

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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord.

-- Psalm 27:14



Daily Mass

Week of January 27th – February 1st

Monday: 8:00 Taylor Nelson+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Natividad "Teve" Martinez+
 Wednesday: 8:00 William Murphy+
 Thursday: 8:00 Barbara Soletti+
 Friday: 8:00 Fr. Jay Matthews+
 Saturday: 8:00 David Edgerly+



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, 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 19, 2020
Plate	\$10,103.00
School Support	\$195.00

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 -- 9:3).

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel -- After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that you are familiar with my style of preaching, I'm sure you recognize that, over time, certain themes reoccur in my homilies. One subject that I return to frequently is the nature of God and how he works in our lives. Acknowledging that we will never fully understand God, there are a few observations that can still be made about his nature. In the first letter of John, the evangelist writes that God is love. The virtue of love is God's first quality. It best describes who God is and what motivates his actions. Starting with this premise, we can also assume that mercy is an expression of God's love. In the Bible, we often read about the justice of God. But, justice is not God's first quality; he only exercises his justice when we refuse to avail ourselves to his mercy. Only we can determine whether or not we will be exposed to his justice. The choice is ours.

Love, Fr. Leo

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being "clothed in Christ," and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called "Sunday in Albis," because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

The Water From Heaven!

As dry flour cannot be united into a lump of dough, or a loaf, but needs water, so we who are many cannot be made one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes from heaven.

-- Irenaeus

Welcome!

On January 12th, we formally welcomed five adults who have decided to call Corpus Christi and the Catholic Church their spiritual home. Chris Meyer, Keith Gronbach, Hady Jadalla-Karraa, Mariko Uyeda and Mary Tanios have all found their way here after experiences at various Protestant churches and other Catholic parishes throughout their lives. They are participating in the RCIA program now, exploring different forms of prayer and faith-sharing, and learning more about what it means to live as a Catholic at this time in their lives. They will be baptized, receive First Communion and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil on April 11th. Please welcome them into our Parish midst.

**Feast of Faith
Penitential Rite!**

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But, the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish, when he realizes who is in the boat with him, he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison* -- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

Something to Know About!

Just a reminder that Sunday sermons can be seen via video on our website: www.corpuschristipiedmont.org. You can also check out the Mass schedule, current Bulletins and other important information around the Parish.

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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 hats, mittens and scarves for the homeless. Thank You for your help!

Upcoming Potluck!

The next Corpus Christi Community Potluck will be on Saturday, February 8th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. Let's do Italian! Rigatoni, tagliatelle, linguine, red, white or green? Bring a dish, salad or dessert to share! Please contact Carol Heard at: heardwhat@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

During the rest of 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!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it's a weekend full of fresh air, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include February 21st to 23rd and July 10th to 12th, both in Danville. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit their website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie at (925) 849-5466 or at: applications@oaklandwwme.org.

Seeking the Light!

In today's readings, we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes, "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

