



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

-- Hebrews 12:2



### Daily Mass

Week of August 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 James Mangini+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 David Michael Edgerly+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Fr. Paul Minnihhan+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Maurice Gracias+  
 Friday: 8:00 Nanette Sebatt Schneider+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Fr. Dan Danielson+



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.

### Summer Hours!



The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during Summer through August 31<sup>st</sup>. 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:

**Mateo Stephen Dombrink**, son of Kristyn Barairo and Michael Dombrink.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

### News Flash!



The long-anticipated Parish Directories have finally arrived! Each family that had their pictures taken can pick up their copy at the Parish Office. If you are unable to come during Parish Office hours, please call to make other arrangements. The Directories will not be mailed out.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Thursday, we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our mother was privileged at the end of her life to go immediately to heaven for two reasons: first, because of her willingness to submit her will to God. Remember her response to God's invitation at the Annunciation, "Let it be done to me according to your will." Second, it is a sign to all of us of what is in store for us if we follow Mary's example. We, as Catholics, acknowledge our mother to be the perfect disciple, second only to her son in her devotion to the Father. In honor of our Lady's feast, I invite you to read and reflect on her beautiful hymn of praise, the Magnificat:

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:  
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
 for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
 From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
 the Almighty has done great things for me,  
 and holy is his Name.  
 He has mercy on those who fear him  
 in every generation.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm,  
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
 and has lifted up the lowly.  
 He has filled the hungry with good things,  
 and the rich he has sent away empty.  
 He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
 the promise he made to our fathers,  
 to Abraham and his children for ever."*

Our mother offered this hymn of praise on our behalf; may it become our Magnificat!

Love, Fr. Leo

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** -- Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** -- Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** -- I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).



### *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](mailto:ann@gospelliving.org) or call (510) 521-8011.

### *High School Youth Ministry And Confirmation!*

All 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested or planning to participate in High School Youth Group or Confirmation Preparation, please join us with your parents for our Information Session on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. Munch on some refreshments while you hear about **Encounter** (our Confirmation discernment program for 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders), the Confirmation Year and **Rooted** (our new and growing high school youth group). If you would like to register for any of these programs, please be sure to attend! For details, contact: [ccteenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ccteenfaith@gmail.com).

### *Confirmation Small Group Leaders Wanted!*

We are looking for confirmed high schoolers and adults to serve as "small group leaders" for the Confirmation program this fall. Enliven your faith and build meaningful relationships by delving into questions about Jesus, prayer, Scripture and our Church with high schoolers of our Corpus Christi family. For more information or to join, please contact Catherine Holcombe at: [ccteenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ccteenfaith@gmail.com).



### *Family Faith Formation!*

We hope that you can join us for another wonderful year of Family Faith Formation! Classes begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. We are planning meaningful ways to help families deepen their faith, meet new people and have fun! 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com).



### *2019 School Supplies Drive!*

Join the Outreach Committee for the School Supplies Drive to benefit the Community Education Partnerships (CEP) and the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. CEP recruits and trains volunteers to provide high-quality academic tutoring for homeless children in the pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304 if you have any questions. Thank You!

### *Spirituality and Conscious Aging Retreat!*

Spirituality and Conscious Aging Retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns around retirement and aging. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? The combination of retirement and growing older provides an opportunity to live life differently. Discover how we can share our spirit-given gifts, talents and experience in new ways that bring joy to ourselves and others, and give continued meaning and purpose to our lives. The place is San Damiano Retreat Center on Friday evening, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, until 5:00 p.m. Presented by Jim Briggs, retired Executive Director of the School of Applied Theology. For information, please call (925) 837-9141 or go to: [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) and click on Retreats Calendar.

### *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](mailto: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.

