

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

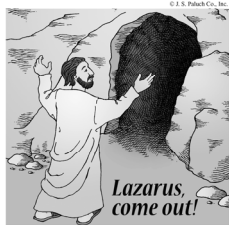
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

-- Psalm 130:1



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 22, 2020
Plate	\$3,123.67



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the Lord, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms -- With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading -- If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel -- Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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.

Open Our Graves!

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.

-- Lucien Deiss

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's Gospel passage, the deceased Lazarus' sister, Martha, said to Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." As we all continue to readjust our lives in response to the coronavirus, we feel the need to draw closer to Jesus and to the Faith he gave us. We can deepen our awareness of his presence through prayer, meditation and reflection. I again invite you to go to our website where you will find a variety of religious resources to assist you in deepening your relationship with our Lord.

The upheaval of the regular routine of our daily lives has really brought home to me how much we need to support each other. I know that I am not the only one who misses not seeing the faces of our Corpus Christi Family. We need to stay in touch with each other. It is with this in mind that I am asking for twenty volunteers to join with the Parish Staff, Pastoral Council and Homebound Ministry volunteers to create a phone tree so that we can call all the parishioners of our Corpus Christi Family. If you would like to help, please call the Parish Office.

Lastly, I hate to bring the issue of finances to you, but as one parishioner reminded me when he called to say how much he and his family appreciated the Mass that was video taped last weekend, "Father, I know that everyone is worried about their financial situation, but the Parish has to pay its bills." He is right, our pastoral staff is still working to interact with the community by video, email, zoom and online. And, there are other bills that must be paid. So, I am asking those of you who can continue to contribute financially to the Parish without putting yourselves and family at risk, to please do so. You can make your contribution by mail, drop it off in the Parish mail slot, or create a direct deposit account for Corpus Christi Church with your bank. Whatever you can give will be deeply appreciated.

I will write to you again next week. Please visit our website for more information. Feel free to call me.

Love, Fr. Leo

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.

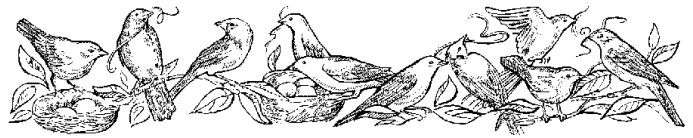
-- Alexander Pope



**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!

Jesus' Ministry Summarized!

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it, we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows, and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead -- a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we hear the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that, through Christ, God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and, with Christ, in our life everlasting.

Give Glory to God!

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in Baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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.

**Feast of Faith
The Gospel Reading!**

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

Automatic Payment Via Online Banking!

Many parishioners have set up Online Banking to make their contributions automatically to Corpus Christi. You can set this up by going to your online banking bill pay site for your bank provider. Your donation will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account directly to the Church.

