

# 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**

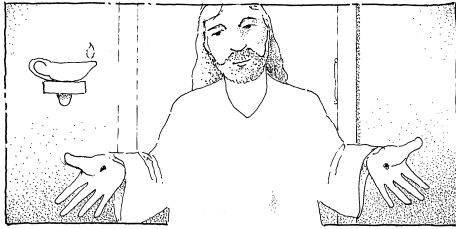
By appointment, at least six months in advance.

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## Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

-- John 20:29b



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.

### Today's Readings!

**First Reading** -- All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalm** -- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** -- God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarding for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** -- The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus appeared to the apostles on the evening of his resurrection. He found them locked in a room because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Jesus offered them his peace, empowered them with the Holy Spirit and told them to go forth and proclaim to the nations the Good News of Salvation.

We are the beneficiaries of their apostolic work, the inheritors of their legacy. The mandate that Jesus first gave to the apostles is now meant for our ears. While our apostolic mission is different than theirs, it is no less daunting. The apostles had to proclaim the Good News in an environment that was hostile to them. They placed their lives at risk in the name of Jesus Christ and most of them were martyred for the Faith. You and I are called to live the Good News in an environment of indifference. Our challenge is to share our Lord's message of salvation in an age where God has become irrelevant in the lives of many people.

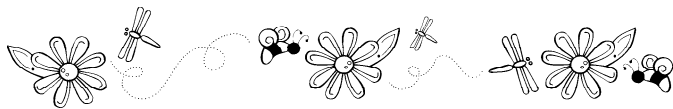
Love, Fr. Leo

### Keeping in Touch!

Outside the Parish Office, we have set up a table with the most recent Bulletins, an Easter print-out from J.S. Paluch and a container with cut palms. God Bless and stay healthy!

### Something to Know About!

- The Sunday Liturgies can be seen via video on our website: [www.corpuschristipiedmont.org](http://www.corpuschristipiedmont.org). Join our email list. Send your email address only to: [ccp1929@gmail.com](mailto:ccp1929@gmail.com).



### Doubt!

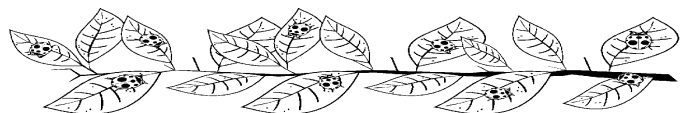
There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me, than in half the creeds.

-- Alfred, Lord Tennyson

### Feast of Faith -- The Homily!

**The** ambo, or pulpit, is a special place -- it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

**The** homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it. It calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!**

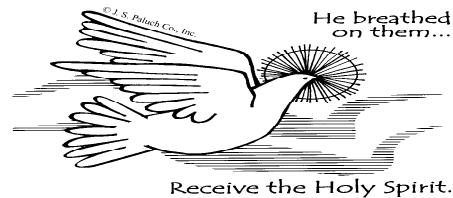
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like spring-time because it's a weekend full of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include July 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>; and November 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, both in Danville. For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

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Long ago, the custom of sending some pieces of consecrated bread from the Lord's table began to take hold. Originally it was a way of assuring the sick and imprisoned of their bonds of faith and affection with the community from whom they were separated. By the third century, at least in Rome, we have evidence that the bishop would consign some of the sacred elements to presbyters or deacons.

There was a crisis in the unity of the church early on, called the quartodeciman controversy, since some people wanted to celebrate the Pasch on the fourteenth day (quartodecima) on the Jewish month Nissan, even if it didn't fall on a Sunday. The debate so fractured the church that the historian of the era, Eusebius, reported a new development to the pope. He wrote that the churches holding to the Lord's Day sent out consecrated bread to the disgruntled people of the quartodeciman pastors with whom they were quarreling. Meanwhile, bishops complained about people taking the Eucharist home. St. Cyprian told a cautionary tale of a sinful woman who tried to open the "casket" containing the consecrated bread in her home. She was deterred from receiving, he said, by flames erupting from the box. Clearly, he wanted people to think twice before bringing Communion home!

The Council of Nicaea defined the "old rule of the church" as allowing for reserving the Eucharistic bread for the sake of the dying. The same council could foresee circumstances of persecution when people might have the Eucharist on hand to administer to one another in a time of great danger, literally, at the point of a sword. The first and enduring purpose for reserving the Eucharist is viaticum for the dying.



**Get Real!**

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a "realistic" view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, "Get Real," when we hear Luke's account of the early Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in "exultation" and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn't be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke's intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation's original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, "Get Real;" but, our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God's joy and beauty.

**Donating Online!**

Contact your bank to set up secure contributions to Corpus Christi Church, 322 St. James Drive, Piedmont 94611. Your bank will issue a check from your account, sending directly to us. Donations can be one time or ongoing. More information is available through your bank's online services. You can also mail in your contribution or drop it off in the Mail Slot outside the Parish Office. Thank You for your help during this difficult time!

**Through Love's Great Power!**

Through love's great power to be made whole  
 In mind and body, heart and soul --  
 Through freedom to find joy, or be  
 By dint of joy itself set free  
 In love and in companionship:  
 This is the true and natural good.

To undo justice, and to seek  
 To quash the rights that guard the weak --  
 To sneer at love, and wrench apart  
 The bonds of body, mind and heart  
 With specious reason and no rhyme:  
 This is the true unnatural crime.

-- Vikram Seth