

# 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.

## PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Leo J. Edgerly, Jr., Pastor

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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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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

-- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



### Week of February 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

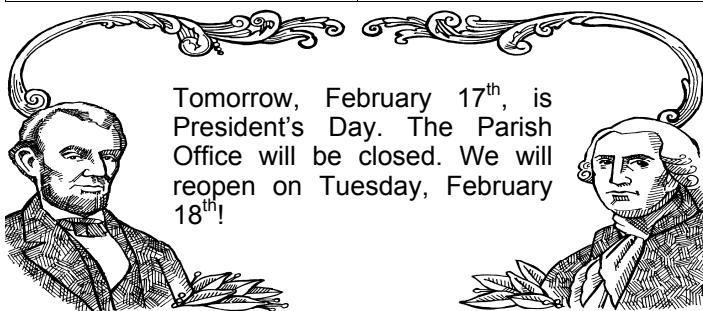
Monday:	8:00	Norman Nagel+
Tuesday:	8:00	Mary Lou Taylor+
Wednesday:	8:00	Pauline Saunderson+
Thursday:	8:00	Intentions: Santiago Munoz, III
Friday:	8:00	Gary Nelson+
Saturday:	8:00	Paul Ryan+



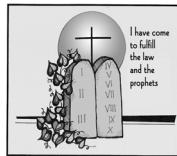
Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis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

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Edward Heinemann, husband of Lorraine Heinemann. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	February 9, 2020
Plate	\$10,770.00
School Support	\$1,227.00



### Today's Readings!



**First Reading** -- God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** -- Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** -- God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** -- Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From Father Leo  
The Book of Genesis describes how sin came into the world. It didn't all begin with Adam and Eve; it was the devil that made them do it. We sometimes forget that before the fall of Adam and Eve, Lucifer had already sinned; it was he who brought sin into the Garden of Paradise.

The Story of Adam and Eve is the seminal story of humankind. What it says about us is this: we are born into a world where sin is already present and because of temptation, pride, fear and the need to know, we invariably sin. Yes, the Story of Adam and Eve is our story.

There is brokenness in our lives. Some of it is of our own making, some of it is because of the vicissitudes of life. When we reflect on who we are, we must come to the conclusion that we cannot save ourselves; we need help!

The forty days of Lent presents us with a wonderful opportunity to get the help that we need. It is a time to put aside our ordinary routine and to make a conscious effort to be more prayerful and reflective.

Love, Fr. Leo

### Choice!

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "had set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15-16). This is the great mystery; God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

**Health alert:** Although we have little to fear from the coronavirus here in the Bay Area unless you or someone you know has been to China recently, it's good to remember that the flu season is in full swing. All health authorities affirm that frequent washing of the hands is the best way to avoid spreading any infection (more useful than masks in fact).

Fr. Basil

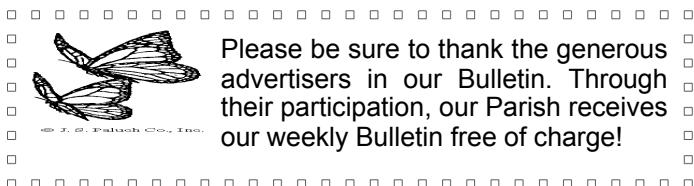
### **Feast of Faith The Gloria (2)!**

The Gloria is a rejoicing prayer, an exclamation of praise. It begins with the song of the angels at the announcement of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:14), a heavenly burst of praise for God's loving action in the world. But in the Gloria, the song goes on, leaping, as it were, from height to height, with every kind of praise, blessing, adoration, glory and thanksgiving.

We begin by thanking and praising God the Father; then we turn our gaze to Christ, the Lamb of God. The paschal mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection is found here, at the heart of this prayer, which descends to the depths with Christ, but then rises with him to the heavens, where he is seated at the Father's right hand. The Gloria ends with a series of acclamations to Christ, emphasizing over and over that he "alone" is the Holy One, the Lord, the Most High, truly God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer of praise ends where it began, in the "glory of God the Father." The Gloria, with its arc leading us from the glory of God to the suffering of Christ and again to glory, is the pattern of the Mass itself. At the center of all our prayer is the sacrificial love of Christ.

### **Jesus and the Law!**

In today's continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus addresses the relationship between the current interpretation of the law of Moses and his own. He insists that he has come to fulfill, not abolish the law. Jesus is explicit here. He repeats the phrase, "You have heard ..." with the counterpoint, "But I say ..." He will not settle for mere avoidance of outright murder or adultery or lying. He goes to the source of murder -- hatred, resentment, spite. He insists on chaste living.



### **Caregiver Available!**

Diana Guittard is a certified nursing assistant and massage therapist with over 25 years of experience. She is available to help with all aspects of daily life, including but not limited to bathing and hygiene needs, transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping and other errands. Please contact her with any questions or if you need help at (510) 289-1417. References upon request.

### **Upcoming Potluck!**



The next Corpus Christi Community Potluck will be on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. The theme will be in honor of St. Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup> -- Irish. The main course will be corned beef. Guinness beer will be served. Everyone is invited!

### **Corpus Christi Visitation Ministry!**

The Eucharistic Visitation Ministry visits Merrill Gardens and Saint Paul's Towers senior living communities, holding a weekly communal communion service. Ministers also visit and bring communion to individuals at Saint Paul's and to others privately in their homes in Oakland. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit by one of our volunteers or would like to join this Ministry, please contact Kera Bartlett Binns at (510) 612-7909 or email her at: [kerabbinns@gmail.com](mailto:kerabbinns@gmail.com).

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, both in Danville. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit their website at: [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org) or contact Chuck and Annie at (925) 849-5466 or at: [applications@oaklandwwme.org](mailto:applications@oaklandwwme.org).

### **Presentation by Bishop Stowe!**

All are invited to meet Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M., Conv. Of Kentucky on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Stack Hall at Our Lady of Grace Church, 3433 Somerset Avenue in Castro Valley. Hear his stimulating presentation on the fraternal interconnectedness in all creation. He will describe St. Francis' and Pope Francis' view of creation and its relationship to peace and justice in our world today. Free admission and refreshments! This event is sponsored by Our Lady of Grace, Pax Christi/Social Justice Group. For more information, call Our Lady of Grace at (510) 537-0806.

### **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!

### **The Cure!**

The only known cure for fear is faith.

-- Lena K. Sadler