

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2019

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

-- Psalm 98:5



Daily Mass

Week of November 18th– 23rd

Monday: 8:00 Larry Daggett+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Fr. Jay Matthews+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Josefina McKay+
 Thursday: 8:00 Barbara Soletti+
 Friday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
 Saturday: 8:00 Fr. Dan Danielson+



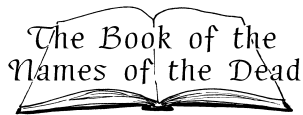
Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson,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

Weekly Collection	November 10 th
Plate	\$10,034.00
School Support	\$318.00



Altar of Remembrance

Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish Office to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.



Throughout November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages. You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you a wonderful prayer that Franciscan Father Richard Rohr has on his tape, *The Spirituality of Imperfection*:

“I asked God for strength that I might achieve, but God made me weak that I might learn to obey.”

“I asked God for health that I might do great things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things.”

“I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise.”

“I asked God for power when I was young that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.”

“I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things.”

“Now at the end of my life I realize that I got nothing that I asked for, but everything that I hoped for; almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all people most richly blessed.”

Love, Fr. Leo

An Evening of Remembrance!

An Evening of Remembrance, hosted by the Grief Support Ministry, will be held on Thursday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Mass will be celebrated with a candle ceremony to honor our loved ones who have died. If you would like someone to be included, please call the Parish Office at (510) 530-4343. Also, please call to RSVP that you will attend.

Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, November 23rd and 24th, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD works for the relief of those oppressed by poverty by empowering neighbors to help one another eliminate the causes of poverty in their communities. The Campaign for Human Development is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you for helping!

**Want to Learn More About Your Faith?
Looking for Companions?**

The RCIA process at Corpus Christi offers a chance for anyone on a spiritual journey to gather with others who are asking questions about their spirituality or faith beliefs. It is an opportunity to search, share, question and grow alongside others who are exploring the Catholic faith. In the coming months, we will be discussing topics such as how Catholics read the Bible differently from fundamentalists, the responsibility to follow our conscience, Pope Francis' call to care for the environment and how to tell when God is speaking to us. Anyone is welcome to join us. See the link on the Parish website for the full calendar of topics. Meetings are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room. Contact Ann Naffziger for more information at (510) 521-8011 or: ann@gospelliving.org.



Treasures From Our Tradition!

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet, we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed. "Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities and world.

Today's Readings



First Reading -- For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm -- The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel -- Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

Extra Yarn Needed!

If anyone has any extra yarn, please drop it by the Parish Office. A neighbor is making blankets for those confined to a wheelchair. Thank You for your help!

Scholarship Donation Matching Opportunity!

As a Corpus Christi School community, we are forever grateful to Katie Murphy for her 30 years of dedication and leadership of our School. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we have an opportunity to continue honoring Katie and build the Katie Murphy Scholarship Fund. Every new dollar donated towards the Fund by November 30, 2019 will be matched until the maximum \$40,000 in matching funds is reached. Corporate matching donations are not eligible to participate in this special matching program. **Checks should be made payable to "Corpus Christi School,"** with "Katie Murphy Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women!

Magnificat invites you to their Saturday, December 7th, Prayer Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 43 John Glenn Drive in Concord. Please join them for a morning of Praise, Prayer and Inspiration. The guest speaker will be Fr. Erick Villa, the parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Brentwood. Tickets are \$33.00/\$40.00 after November 30th. Please visit: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek> for more information. For reservations, go to: magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com or call Kim Sullivan at (925) 683-8220.

Volunteers Needed!

The Outreach Committee is asking for two or three volunteers to help with deliveries of their collections throughout the year. With Christmas coming, the need is especially great! Most deliveries will go to St. Vincent de Paul and St. Mary's in downtown Oakland. Please call Madeline Briar at (510) 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at (510) 530-7304 and leave your name and telephone number. Many Thanks!

Not Watching For The Second Coming!

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone, we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined. We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.