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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

-- Psalm 90:12



Daily Mass

Week of August 5th – 10th

Monday: 8:00 Robert MacDonald+
Tuesday: 8:00 Joe McLaughlin+
Wednesday: 8:00 Josefina McKay+
Thursday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+
Friday: 8:00 Judy Beattie+
Saturday: 8:00 Donna Bersaglieri+



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

Weekly Collections

July 28, 2019

\$7,673.00



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!

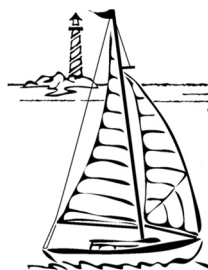


Baptisms

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

Ella Ruth Spinato, daughter of Colleen Callaghan and Michael Spinato.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



**Enjoy the
rest of your
Summer!**

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have often said that the Lord's Prayer is one of the most dangerous prayers to offer to God. Most of us say it so frequently that we fail to fully appreciate the implications of the words. When we say, "... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, ..." we are opening ourselves up to God's justice or mercy.

We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness, but God's ability to forgive us is conditioned by our willingness to forgive. God is so just that he will not impose his mercy on us unless we are fully accepting of it. Let me try to explain it this way: mercy is rooted in love and it can only be effective under certain conditions. If we harbor feelings of anger, resentment and hate towards others and we have no desire to change those feelings, we leave God no choice. Because of his respect for our freedom, he cannot impose on us that which we do not want. Mercy by its very nature can only exist in an environment of forgiveness and love. When we refuse to forgive others, we prevent God from forgiving us and we expose ourselves to his justice.

None of us can withstand the justice of God! Our choice is clear: if we want God's mercy, we must work at becoming merciful ourselves. Mercy begets mercy. So, I encourage you to pray the Lord's Prayer with care!

Love, Fr. Leo

Values to Live By!

Today's scriptures contain some catch phrases that are still quite familiar in our world: "All is vanity," and "Eat, drink, and be merry" are both scriptural in origin. In the same way that it is easy to pray last week's Lord's Prayer thoughtlessly, it is easy to let the potent passages of scripture that are built on these common sayings glide right off our slick ears.

Last week's scriptures instructed us to listen attentively to the Lord so that we might pray carefully. Our listening and our prayer are intimately connected. In the same way, this week we learn that our values and our living are connected as well. It has become quite common to ask, "Do you own your possessions or do they own you?" Like the familiar maxims from today's readings, we might be tempted to quote this saying flippantly and think that, in the quoting of it, we have truly considered it, perhaps lived it. Not true, Qoheleth, Paul and Jesus tell us today. It is not wrong to treasure or cherish things of earth or of our own humanity; it is only wrong when those things we cherish are not of God, are not of the self-giving Christ.

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.

Traveler's Song!

Take this prayer along with you as you are travelling this summer, and may the Spirit of Jesus be with you wherever you are in this wide and wonderful world!

*In paths of peace may the Lord guide us,
and may he send his holy angel Raphael
to accompany us on our way;
that safe and sound, in peace and in joy,
we may return to those who love us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen!

Something to Know About!

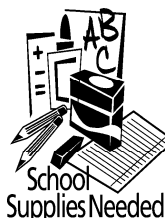
Sunday sermons can be seen via video on our website: www.corpuschristipiedmont.org. You can also check out the Mass schedule, current Bulletins and other important information around the Parish.



Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck is scheduled for next 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!

2019 School Supplies Drive!



Join the Outreach Committee for the School Supplies Drive to benefit the Community Education Partnerships (CEP), Elizabeth House, St. Vincent de Paul and other deserving charities. CEP recruits and trains volunteers to provide high-quality academic tutoring for homeless children in the pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school system. Much needed items include: backpacks, staplers, scissors, protractors/compasses, folders, pencils, pencil boxes, pencil sharpeners, rulers, binder paper, erasers, colored pencils, mead composition notebooks, glue sticks, calculators, crayons, ballpoint pens and multi-subject spiral notebooks. Feel free to add other items that you feel would be useful and appropriate. Drop off your donations in the Gibson Center through September. Please contact Madeleine Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304 if you have any questions. Thank You!

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:21; 2:21-23).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading -- You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel -- For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).