

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.

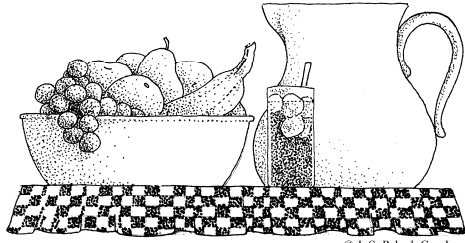
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By appointment, at least six
months in advance.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

-- 1 Corinthians 10:31



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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Perhaps you saw last week's video of our Sunday Eucharist where I spoke of Psalm 147 and its words:

He heals the broken hearted,
He binds up all their wounds.

This is said of the same God who made the stars and calls each one by name. The Psalms are essentially there to praise God but along with that they are there for us, his people in our time of need. So the almighty creator is at the same time the God of comfort who knows each of us by name as well as he knows every one of the stars. This is of course the familiar pattern of the Bible, which uses poetic language to teach the most profound truths.

Think of all the broken hearted in our world: those who have lost loved ones to the terrible pandemic, those who suffer in wars all over the world, those who are worn down by racism and other forms of injustice. Our faith tells us that we are not alone in our sorrow, especially if we think of and pray to the Man of Sorrows. Jesus, alone and abandoned, cried out on the cross where he could find no comfort.

We are about to enter the season of Lent to prepare us for our yearly contemplation of the suffering Christ. This year above all we are united with the One who knows our pain because he endured it himself. We remember the Christ who said, do this in memory of me; remember my pain because I never forgot yours. This remembering is there to give us deep joy in the midst of sorrow. We gather, even virtually, to share both the sorrow and the joy.

Fr. Basil

| Weekly Collection | Plate |
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| February 7, 2021 | \$10,566.00 |

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm -- I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading -- Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1).

Gospel -- The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

For the Glory of God!

The entire history of the Jewish people is directed toward one goal: that God might be glorified through the chosen people. Christians, too, are called to "do everything for the glory of God." In today's scriptures, Paul reminds us that the best way for us to glorify God is to seek to benefit "the many," as Christ did when he shed his blood for all of humankind.

The reading from Leviticus explains one way the Jews sought to benefit the many, by keeping lepers and leprosy away from the chosen people. Jesus finds a better way. He cures the leper, who immediately re-enters the community to spread the good news about Jesus to everyone who will listen. In this way, both Jesus and the leper fulfill their calling to glorify the God who fills us "with the joy of salvation."

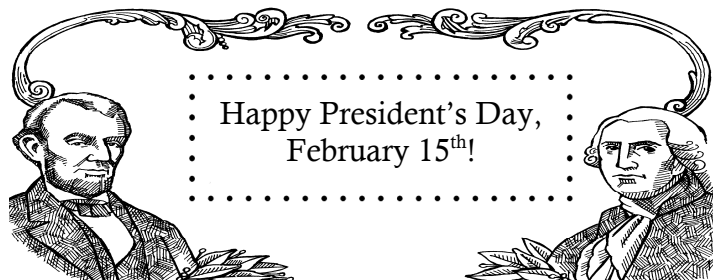
*Tell me and I forget,
teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn.*

-- Benjamin Franklin

Compassion and Generosity!

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.

-- George Washington



Happy President's Day,
February 15th!

Youth Ministry News!

If you are a freshman or older and interested in beginning or discerning the Confirmation Preparation process (to be confirmed in 2022), please reach out to Catherine Holcombe, Youth Minister, as she prepares a roster as well as an optional Lenten/Easter offering. Formal Confirmation Preparation will begin in the fall, but youth are also welcome to participate in the "Alpha" program. Alpha is recommended for any young person who is interested in digging deeper into the fundamentals of Christianity, would like to grow in their faith or are discerning Confirmation. Confirmed youth leaders are also welcome to join us! These virtual meetings will include videos, discussion, faith sharing and prayer. Any high schooler is welcome to attend weekly meetings on Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., beginning February 18th. Please reach out to Catherine if you are interested or would like more information at: ccteenfaith@gmail.com.

Readings For The Week February 15th -- 20th

- Monday: First Reading Genesis 4:1-15, 25;
Psalm 50;
Gospel Mark 8:11-13
- Tuesday: First Reading Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;
Psalm 29;
Gospel Mark 8:1-14, 21
- Wednesday: First Reading Joel 2:12-18;
Psalm 51;
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
Psalm 1;
Gospel Luke 9:22-25
- Friday: First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday: First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14;
Psalm 86;
Gospel Luke 5:27-32

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.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the Gloria, "Glory to God in the Highest." In three weeks' time, the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us.

For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

Lent, the Church's annual pre-baptismal retreat, prepares us to gather around the Easter font, renew our baptismal vows, and receive new life from the water as the elect are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. This core meaning is more or less available, depending on whether we journey with catechumens in the parish and on the vigor of our liturgical celebration of the Triduum. Some persist in seeing Lent as a lonely journey in the wilderness; yet, this week we enter the Lenten fast in solidarity with one another. The sprinkling of ashes on one's head reminds us that we are hardly alone in our desire to enact a spring cleaning regime for our spiritual life.

Long ago, this kind of repentance was available to Christians only once. Ashes and sackcloth were not raiment for a day, but permanent habits for public sinners. Fasting became a way of life, and if they sinned severely again, there was no hope of restored communion. Happily, this system did not endure. It produced reluctant Christians who even held back from baptism, like St. Augustine did, out of fear. Today we have recovered an ancient tradition that conversion and repentance are constant themes on life's journey, and that Lent is an annual opportunity to revive our baptismal identity, both as individuals and communities.

