

# 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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*Communications*

## **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**

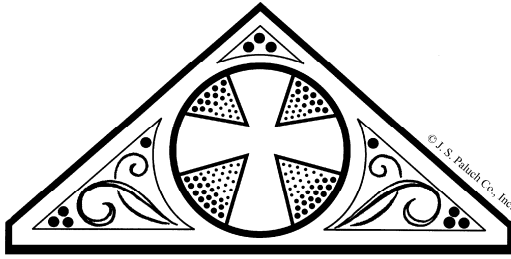
By appointment, at least six months in advance.

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## First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

-- Matthew 4:10



Daily Mass

Week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 David E. Baumgartner+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Mary Ann McBride+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 John Caicchiolo+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Barbara Soletti+  
 Friday: 8:00 Fr. Dan Danielson+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Ed Heinemann+



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 23, 2020
Plate	\$10,074.67



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

**Alyssa Lyn Rivera Syliangco**, daughter of Rina Rivera and Paulino Syliangco.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

### Parish Reconciliation Service!

Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

RICE BOWL



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### Operation Rice Bowl!

**Ash** Wednesday marked 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,

During this season of Lent, our Parish Family will pray and reflect on the following response of our Lord when he was asked which is the greatest commandment:

"Hear O' Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
 Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
 With all your soul,  
 With all your mind,  
 And with all your strength.  
 Love your neighbor as yourself."

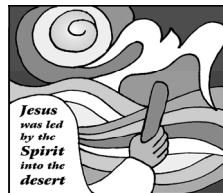
Our Lenten Focus this year is going to be, *The Jesus Creed*. We will meet in Small Faith Sharing Groups throughout the weeks of Lent to discuss how we can integrate *The Jesus Creed* into our daily lives. Parishioners who will not be able to participate in Small Faith Sharing Groups will be provided with reflection materials similar to what will be used by the groups.

As I shared with those who attended Mass this past weekend, I would like for the Whole Parish to pray *The Jesus Creed* daily throughout Lent. Not just once a day, but five times a day!

When you wake up.  
 As you are leaving home.  
 On your way to your destination.  
 When you return home.  
 Before you go to sleep.

Five times a day for forty days, two hundred times during the six weeks of Lent will surely strengthen our Lenten experience.

Love, Fr. Leo



### Today's Readings!

**First Reading** -- The man and the woman are the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** -- Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** -- Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** -- Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

**Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances!**

The Lenten fast began with Ash Wednesday. On that day, we were 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. 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).



**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!



**The Brad Shaw Annual Boy Scout 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kerabbinns@gmail.com).



Outreach sends many thanks to all who contributed to our warm coat collection. It was a very successful collection, helping many men, women and kids who otherwise would face winter without a warm coat -- thanks to all!

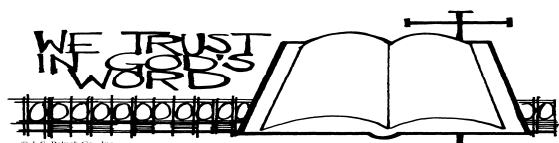
**Set Clocks Ahead**  **Day Light Savings Time Begins Next Weekend!**

It's hard to believe that we will be "springing forward" next Saturday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>! So, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep next Saturday night!

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured; but, today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

Our source, discovered in the 1880's, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church. After a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.



A man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

-- Alexander Pope