

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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God,
am holy.

-- Leviticus 19:2b



Daily Mass

Week of February 24th – 29th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Regina Boothman
Tuesday: 8:00 William Ryan+
Wednesday: 8:00 **Ash Wednesday**
Thursday: 8:00 Brian Kahn+
Friday: 8:00 Jeffrey Kahn+
Saturday: 8:00 Owen & Zelda Burns+



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	February 16, 2020
Plate	\$10,156.00



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading -- You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel -- Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

RICE BOWL



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Operation Rice Bowl!

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Wednesday, February 26th, marks the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In less than a week, we will begin the Season of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection. In anticipation of that forty-day experience, I have some thoughts to share with you.

In his book, The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis describes how the devil has cunningly seduced us into believing one of two fictions about him. Some of us believe that if he ever existed, he no longer does, that he has gone the way of witches, ghouls and goblins. And those of us who do believe in Satan have such a distorted, almost cartoonish sense of him that we have rendered him harmless. When we think of Satan, we visualize a red suited man with a devilish smile, horns on his head, a pointed tail and a pitch fork. A mischievous tempter. To think of Lucifer as a serious threat seems old fashioned and ridiculous.

If C.S. Lewis is correct in describing our attitude towards the devil, then we have a serious problem. Not only is Satan alive and well, but he is the source of great evil. He is capable of destroying our happiness and leading us to utter destruction. I know that my words seem melodramatic, but that is not my intent. It is important that we understand that just as God calls us into relationship, so does the devil.

Lent is a time for us to accept the truthfulness of the words of St. Paul, "...I do what I ought not do, and avoid doing what I should do." We are not only objects of Lucifer's evil intent, we are active participants. WE SIN! And our sinfulness has serious consequences, not just for ourselves, but also for others.

As we approach the Season of Lent, we all need to reflect on our moral culpability and commit ourselves to developing a plan of repentance.

Love, Fr. Leo

Lenten Prayer

Good and Gracious God,
You who are full of compassion,
help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.
During this Holy Season we:
pray that we may be transformed,
fast in solidarity with those who are hungry,
learn to live with less,
and give so that others may live.
May we join in solidarity as one human family
and love one another as you love each of us.

Amen.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances!

The Lenten fast begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we are signed with a cross for we live under that sign and in that sign. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the 7:00 p.m. Mass and also during the School Mass at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

Feast of Faith: The Opening Prayer!

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy -- noted for the brevity, clarity and conciseness of the Latin originals -- date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition.

The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray;" 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own.

The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.

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

**The Brad Shaw Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast!**

Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets! The Boy Scouts will be serving up delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras on Sunday, March 15th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Support Troop 6, enjoy time with family and friends, and you don't have to cook or clean up! Unbeatable prices: \$8.00 per adult; \$15.00 for two; or \$20.00 for the whole family. Tickets available from any Troop 6 Boy Scout that you know. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

**Special Outreach Collection!**

The Outreach collection from February through April is for new and gently-used infant and toddler clothing, sizes 1 year to 3T. The clothing will benefit clients of the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Please be as generous as you can!

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.

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!

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.

