



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.
Make straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

-- Hebrews 12:12-13



Daily Mass

Week of August 26th – 31st

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Tuesday: 8:00 Fr. Jay Matthews+
Wednesday: 8:00 Mary Vukas+
Thursday: 8:00 Barbara Soletti+
Friday: 8:00 Donna Bersaglieri+
Saturday: 8:00 Julia Celidonio+



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 Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	August 18 th
Plate	\$7,521.00
August 11 th	\$10,013.00

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.



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 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. Contact Made-line Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I have shared with you before, the Gospel according to Luke is my favorite of the four gospels. His theological perspective and the themes that he emphasizes are compatible with my feelings about Jesus.

Luke paints a picture of our Lord that is compassionate, forgiving and encouraging. His uplifting style makes his gospel a joy to read, that is most of the time.

Last week's gospel passage is an exception.

The tone of our Lord's message is both negative and harsh:

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

These words of Jesus would seem more appropriate in the Gospel of Mark rather than in the Gospel of Luke; but, it is in Luke that we read them.

The fact that we find these words on the lips of Jesus in the most gentle of the four gospels challenges us to deepen our understanding of the cost of discipleship.

The invitation to live in relationship with our Lord is not all sweetness and light. There are times when being a disciple is quite demanding and even painful.

Those of you who have come to know me, know that I would prefer not to reflect on this aspect of discipleship. But, this week's gospel will not allow me to ignore the fact that the Good News is sometimes Harsh News.

Love, Fr. Leo

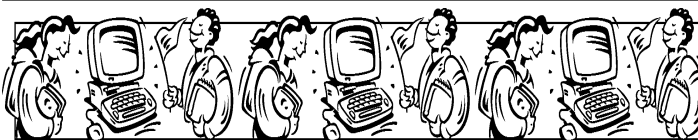
Today's Readings

First Reading -- Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalm -- Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading -- Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel -- People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).



BACK TO SCHOOL...BACK TO SCHOOL...BACK TO SCHOOL...BACK TO SCHOOL

Faith and the Environment

This fall, Corpus Christi will be hosting an eight-week series called, "JustFaith -- Living Simply: Caring for the Earth." The group meetings will include prayer, reflection, and discussion based on readings and videos about topics such as the challenge of stewardship, ecological footprint, environmental justice, God's planet and the global world, etc. Plans are currently in the works for both a Tuesday morning group and a Wednesday evening group. More information will follow. In the meantime, if you are interested, please contact Ann Naffziger at (510) 521-8011 or: ann@gospelliving.org.

High School Youth Ministry And Confirmation!

All 9th - 12th 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 8th, 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 9th - 11th 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.

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.

Reflections on the Reign of God!

A threefold message is developed in today's readings. First, everyone is called to proclaim God's glory and receive salvation. Second, salvation is not for the unprepared. Like a loving parent, God gently corrects and disciplines those who have been called. Often, suffering may be part of the formation process. We learn to accept it as Jesus once accepted his cross. Third, some people who are treated with contempt and disdain by the self-righteous actually do have a place in God's kingdom. We need to take these lessons to heart. Recall your initial excitement upon hearing God's word. How has the Good News that once struck your fancy taken deeper root in your life? Look again at the crosses you have been given. How are others transformed when they see how you have accepted and grown from your sufferings? Finally, are there some people you imagine as not invited into God's kingdom? Why do you feel this way about them? For a moment, imagine them on the inside and yourself on the outside. How can this be possible? Always try your best to enter by the narrow gate, gladly proclaiming God's glory.

Next Upcoming Potluck!

Please join the Hospitality Committee in a Welcome Back and Welcome Newcomers Potluck. Summer vacation is over and everyone is invited on Saturday, September 14th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. The main dish will be provided and dessert will be root beer floats! Please bring an appetizer, side dish or beverage. For more information or to volunteer for set-up or clean-up, contact Carol Heard at: heardwhat@yahoo.com.



The **Annual Corpus Christi Parish Picnic** will take place on Sunday, October 6th, at Roberts Regional Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please join us for Mass at 11:00 a.m. led by Fr. Leo,

followed by a fantastic picnic with great food and beverages. Enjoy activities and games by our Faith Formation Ministry. There will be relay races and the favorite tug-of-war competition. Most importantly, hang out with and meet parishioners of our great community. Whether you're a long-time member or new to Corpus Christi, this is a great time for you and your family to get together for a fun day! Registration will start in September. Please contact Daryl Grace at: dgrace64@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Men's Club Golf Tournament!

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Corpus Christi Men's Club Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 21st, at the Metropolitan Golf Links in Oakland. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. The Men's Club invites all adult parishioners and School golfers for a great day of fun, competition, prizes, BBQ, free beer and that great CCMC community buzz. Your ticket also includes driving range balls, all green fees, cart and lunch. Preferred registration method is online at: <http://golf.corpuschristimensclub.org>. Please email John Keady at: jbkeads@gmail.com for any questions.



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.



School's open!
Please drive carefully!