass is always greenest,
 and the flowers never fade.
 Nowhere is a garden sweeter,
 than the one love's own hands tend,
 Where affection falls like sunlight,
 warming and awakening.

Everlasting are the blossoms,
 that are nourished in the heart,
 Little lights and little shadows,
 who can tell the two apart?
 He who plants the smallest kindness,
 sows indeed a mighty seed,
 For through years, like little acres,
 only love uproots the weed!

Grace E. Easley

The Greatest Need!

The world's greatest need is not more Christians but more Christians who practice their Christianity.

-- Anonymous



Upcoming Potluck!

In celebration of the Lunar New Year (Year of the Pig), our next community potluck will take place on 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.

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

The Outreach Committee's warm winter coat collection for men, women and children is continuing. 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!

Catholic Charities of the East Bay!

Have an old car taking up space in your driveway? Donate it to Catholic Charities of the East Bay. They accept all types of vehicles, including boats and trucks. Making a donation is easy. Call (855) 620-4483 or (855) 620-GIVE. Get a tax deductible receipt for your donation. Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps families in need and those who are marginalized. The Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties; and, Catholic Charities is the visible face of the Diocese in that work.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8).

Psalms -- In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3:8, 11]).

Gospel -- Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11).

