



# IMITATE CHRIST

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose hope is the Lord

-- Jeremiah 17:5-8



Daily Mass

Week of February 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
 Thursday: 8:00 Gary Nelson+  
 Friday: 8:00 Paul Ryan+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Adele Fedalin+



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 10, 2019
Plate	\$10,482.00
School Support	\$971.00

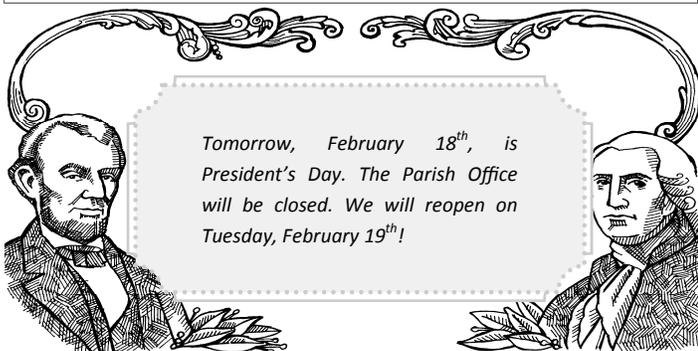


The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

**Alaia Ro and Mireille Teresa Thibodeaux**, daughters of Jennifer

Mendes and Antonio Thibodeaux.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Tomorrow, February 18<sup>th</sup>, is President's Day. The Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>!

### Light and Shadow!

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadow to blind those who don't.

-- Blaise Pascal



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In two weeks, we will begin the Season of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection. In anticipation of that forty-day experience, I have some thoughts to share with you.

In his book, *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis describes how the devil has cunningly seduced us into believing one of two fictions about him. Some of us believe that if he ever existed, he no longer does, that he has gone the way of witches, ghouls and goblins. And those of us who do believe in satan have such a distorted, almost cartoonish sense of him that we have rendered him harmless. When we think of satan, we visualize a red suited man with a devilish smile, horns on his head, a pointed tail and a pitch fork. A mischievous tempter. To think of Lucifer as a serious threat seems old fashioned and ridiculous.

If C.S. Lewis is correct in describing our attitude towards the devil, then we have a serious problem. Not only is satan alive and well, but he is the source of great evil. He is capable of destroying our happiness and leading us to utter destruction. I know that my words seem melodramatic, but that is not my intent. It is important that we understand that just as God calls us into relationship, so does the devil.

Lent is a time for us to accept the truthfulness of the words of St. Paul, "...I do what I ought not do, and avoid doing what I should do." We are not only objects of Lucifer's evil intent, we are active participants. WE SIN! And our sinfulness has serious consequences, not only for ourselves, but also for others.

As we approach the Season of Lent, we all need to reflect on our moral culpability and commit ourselves to developing a plan of repentance. Next week, I will offer you some suggestions of what we can do to make our Lenten experience truly rewarding.

Love, Fr. Leo

### Reading II

Paul points to the center of our hope: the Resurrection of Christ, without which we are lost. We are the most pitiable of people if we place our trust in what has no saving value. Christ, by his Resurrection from the dead, is the first fruits of salvation. The rest of the harvest is to follow. But if we believe in Christ Jesus, whose Resurrection is the pledge of our hope, we are also healthy fruit for eternal life.

**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](mailto:ccteenfaith@gmail.com).



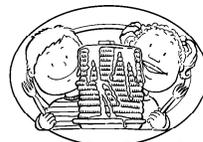
**Warm Winter Coat Collection!**

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!

**Upcoming Potluck!**

In celebration of the Lunar New Year (Year of the Pig), the next community potluck is this Saturday, 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.

**Annual Pancake Breakfast!**



Pancake Breakfast

Get ready for Pancakes! The Annual Scout Troop 6 Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the School Auditorium. The Scouts will be serving up stacks of hot pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras. You can purchase tickets after all the Masses or at the door. Unbeatable prices: \$8.00 per adult, \$15.00 for two or \$20.00 for the whole family. Troop 6 appreciates your support!

**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** -- Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord. (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalm** -- Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6).

**Second Reading** -- But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

**Gospel** -- Behold, your reward will be great in heaven (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

**Magnificat Prayer Breakfast!**

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive in Concord. The guest speaker will be Barbara Nicolosi Harrington, a writer, producer, story consultant and production company executive in Hollywood for over twenty years. Tickets are \$33.00/\$40.00 after March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, visit: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek>; email for reservations at: [magnificatso-tirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatso-tirsvp@gmail.com) or call Kim Sullivan at (925) 683-8220.



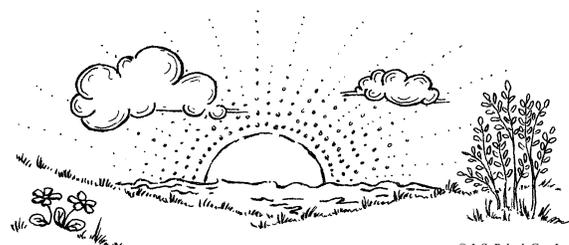
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**Closer Than You Think!**

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

-- Thomas Edison



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