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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

-- Colossians 1:28b



Daily Mass

Week of July 22nd - 27th

Monday: 8:00 Judy Beattie+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Chris Bennett
 Wednesday: 8:00 Larry Callaghan+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Maureen Foust
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Johnnie Glaze
 Saturday: 8:00 Barbara Soletti+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Judith Beattie, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collections

July 14, 2019	\$10,061.00
School Support	\$350.00

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



Baptisms

Brooklyn Marie Caughey, daughter of Stephanie Lopez and Daniel Caughey.

Emma Ann Lapcevic, daughter of Ashley Bateman and Derek Lapcevic.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Our Parish would like to extend congratulations & best wishes to:



Katherine Elizabeth McKeen
&

Martin Rademacher Aspholm

who were married on Saturday, July 13th.

May all their lives be filled with happiness and joy.

Summer Hours!



The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31st. We will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mondays -- Thursdays. Have a great summer!

From
Father Leo

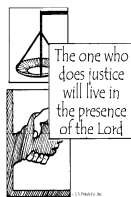


My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that you are familiar with my style of preaching, I'm sure you recognize that, over time, certain themes reoccur in my homilies. One subject that I return to frequently is the nature of God and how he works in our lives. Acknowledging that we will never fully understand God, there are a few observations that can still be made about his nature. In the first letter of John, the evangelist writes that God is love. The virtue of Love is God's first quality. It best describes who God is and what motivates his actions. Starting with this premise, we can also assume that mercy is an expression of God's love. In the Bible, we often read about the justice of God. But, justice is not God's first quality; he only exercises his justice when we refuse to avail ourselves to his mercy. Only we can determine whether or not we will be exposed to his justice. The choice is ours.

Love, Fr. Leo

Today's Readings



First Reading -- Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm -- He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading -- The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel -- Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

Listen!

The first reading tells of the "annunciation" of the birth of Isaac. It is profoundly mysterious, beginning with the appearance of the "three men." This reading illustrates God's active role in our history. The second reading treats a universal experience -- suffering. Paul sees suffering as the mark of discipleship. He finds joy in the suffering he endures because it is for the sake of the church. Through his preaching he hopes all people will come to accept Christ. The Gospel paints a lovely picture of Jesus at rest among his friends. Luke has placed the incident right after the parable of the Good Samaritan. But lest "activism" be seen as the only path, we now hear Jesus' call to sit quietly and listen to the word of God. We have to be like both of the sisters. Even in our harried and noisy world, there is an insistent call to sit back quietly and listen to Jesus.

Seekers Invitation to the RCIA Program

Are you searching for a faith tradition that you can call home without having to check your intellect at the door? Have you ever had the slightest inkling to explore becoming Catholic? Are you already Catholic, but you have never received your First Communion or Confirmation? If so, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) might be right for you.

The RCIA program is a process of exploring the Catholic faith while developing a deeper spiritual and faith life. There are plenty of opportunities to learn and experiment with different forms of prayer, and share spiritual questions, doubts, hopes and experiences. It is also a chance to learn about the broad themes and teachings of the Catholic Church, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. The next program will begin in September. If you are interested in learning more about this process, please contact Ann Naffziger at: ann@gospelliving.org or call (510) 521-8011.

Family Faith Formation!

We hope that you can join us for another wonderful year of Family Faith Formation! Classes begin on Sunday, September 8th, for children in Kindergarten through 6th grades. We are planning meaningful ways to help families deepen their faith, meet new people and have fun! 2nd graders and 4th graders will have special parent sessions to prepare for the Sacraments of First Communion and First Reconciliation. Registration forms and more information can be found on the credenzas in the Church, at the Parish Office and on the website. To learn more, contact Lori at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The main course will be provided. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

The Journey Continues!

If your Lenten study group left you wanting more, then Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality may be the answer. Ignatian Companions is a unique program, engaging women and men over the age of 50 who have a desire to serve the marginalized, while also deepening their spiritual development. As an endorsed work of the California Province of the Jesuits, it strives to balance the call to act for social justice with the desire to come closer to our living God. The program is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and operates from September to June.

To learn more, please contact Companions staff Marco Matute at: Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com or call (415) 487-8560, ext. 224. You can also contact Corpus Christi Parish members Iris Chavarria at (415) 756-6721 or Helen Merkle at (510) 465-5378.

Saint James Day Presentation!

Have you walked or even had the calling to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain? One of the three major Christian pilgrimages, together with Rome and Jerusalem, the Camino follows various ancient paths to the tomb of St. James, located in the crypt of the Santiago Cathedral.

Join the Northern California chapter of American Pilgrims on the Camino for a special presentation of St. James, the Despairing Evangelist Who Becomes an Inspiring Pilgrim, a Story for Today. The date is Thursday, July 25th, from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. The speaker will be Alexander John Shaia, internationally sought speaker, author and guide who annually mentors a small band of pilgrims walking the Camino. Alexander will give an overview of St. James' life and spirituality, as well as speak of pilgrimages as a contemporary rite of passage and an extended practice of mindfulness. His most recent book, *Returning From Camino*, is the first book to address the spiritual and psychological needs of a pilgrim upon returning home. For more information, see: www.Quadratos.com.

RSVP required by July 24th. Email Laurie Ferris at: laurie@thecaminoprovides.com. This event will either take place in the Gibson Center or the Church.

