

# 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 in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

-- Mark 1:15



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Peggy Delson, Isabel Canlas, Peter Heymans, 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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Alex Francois, husband of Patricia Francois. Our condolences to the family.

| Weekly Collection | Plate      |
|-------------------|------------|
| January 17, 2021  | \$9,163.88 |

### 2020 Contributions



The 2020 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2020. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!

### A New Day Dawns!

Today, we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next, we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them -- rather mysteriously -- to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "the kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets -- and even their father -- and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

From My Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Father Leo



Our Parish Family has practiced the Principle of Stewardship for the last seventeen years. For those of you not familiar with this term, let me explain to you what it means.

The Principle of Stewardship is rooted in the very Catholic premise that all we are and all we have is a gift from our loving God. In gratitude for God's generosity, we are called to respond in kind.

The Principle of Stewardship is simply this: the gifts that we have received from God find their fulfillment in our willingness to put them to the service of God and each other.

As the children of Adam and Eve, we can easily delude ourselves into believing that who we are and what we have is ours to control.

*What a lie and what a waste!*

Stewardship allows us to live in truth. The truth is this: we are but stewards of God's precious gifts of life, talent and treasure. When we die, we will have to give an account of how we used the gifts He gave us.

As we enter into the New Year, it is my hope that our Parish Family will continue to embrace the Principle of Stewardship.

Love, Fr. Leo



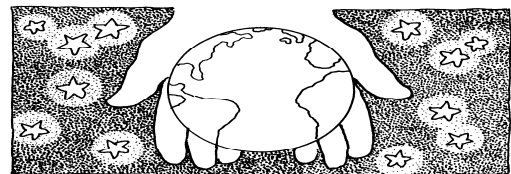
### Today's Readings!

**First Reading** -- The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

**Psalm** -- Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** -- The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**Gospel** -- Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).



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### *Treasures From Our Tradition!*

As a result of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, the Church has defined a new pastoral plan for your care whenever you struggled with illness. There are rites for children, a communal rite for celebration in the parish, forms of care for the sick at each stage and transition, and for the desperately ill. There is a much broader interpretation of who may be anointed, including not only the visibly ill, but those battling addiction, or the elderly coping with the frustrating aches and pains of aging. Children under seven are normally not anointed, since the oil is associated with reconciliation. (For the same reason, they do not receive ashes on Ash Wednesday.) However, children close to that age who have a serious illness often gain a deep level of spiritual insight and maturity, and may benefit from catechesis for the Eucharist. Once admitted to confirmation and/or Eucharist, a sick child should be anointed. It is a great strength of our present rite that a section is included with prayers tailored to the experience and understanding of a child. Considering our recent history of being fairly sparing with this sacrament, the generosity of celebration today is helping us to retrieve an essential part of our tradition of reverence for the sick.



### *Change Our Lives!*

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens out of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their actions" how they have turned from evil.

Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians the "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them -- rather mysteriously -- to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings, we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

### *Not Without Love!*

The soul cannot live without love.

-- St. Francis de Sales

### *Readings For The Week January 25<sup>th</sup> -- 30<sup>th</sup>*

Monday: First Reading Acts 22:3-16;  
Psalm 117;  
Gospel Mark 16:15-18

Tuesday: First Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-8;  
Psalm 96;  
Gospel Mark 23:31-35

Wednesday: First Reading Hebrews 10:11-18;  
Psalm 110;  
Gospel Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: First Reading Hebrews 10:19-25;  
Psalm 24;  
Gospel Mark 4:21-25

Friday: First Reading Hebrews 10:32-39;  
Psalm 37;  
Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: First Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19;  
Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;  
Gospel Mark 4:35-41

### *There's Still Time!*

If you were unable to make a donation to the traditional Giving Tree for 2020, there is still time to do so. The safest way to support our traditional charities 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. Thank You for your help!

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 -- 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Oakland 94512

### *Take Note!*

Please **do not** drop off any donations at the Parish Office or Rectory. We have no way of disposing of these items, especially during the pandemic!