

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.

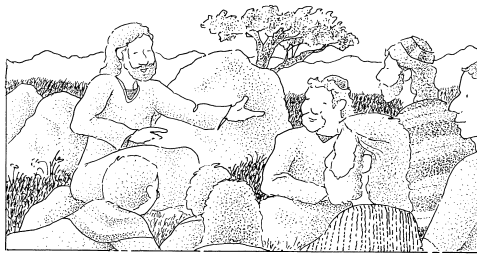
MARRIAGES

By appointment, at least six
months in advance.

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The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way.

-- Hebrews 2:17a



Daily Mass

Week of February 3rd – 8th

Monday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+
Tuesday: 8:00 Warren Renner+
Wednesday: 8:00 Eileen Katherine Majewski+
Thursday: 8:00 William Fisher+
Friday: 8:00 Bill Ard+
Saturday: 8:00 Theresa Deasy+



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, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	January 26, 2020
Plate	\$9,198.67

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek (Malachi 3:1:4).

Psalm -- Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading -- Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel -- The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people of Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's letter, there are a few thoughts that I would like to share with you about our Parish and our School.

This past Saturday night, about five hundred people: parishioners, friends and old acquaintances packed our School Auditorium. It was a night of fellowship, food and fun. Many of us ate more crab than we needed. A few of us were cajoled into bidding more for auction items than we had originally intended. But, all of us had a great time!

This past Monday, we began Catholic School Week by having a special Mass and reception for the grandparents of the children who attend our Parish School. It was heart warming to watch the children escort their grandparents to the School, proudly showing them their classrooms and their individual work. It was a wonderful beginning to a very special week.

Love, Fr. Leo

God's Ways!

If we itemized the top eight things that bring us happiness, what items might show up on the list? A hefty bank account? A Caribbean cruise or African safari? A shopping mall marathon? Season tickets for the hometown team? A new car? If we already have some of these things, most likely we know they don't bring us true happiness. Fact is, they probably bring us more aggravation -- items to return or repair, one more object for people to argue over. God's ways are not the ways of our popular culture.

Through love's great power to be made whole
In mind and body, heart and soul --
Through freedom to find joy, or be
By dint of joy itself set free
In love and in companionship:
This is the true and natural good.

To undo justice, and to seek
To quash the rights that guard the weak --
To sneer at love, and wrench apart
The bonds of body, mind and heart
With specious reason and no rhyme:
This is the true unnatural crime.

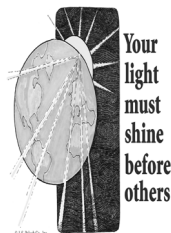
-- Vikram Seth

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.

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.

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2nd, the season of Christ's coming, has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candle maker; or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christians' call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

Please be sure to thank the generous advertisers in our Bulletin. Through their participation, our Parish receives our weekly Bulletin free of charge!

February

Upcoming Potluck!

The next Corpus Christi Community Potluck will be next 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.

**Last Open House For 2020 School Enrollment!**

On Tuesday, February 4th, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m., our School will hold their last Open House for prospective families for the 2020 -- 2021 School year. Visit classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about Corpus Christi School. If you or anybody you know are interested, we welcome you to come. For more details, please contact Evelien Verpeet, Heidi Catapusan or the School Office at (510) 530-4056.

**Feast of Faith
I Confess!**

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal -- "I confess" -- and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do. In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison* -- Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.

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!

