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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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One often hears Catholics ask one another, “What are you doing for Lent?” Not a bad idea; we might give up some food or sleep or engage in a charitable activity like volunteering at a soup kitchen. But we need to remember the message of Ash Wednesday, repent and believe in the gospel. These are actions which go on inside us.

In fact Lent is a kind of retreat, an opportunity for introspection, a time of reflection on ourselves and our relations with other people and with God. Prayer is one of the major aspects of Lent but so is thought, self-examination, an inner accounting of who we are and where we see ourselves going. It is not separate from outer activity but a necessary prelude to it. Think of Jesus going alone by himself to pray before he begins his work of healing and blessing. We might see this as turning a common saying inside out: don’t just do something, stand there.

Our lives are so full of distractions, things that pull us away from what really matters: noise, bustle, rushing here and there and of course that little machine in the palm of your hand -- how much time do you spend gazing at it? A good Lenten resolution would be to find some small portion of your waking life in which you do nothing but be quiet, sit still, think of what is happening to you and others. We may do something to deprive ourselves, but think of those who are sick or homeless; think of children in Syria dying of cold and hunger, or innocent men in prison for decades. Best of all think of Jesus saying, as long as you did it to the least of my people you did it to me.

Fr. Basil

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluzinski, 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 March 1, 2020
Plate $10,572.00
Rainy Day Fund $1,462.00

Today’s Readings!

First Reading -- The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

Psalm -- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel -- Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

Spring!
The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

-- Henry Van Dyke

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!

Parish Reconciliation Service!

Our Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.
Upcoming Potluck!
The next Corpus Christi Community Potluck will be next 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!
Mark your calendars and buy your tickets! The Boy Scouts will be serving up delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras next 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!

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.

St. Mary’s Center Sunday Meal!
Corpus Christi Church is once again providing a meal for 70 seniors at St. Mary’s Center on Sunday, March 29th. They are in need of some items. If you can contribute, check the appropriate space & return this slip to the Parish Office or place it in the Sunday collection basket. Please contact Sue Tealdi at (510) 530-8291 if you have any questions. Thank You!
Tea  ______ Coffee  ______ Cookies  ______
Fresh Fruit  ______ Bingo Prizes  ______
Help serve on March 29th at 1:30 p.m.  ______
Name  ____________________________
Phone  ____________________________

Light and Shadow!
In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadow to blind those who don’t.

-- Blaise Pascal