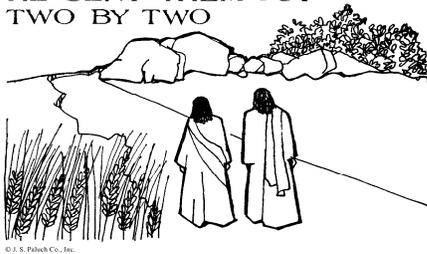


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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

-- Psalm 103:8



Daily Mass

Week of February 25th – March 2nd

Monday: 8:00 Artie & Evelyn Baker+
Tuesday: 8:00 William Ryan+
Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Aracic & Meyer Family
Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Owen Burns
Friday: 8:00 David Michael Edgerly+
Saturday: 8:00 Fr. Dan Danielson+



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 Gerald Cullinane, husband of Carol Cullinane. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	February 17, 2019
Plate	\$10,547.00



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

Gianna Grace and Rocco John

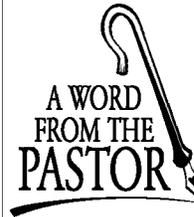
Hebert, daughter and son of Anne Marie Cecconi and Derek Hebert.

Skarlett Champion Gray, daughter of Starr Saunders and Christopher Gray.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Reading II

Paul writes that just as we resemble Adam, made from the earth, so also we resemble Christ, formed in his image. Like Adam, we are fashioned according to God's image, but we also inherit Adam's weakness. Through Baptism, however, we bear the imprint of Christ, share in his Resurrection, and receive from God the gift of his life-giving spirit. We sometimes excuse ourselves by claiming to be "only human." Jesus encourages us to realize our true, lasting human dignity: the image and likeness of God, who is forever merciful and gracious.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Book of Genesis describes how sin came into the world. It didn't all begin with Adam and Eve; it was the devil that made them do it. We sometimes forget that before the fall of Adam and Eve, Lucifer had already sinned; it was he who brought sin into the Garden of Paradise. The Story of Adam and Eve is the seminal story of humankind. What it says about us is this: we are born into a world where sin is already present and because of temptation, pride, fear and the need to know, we invariably sin. Yes, the Story of Adam and Eve is our story.

There is brokenness in our lives. Some of it is of our own making, some of it is because of the vicissitudes of life. When we reflect on who we are, we must come to the conclusion that we cannot save ourselves; we need help!

The forty days of Lent presents us with a wonderful opportunity to get the help that we need. It is a time to put aside our ordinary routine and to make a conscious effort to be more prayerful and reflective.

Love, Fr. Leo

Through Love's Great Power!

Through love's great power to be made whole
In mind and body, heart and soul --
Through freedom to find joy, or be
By dint of joy itself set free
In love and in companionship:
This is the true and natural good.

To undo justice, and to seek
To quash the rights that guard the weak --
To sneer at love, and wrench apart
The bonds of body, mind and heart
With specious reason and no rhyme:
This is the true unnatural crime.

-- Vikram Seth



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Confirmation Retreat!

Next weekend, March 2nd and 3rd, high schoolers preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on retreat at NatureBridge in Marin County. Our Corpus Christi Youth will be accompanied by adult leaders and confirmed high school leaders. A group from Church of the Assumption in San Leandro will also be joining us. Together, we will delve into what it means to live, "Life in Christ." We ask for your prayers next weekend!

Boy Scout Troop 6 Open House!

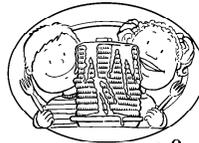
Scouting has a reputation for helping young men develop self-reliance strong character respect for others, good citizenship skills, and physical and mental fitness. For almost a century, their programs have instilled in young men the values and knowledge that they need to become leaders in their communities and in their countries. Not only that, but Scouting is fun! Please join Troop 6 for their Open House on Wednesday, March 6th, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. You'll get a first-hand look at some of the Troop activities; and you can visit with the Scouts and their adult leaders. All students in the 5th grade and older are welcome to attend with a parent or adult.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast!

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 9th, 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. Tickets are \$33.00/\$40.00 after March 2nd. For reservations, please email: magnificatso-tirsvp@gmail.com or call Kim Sullivan at (925) 683-8220.

Reading I

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' invitation: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." An example of such compassion is David. King Saul consumed by jealousy of David's rising popularity, has driven the youth from court and pursues him in the Judean desert. Given the opportunity, David refuses to take revenge against his persecutor. One night he and Abishai enter unimpeded into the king's camp and find Saul and Abner, his military general, asleep and unguarded. Abishai proposes to kill Saul. David stops him and instead steals the insignia of his royal person to prove that he had the opportunity to eliminate Saul but declined. David was compassionate toward an unjust persecutor, submitting to God, "Merciful and gracious ..., slow to anger and abounding in kindness." He did not deal with his enemy according to the unjust attack against himself. However, David adds: "The Lord will reward every person according to the terms of righteousness and faithfulness," words that foreshadow how David will succeed Saul. Here the book of Samuel anticipates Jesus' teaching on forgiveness, but it does not appreciate the value of nonviolence and forgiveness of enemies. For the present, David's respect for the king puts the matter in God's hands.

**Annual Pancake Breakfast!**

Get ready for Pancakes! The Brad Shaw Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast is next Sunday, March 3rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the School Auditorium. Troop 6 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 hopes to see you there and 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.

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!

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day" (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13).

Second Reading -- But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel -- Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you (Luke 6:27-38).

Getting Even!

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

-- Anonymous