

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



Mission Statement:

Corpus Christi is a welcoming Catholic community grounded in Faith, nourished by the Eucharist, and dedicated to stewardship and service.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil ~ 5 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday ~ Saturday, 8 a.m.

Holy Days ~ 8 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday ~ 4:00-4:45 p.m.

or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Classes required for parents.

For information, call Parish Office.

MARRIAGES

By appointment, at least six
months in advance.

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2020

A voice came down from the heavens, saying
 "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

-- Matthew 3:17



Daily Mass

Week of January 13th - 18th

Monday: 8:00 Scott MacPherson Stapleton+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Daniela/Ricardo Gonzalez
 Thursday: 8:00 Leo Loh+
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Santiago Munoz, III
 Saturday: 8:00 Leo Loh+



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	January 5, 2020
Plate	\$10,662.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,182.00

Annual Seminary Collection!

The Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be this weekend, January 11th and 12th. Your support for our Seminarians is deeply appreciated. Keep them in your prayers. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You!

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Isaiah speaks of the servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm -- The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

Second Reading -- Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

Gospel -- A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's first reading we hear the prophet Isaiah speaking of a mysterious figure he calls the servant of God. In a series of such references it turns out that this servant is one who is anointed by God to bring justice and peace to his people. But he will do it by paying a terrible price: he will be rejected and eventually killed.

Christians have always believed that this person turned out to be the Lord Jesus. We have just left the Christmas season with its warmth and joy and already we must be prepared for the goal towards which the birth of Christ has destined him: his suffering and death.

In these perilous times when war and hatred seem to have the upper hand in human affairs, when the world is filled with ever escalating violence, we have to remember that Jesus, the Prince of Peace, endured suffering and death as a reward of his life and teaching about peace and love. But he lives in us who believe in him and are sustained by the grace and presence of God in our lives.

In April 1968 Senator Robert Kennedy was running for president and he was scheduled to give a speech in a poor black neighborhood of Indianapolis. Just before he arrived he got the terrible news that Martin Luther King, Jr. had been murdered. To console his hearers, horrified by the news he had to tell them, the senator reached back to an ancient Greek poet, Aeschylus, and found words that mirror exactly the biblical message of how we can survive and go on in this world of violence and destruction:

"Even in our sleep, pain falls
 drop by drop upon the heart,
 until, even in our own despair,
 against our will,
 comes wisdom
 through the awful grace of God."

Fr. Basil

2019 Contributions

The 2019 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2019. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!



We would like to thank Ginny Reynolds who took part in a beautiful tradition by giving toward the Christmas decorations for our Church in memory of Eric and Virginia Giegler.

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

During December and January, the coldest time of the year, the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a warm, winter coat collection for men, women and children. They are needed so much and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Your clean, gently-used coats will benefit those served by the St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. There are marked containers in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity!



Called to Serve!

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today, we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But, he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptistry art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!



Potluck!

The next Hospitality Committee's Potluck is this Saturday, January 11th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme will be Asian/Fillipino Food. Come join in the festivities!

Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars! The 2020 Crab Feed & Auction will take place on Saturday, January 25th. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Parish and School. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fabulous food and the company of our Parish Family while raising money to help the School and Parish. Tickets are on sale on the Crab Feed & Auction website at: ccfeed.org/tickets. Tickets cost \$75.00 each and include all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab, access to the Silent and Live Auction; and a night full of friends, fun and dancing. For those who want to be part of the excitement of the main event, select the Crab Feed Dinner to be seated in the School Auditorium. And if you're a Corpus Christi School alumni or Parish member looking for a more relaxed atmosphere, you're invited to select the Candlelight Dinner which offers a fine dining experience in the Gibson Center.

We hope to see everyone in our Parish Family at the 2020 Crab Feed & Auction; but if your schedule does not permit you to attend, we still want you to be a part of it. The Online Auction, starting on Wednesday, January 15th, contains tons of fantastic items you're bound to love. It will be available through the Crab Feed & Auction website at: ccfeed.org. So, please check it out and bid to support our community!

Pro-Life Walk!

Please join the 16th Annual Walk for Life on Saturday, January 25th, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center in San Francisco. All ages are welcome. Just to participate is something very positive. Walk to Justin Herman Plaza. For more information, call (415) 658-1793 or email: info@walkforlifewc.com.

Take the Corpus Christi Satisfaction Survey!

Fr. Leo urges everyone to take the online survey. Go to: www.corpuschristipiedmont.org and click on "Corpus Christi Survey Flyer." Then, click on: surveymonkey.com/r/corpuschristipiedmont. Follow the directions. The survey closes on Monday, January 20th. If you attempted to take the survey before and it did not go through, changes have been made and it should now work. If you do not want to go online, we have copies in the Parish Office.

Extra Yarn Needed!

If anyone has any extra yarn that they are not using, please drop it by the Parish Office. A neighbor is making blankets, hats and mittens for the homeless. Thank You for your help!