

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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Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called
holy, the Son of God.

-- Luke 1:35



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Pamela M., Kerrie R., Sr. Marti McCarthy, SSS, Rita Jurin, Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Paul Cummings, Laura Pierce, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

The Twelve Days of Christmas!

*When Christmas tide
comes in like a bride
with holly and ivy clad,
Twelve Days in the year
much mirth and good cheer
in every household is had.*

Christmas is not a day but a season! It lasts from Christmas Day until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the year 567, the Church Council of Tours called the 13 days between December 25th and January 6th a festival season. Up until that time, the only other joyful Church season was the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

Almost everyone knows the carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." In England, they begin counting the twelve days on December 26th, making January 6th the 12th day. The stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve is the center point. In most of Europe, they begin counting the twelve days on December 25th. That makes January 6th the 13th day. Either way, we have a "baker's dozen" of days for announcing the good news of the birth of Christ.

Christmastime is meant for hospitality, gift-giving, caroling and storytelling. We set this time aside to relax and be merry after weeks of preparation. We do only the work that is absolutely needed so that we can enjoy these festive days with our families and friends, and so that we can make sure that everyone is able to take part. Some families make it their custom during this time to cluster around the Christmas crib for prayers each evening. The Christmas tree is lighted each night while folks pray and sing carols. On Christmas day, the figures of the Magi are placed far away from the crib and then moved a little closer each day until Epiphany when they arrive in Bethlehem. Then, the Christmas story can be told and retold.

Christmas Children!

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

-- Charles Dickens

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Centuries before the birth of the Messiah, the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed:

*"For a child is born to us, a son given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."*

At Christmas, we celebrate and marvel at the depth of God's love for us. The miracle of the Incarnation proclaims the great truth of all times: We are loved by God because we are His sons and daughters.

This love permeates our very being; it defines who we are and gives our lives meaning. This Season of Joy is a perfect time to share this gift of love with others.

On behalf of the Parish Staff, I would like to thank you for the gifts of love that you have shared with our Parish Family. During this Christmas Season, may the peace of God be with you and fill your lives with joy.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil, Michael
Joe, Claire, Catherine
Rebecca, Karyn, Gail & Judy



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Today's Readings!

First Reading -- I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16).

Psalm -- Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading -- To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel -- Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

Temporary Jobs at Piedmont Scout Tree Lot!

The Piedmont Boy Scout tree lot will be selling Christmas trees online exclusively this holiday season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Temporary employees are needed to assist with preparing trees for customer pickup and/or to deliver trees to local homes. All CDC guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of employees and customers.

Men and women, 21 years or older, with valid driver's license can apply. Compensation is \$15.00 per hour. Those hired can expect to work approximately 40 hours a week from late November to mid-December.

Inquiries should be address to Greg Pike at: contact@piedmontbsa.org.

Boy Scout Tree Lot Online This Year!

For over 50 years, the Boy Scouts have operated a Christmas tree lot in Piedmont. This major fundraiser supports scouting activities, including Corpus Christi's own Troop 6. This year, the tree lot has moved to all online sales, allowing customers to order a tree (Silvertip, Noble or Douglas fir), a wreath or garland from the safety of their home. Customers can schedule a convenient pickup time for the tree at 898 Redrock Road in Piedmont (off Moraga Avenue) or have it delivered locally for an additional fee. Strict contactless protocols will be maintained for everyone's safety, allowing customers to plan early and reduce holiday stress!

Ordering is available at: www.scouttreelot.org. Those without online access can place orders with Morgan Fjord at (530) 908-0083. The Scouts are grateful for your support and wish the Corpus Christi community a safe and joyous holiday season!

Important Message!

Please note that several email accounts have again been set up in Fr. Leo's name. These email addresses **DO NOT** belong to him. The only email address for Fr. Leo is: lleioo@gmail.com. All other emails are a SCAM. Please pay special attention to the email address! The email usually asks for help, money or gift cards. Fr. Leo would never ask for help via email. He would call you. Don't fall for this SCAM!

Caregiver Available!

CNA caregiver with experience in skilled nursing facilities and at-home care seeks position. Call Janet Mangini at (510) 333-5565 for further information and references.

Readings For The Week December 21st -- 26th

Monday: First Reading Song of Songs 2:8-14;
Psalm 33;
Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 1:24-28;
Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Gospel Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday: First Reading Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24;
Psalm 25;
Gospel Luke 1:57-66

Thursday: First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Psalm 89;
Gospel Luke 1:67-79

Friday: First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10;
Psalm 98;
Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel John 1:1-18

Saturday: First Reading Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Psalm 31;
Gospel Matthew 10:17-22



Christmas Giving Tree Plan For 2020!

Outreach will need to change our usual Giving Tree this Christmas! No one likes change But, because of the very real threat of the coronavirus, we will not be able to collect physical gifts as we have always done.

This year, the safest way to support our traditional charities at Christmas is to send gifts in the form of checks or gift cards to those groups who provide help to our most vulnerable neighbors. It is especially important due to the loss of income suffered by so many because of lay-offs and business closures. Please be as generous as you can! This is a Christmas gift giving emergency like none other that we have experienced since the pandemic of 1918.

Here are the names and addresses:

Peter Brown at Catholic Worker
P.O. Box 19277, Oakland 94619

J.C. Orton at Catholic Worker, Night on the Streets
P.O. Box 11312, Berkeley 94712

Alameda County Food Bank
7900 Edgewater Dr., Oakland 94609

Community Education Partners
2809 McClure St., Oakland 94609

Ariana at Elizabeth House
6423 Colby St., Oakland 904618

Julie Merrill at St. Mary's Center
925 Brockhurst St., Oakland 94608

John Sterns at St. Vincent de Paul
675 -- 23rd St., Oakland 94512