

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.

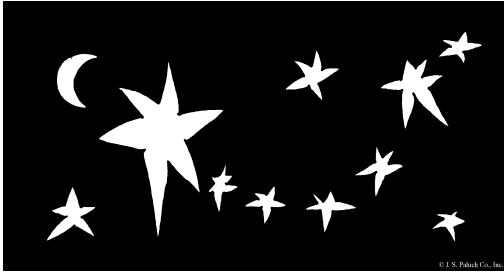
MARRIAGES

By appointment, at least six
months in advance.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021

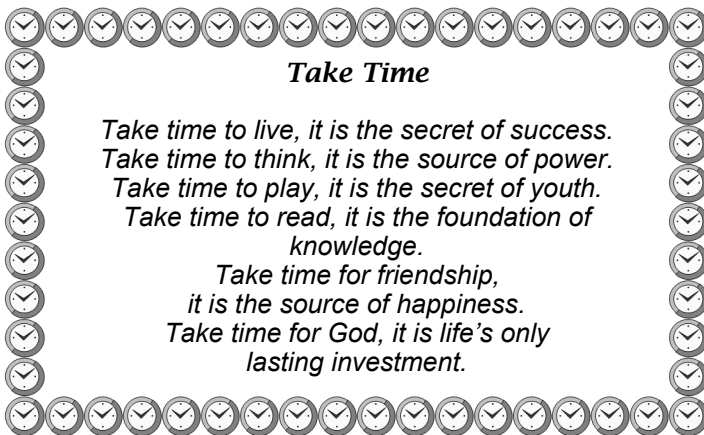
[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

-- Psalm 147:4



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.

Weekly Collection	Plate
January 31, 2021	\$7,015.67



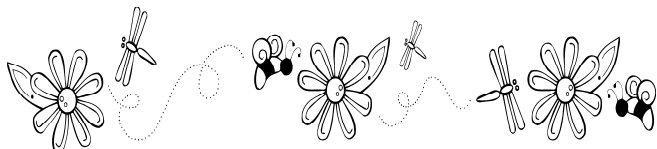
Take Time

*Take time to live, it is the secret of success.
Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to play, it is the secret of youth.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of knowledge.
Take time for friendship,
it is the source of happiness.
Take time for God, it is life's only
lasting investment.*

Healing Ministry!

During Jesus' ministry, "he cured many who were sick with various diseases and he drove out many demons." This is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus fulfills the vision of Psalm 147: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus knew, however, that he couldn't possibly heal all the illness in the world. No matter how many people he cured or how many hours he ministered, there always would be more suffering people like Job who craved his healing touch. His primary mission was not to rid the world of all suffering. His "purpose" was to preach the coming of the reign of God that heals, yes, but ultimately transcends and transforms earthly suffering. With Paul, Jesus could have said, "Woe to me if I do not preach" that good news.



From My Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Father Leo



The Acts of the Apostles highlights one of the more significant controversies that existed within the Church during decades immediately following the death of Jesus.

Some of the disciples, especially those who had practiced Judaism, believed that circumcision should be required of all Gentile males who wanted to become part of the Christian community.

Other leaders within the Faith community, most notably Paul and Barnabas, adamantly disagreed with that point of view.

Eventually, Paul and Barnabas' perspective on the issue of circumcision was accepted by the early Church as being a more accurate reflection of the teachings of Jesus.

Two thousand years later, there are still debates within the Church concerning the requirements of our Catholic Faith. While I believe that there is a value to rules and regulations, ultimately when we stand before Jesus in judgment, He isn't going to ask us if we followed the rules and regulations of the Catholic Church.

His question will be twofold: did you love me and did you love your sisters and brothers?

Love, Fr. Leo

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm -- Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading -- Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel -- Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

"We must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose."

-- Indira Gandhi



The 58th Annual Corpus Christi Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars for this anticipated virtual event on Saturday, February 20th, at 7:00 p.m. The deadline for ordering your crab dinner package is fast approaching, so be sure to reserve your order today! And, just added: a la carte wine orders, plus a meal delivery service!

To place your orders, simply text the word "dinner" to **406-302-5086** to receive the order link. Details about the Live Auction and event link to come soon.

Readings For The Week February 8th -- 13th

Monday: First Reading Genesis 1:1-19;
Psalm 104;
Gospel Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: First Reading Genesis 1:20—2:4a;
Psalm 8;
Gospel Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: First Reading Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17;
Psalm 104;
Gospel Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: First Reading Genesis 2:18-25;
Psalm 128;
Gospel Mark 7:24-30

Friday: First Reading Genesis 3:1-8;
Psalm 32;
Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: First Reading Genesis 3:9-24;
Psalm 90;
Gospel Mark 8:1-10

Treasures From Our Tradition!

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. At Candlemas, candles are blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

Take Note!

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

