

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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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

-- Romans 5:8



Daily Mass

Week of March 16th – 21st

Monday: 8:00 Donna Bersaglieri+
Tuesday: 8:00 Walter C. Langner+
Wednesday: 8:00 Robert MacDonald+
Thursday: 8:00 Ed Heinemann+
Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Santiago Munoz, III
Saturday: 8:00 Normal Nagel+



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	March 8, 2020
Plate	\$10,329.55
School Support	\$446.00



Harden Not
Your Hearts

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to

drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalms -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel -- Ask and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).



Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be next weekend, March 21st and 22nd. This collection supports Catholic church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war and natural disasters as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor. Thank You for your help!

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Sunday, March 1st, five members of our community, who are participating in the R.C.I.A. program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), gathered at the Cathedral with RCIA catechumens and candidates from many parishes throughout the Diocese. There, Bishop Michael C. Barber celebrated with them the Rite of Election, officially acknowledging that they will soon become fully recognized members of our Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil.

The "elect" of our Parish Family are divided into two groups: Hady Jadallah-Karraa and Mary Tanios will receive the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation; and Mariko Uyeda, Chris Meyer and Keith Gronbach will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

During the next four weeks, the Elect will be asked to closely "scrutinize" their lives, to acknowledge their weaknesses and faults, and to place their trust in the saving power of Jesus Christ. As they continue on the path of conversion, let us pray to the Holy Spirit to empower them with her gifts. Gifts that will make it possible for them to live as a Resurrected People.

Love, Fr. Leo

Feast of Faith!

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs -- poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy -- in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading and sometimes even comments on it.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.



Troop 6 Scout Open House!

Please join Troop 6 for their Open House on Wednesday, March 18th, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Come learn about the exciting East Bay Boy Scout Troop, see them in action as well as talk to scouts and parents!

Chartered by the Corpus Christi Men's Club, Troop 6 is a scout-led troop, focused on developing leadership skills through service and adventure. The program is geared towards having fun and exposing Scouts to new experiences, while achieving the essentials of the Scouting program, including advancement and leadership, with a strong emphasis on service to the community. For all boys 11 years and older. T6 Rules!

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Thirsting for Unity!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being; treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

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.



Upcoming Potluck!



The next Corpus Christi Community Potluck will be this 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!

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.

RICE BOWL



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!

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 _____