

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.

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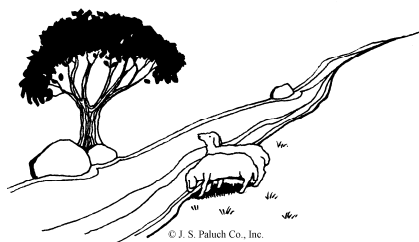
By appointment, at least six months in advance.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

-- Psalm 23:1



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 15, 2020
Plate	\$7,865.00



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm -- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading -- You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel -- The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

Treasures From Our Tradition!

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark," it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we face the new reality of our lives being disrupted by the coronavirus, I want to give you an update on how we can support each other during this time of fear and uncertainty.

We will not be able to gather together as a faith community for at least three weeks, but I would like for us to stay in touch with each other. I will communicate with you primarily by email and our Parish website. I invite you to call one another as a way of staying connected. Please make a special effort to reach out to parishioners who live alone.

Each week, I will record a Mass that you will be able to watch on our website. I will also provide reflection material for those of you who participated in a Small Faith Sharing Group.

Listed below are a number of religious resources that can support your spiritual life during this period of "shelter in place order":

Faith@Home eResource Bundle: Lectionary-Based Resources to Send Home Amidst the Coronavirus Shutdown: <http://products.pastoral.center/b/b320/1download-s97q/index.html>.

A Faith Response to the Coronavirus: <http://products.pastoral.center/pc/pc105/1/download-covi/index.html>.

Fr. James Martin, SJ: Sunday's on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FrMartin/videos/214746596568806>.

Catholic Women Preaching on Sunday Gospel: <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org>.

Short Homilies and Spiritual Reflection: <https://thejesuitpost.org>.

Spiritual Exercises Online: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com>.

Magnificat app for daily readings, reflections, prayers: <https://us.magnificat.net/magnificat-app-us-edition-ios.html>.

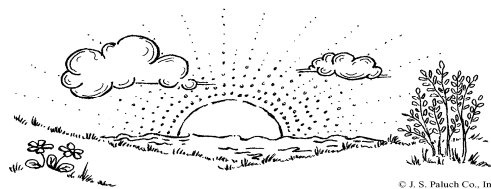
volunteer@svdp-alameda.org or call (510) 877-9252.

Love, Fr. Leo

**Postponement of Boy Scout
Pancake Breakfast!**

Dear Corpus Christi Parishioners:

Given the recent guidance put out by Alameda County and Scouts BSA, and after consulting with Principal Sahlman and Fr. Leo, the Troop 6 Pancake Breakfast, originally scheduled for March 15th, will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. If you have purchased Pancake Breakfast tickets and/or Raffle tickets, hold on to them until the event. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Gros, Committee Chair Troop 6, at: lgros@rocketmail.com.



**Special Outreach Collection
Postponed!**

The infant and toddler clothing collection will be suspended until further notice. This is for protection from the coronavirus since it is unclear how transmission occurs. Blessings to all!

New Vision!

Jesus proclaimed that he came into the world to make the sightless see and the seeing blind. A difficult saying! But, surely it must mean that Jesus intended to take over ordinary ways of looking at things and turn them inside out. Jesus came to change our perspective. When the prophet Samuel went out to select the new king, he chose a young man who had the look of royalty about him. But, God told him not to judge by appearances. God told Samuel -- and today tells us -- to change our prospective and to look at things and people differently. We are like the Ephesians, whom Paul urged to live as children of the light. With the light of faith, we have a new way of looking at things and we are called to bring that new vision to the world around us. This is a great vocation, a calling to wake people up to what's really important.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like springtime because it's a weekend full of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include July 10th to 12th; and November 20th to 22nd, both in Danville. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit their website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie at (925) 849-5466 or at: applications@oaklandwwme.org.

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. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you!

Feast of Faith -- The Second Reading!

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation -- "A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians or the Thesalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context; but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where or when we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

Light!

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ -- the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities and world be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

Look!

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.

-- Anonymous