

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.

-- Psalm 112:4



Daily Mass

Week of February 10th – 15th

Monday:	8:00	Buzz Da Vega+
Tuesday:	8:00	William De Cara+
Wednesday:	8:00	Special Intentions
Thursday:	8:00	Damian Miguel O'Shea+
Friday:	8:00	George Scanlon+
Saturday:	8:00	Jack Shahoian+



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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Jack Harrison Rivas, son of Jim Rivas and Kryssa Guntrum. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	February 2, 2020
Plate	\$10,610.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,608.00



Please Note!

All contribution letters for 2019 have now gone out to everyone registered in the Parish. If you did not receive one, please call the Parish Office.

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm -- The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading -- My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel -- You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a famous American novel, *An American Tragedy*. It has nothing to do with politics but the title can easily remind us of the idea that runs through today's Bible readings. The prophet demands that we pay attention to the hungry, the oppressed and the homeless, not simply by identifying them but by concrete action to relieve their suffering. Jesus declares that if we fail in this we are like salt that has lost its savor, good for nothing but to trample underfoot.

What have we become as a society if we take food out of the mouths of the hungry, if we allow people to live on the streets, if our most basic values are trampled underfoot by unscrupulous politicians? This is a tragedy of enormous proportions and we allow it to happen to our hurt and to the detriment of our children and grandchildren.

God is not mocked, as St. Paul tells us. Mercy and compassion are essential parts of the justice of God as Jesus and the prophet proclaim. We pray today that the light of Christ may shine out through our deeds and give glory to God.

Fr. Basil

God's Call!

The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world. The outline begins with Isaiah: "Share your bread... shelter the oppressed... clothe the naked" (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds. We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

Good Timing!

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

-- Anonymous

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

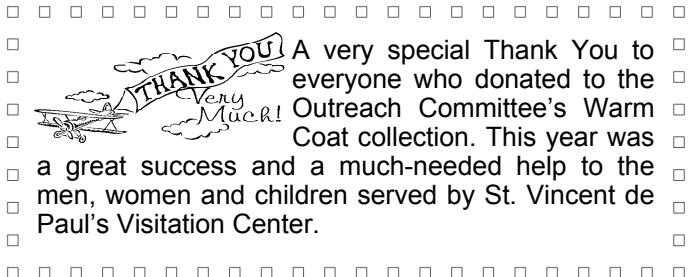
Winter brings crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like winter because it's a weekend full of fresh air, and a time to rejoice in the beauty of our marriage and family. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include February 21st to 23rd and July 10th to 12th, both in Danville. For 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.

Feast of Faith The Gloria (1)!

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria, we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope -- and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly.

The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.

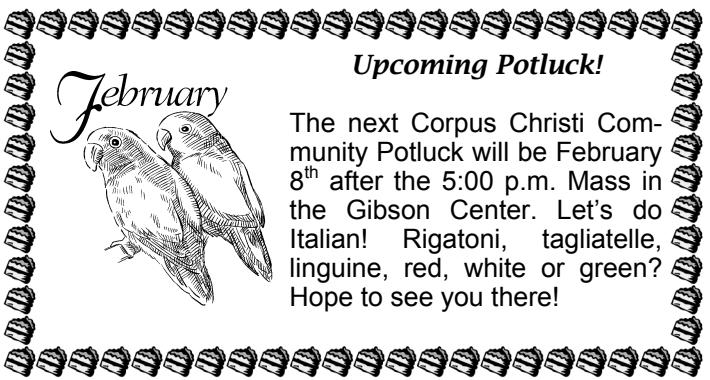


Automatic Payment Via Online Banking!

Many parishioners have set up Online Banking to make their contributions automatically to Corpus Christi. You can set this up by going to your online banking bill pay site for your bank provider. Your donation will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account directly to the Church.



Upcoming Potluck!



God's Summons!

If we are not able to witness concretely to the love of Christ in our lives, then we are truly salt that has gone tasteless. Our flavor and impact are lost. How difficult it is to get them back again.

In the late 1940s, the Christophers movement began in the United States. The Christophers' motto, "*It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness,*" attracted many through the Christophers' effective use of the media, advertising and the encouragement of its members to proclaim Christ in the workplace.

Jesus calls us to be that candle and to set ourselves in the most visible place. Jesus, who brought eternal light to the world, tells us that we, too, are the light of the world. Through our words and actions, we must let our light shine in the sight of all so that in seeing our good works, everyone may give praise to God.

AN OLD ENGLISH PRAYER!

*Give us, Lord,
a bit of sun
a bit of work and
a bit of fun.*

*Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.*

Amen

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!