



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

-- Psalm 90:14



Daily Mass

Week of September 9th– 14th

Monday: 8:00 James Mangini+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Jane Meagher+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Lily Elyse Aracic Meyer+
 Thursday: 8:00 Jeanne Parsons+
 Friday: 8:00 Bill Woodward+
 Saturday: 8:00 Larry Callaghan+



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

Weekly Collection	September 1 st
Plate	\$10,234.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,454.00



Baptisms

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

Lena Caterina Kelley, daughter of Marisa Holland and Patrick Kelley.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



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

Alejandra Barrio Rodriguez
 &
Adam Gough Gorski

who were married on Saturday, August 31st.

May all their lives be filled with happiness and joy.



Angelic!

The reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.

-- G.K. Chesterton

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. This week's gospel passage is an exception.

The tone of our Lord's message is both negative and harsh: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

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 who know me know that I 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

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 this weekend, September 7th and 8th. Thank you for your support!

St. Vincent de Paul Job Listing!

St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County is looking for a Development Officer. Twenty hours per week, great mission and good pay. West Oakland site. For more information, please go to: jobs@svdp-alameda.org.

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 today, 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.



Family Faith Formation!

We hope that you can join us for another wonderful year of Family Faith Formation! Classes begins today, 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.



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



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.

Corn Dog Event!

Please join the Hospitality Committee and the Outreach Committee for a special corn dog event on Saturday, September 21st, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, September 22nd, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This is a perfect opportunity for a quick and easy Saturday night supper or Sunday lunch with friends and family! The event will benefit Elizabeth House. The Home's professional staff and dedicated volunteers provide a warm, welcoming and structured environment to allow these families time and space to rebuild their lives. A free-will donation to Elizabeth House will be appreciated.



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 is taking place this month. 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.

