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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.

-- Hebrews 12:22a



Daily Mass

Week of September 2nd – 7th

Monday: 8:00 Tom & Jackie Hayes+
George Balise+
Tuesday: 8:00 Anniversary of the Omphroy's
Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Thursday: 8:00 Jack & William Meagher+
Maria Rimkus McLaughlin+
Friday: 8:00 Jim O'Farrell+
Saturday: 8:00 Katriona Morley-Smith+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, 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 Collection	August 25 th
Plate	\$7,770.67



Baptisms

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

Amaya Lynn Sallis, daughter of Danielle Burk and Corey Sallis.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Priests Retirement Collection!

Currently, we have over forty retired priests in the Diocese of Oakland. With one hundred active priests over the age of 60 or older, the number of retired clergy will grow considerably over the next decade. In addition, thanks be to God, our retired clergy are living longer and continue to help at Masses. However, this increases the cost above projections that were made when the system was put in place a couple of decades ago. Also, priests who come to our Diocese from another one or religious orders to serve the people of Oakland do not bring their retirement benefits with them. They start with zero when they begin to minister here. After meeting with the Priests' Retirement Board in 2013, it was recommended to add this second collection which will be next weekend, September 24th and 25th. Thank you for your support!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back from Summer vacation!

I want to begin the School year by strongly encouraging you to make weekly attendance at Mass a priority for you and your family. Let me tell you why I think that you need to do this. One of the central characteristics of our religion is our understanding of the importance of community. We are a communal religion. We live our faith in the context of relationship. We believe that one of the most important messages that Jesus came to share with us is that we are called to live as one family. Jesus did not die on the cross to save you and me individually; he died to save us collectively. It is not acceptable for a Catholic to say, "I don't need to go to church; I have a personal relationship with Jesus." Salvation for us is a communal experience.

Unfortunately, one of the consequences of original sin is that we have a false sense of the importance of "self." Because of sin, we are all inclined to believe what is false about ourselves and to deny what is true. But, St. Paul describes our true nature perfectly when he says, "we were made incomplete, we find our completeness in the Lord and each other." This is why we Catholics celebrate the sacraments: to remind ourselves of who we are.

The Eucharist is the central sacrament of our faith because it best epitomizes our belief and our need. When we participate in the Mass, we are making two statements: first, we are acknowledging that we are one with each other through our oneness with Jesus; second, we are also admitting that, although we know the first statement to be true, because of our false sense of "self," we don't live what we profess to believe.

The simple truth is this: we need to attend Mass frequently in order to develop the wisdom and courage necessary to live according to our true nature. The Mass is not an option to be experienced when we find it convenient; it is a necessity of life.

Love, Fr. Leo



Workers!

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.

-- Eugene V. Debs

Faith and the Environment

Join us this fall for an eight-week series called, "JustFaith -- Living Simply: Caring for the Earth." The meetings will include prayer, reflection, and discussion based on topics such as the challenge of stewardship, ecological footprint, environmental justice, God's planet and the global world, etc. There will be both a Tuesday morning group from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and a Wednesday evening group from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning the week of September 17th. **Registration is required by September 10th.** The program is free, but required books will cost about \$45.00. Please contact Ann Naffziger to register or with any questions 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 next 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.



Family Faith Formation!

We hope that you can join us for another wonderful year of Family Faith Formation! Classes begin next 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.



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The Parish Office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday tomorrow, September 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd. Have a safe holiday!

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.



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 Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304.

