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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

-- Psalm 92:2



Daily Mass

Week of March 4th – 9th

Monday: 8:00 Jack Mulgrew+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Catherine Nemecek+
 Wednesday: 8:00 **Ash Wednesday**
 Thursday: 8:00 Fr. Dan Danielson+
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Saturday: 8:00 Mary Ann McBride+



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 24, 2019
Plate	\$8,111.67



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

Carson Patrick Alcido Mueller,
 son of Lena Joan Alcido and Sean Mueller.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

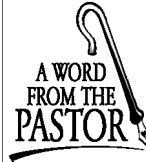
Operation Rice Bowl!

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish Office. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!

RICE BOWL



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

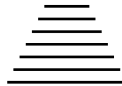
There is a passage in the Book of Isaiah that describes for us the type of fasting that is pleasing to God:

*"This is the fasting that I wish:
 releasing those bound unjustly,
 untying the thongs of the yoke;
 setting free the oppressed,
 breaking every yoke;
 sharing your bread with the hungry,
 sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;
 clothing the naked when you see them,
 and not turning your back on your own."*

We all give excuses for why we can't or won't fast in the manner that is most pleasing to God. The consequence of our unwillingness to do what God asks of us hangs before us on the mosaic. Lent is a time for self-examination and truth telling; Jesus said yes to the cross because we say no to God.

Love, Fr. Leo

Fast And Abstinence



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Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances

The Lenten fast begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we are signed with a cross for we live under that sign and in that sign. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the 7:00 p.m. Mass and also during the School Mass at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.
 -- Chinese Proverb

LENT

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Set Clocks Ahead

Day Light Savings Time Begins!



It's hard to believe that we will be "springing forward" next Sunday morning, March 10th! So, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

Lenten Prayer

*Oh loving Lord,
during this Lenten season
I lift up my voice to you.*

*Instill in my heart the desire to hear
your voice in the voices of the poor,
your people.*

*May I find in their example
the path to my conversion.*

*Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning,
and Giving in this season of grace.*

*May these actions answer the call
to transform our world.*

Amen

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting, and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 30th and Yom Kippur October 9th. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

Upcoming Potluck!

The next Community Potluck will take place on Saturday, March 16th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme will be for St. Patrick's Day -- Irish!

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.

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

The Outreach Committee's warm winter coat collection for men, women and children is continuing through March. 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. 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 -- The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm -- Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16).

Second Reading -- The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

Gospel -- No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher (Luke 6:39-45).

