

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.

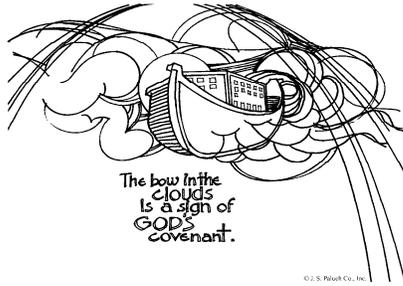
MARRIAGES

By appointment, at least six
months in advance.

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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.

-- Psalm 25:4



Daily Mass

Week of February 22nd – 27th

Monday: 8:00 Rene Mangini+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Helene Plotkin+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Louanne Dodson+
 Thursday: 8:00 Trish Ryan+
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Santiago Munoz
 Saturday: 8:00 Intentions: Regina Boothman



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 Glen Hentges, husband of Mary Hentges. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collection	Plate
February 14, 2021	\$9,506.16



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

Kinsley Jo Frampton, daughter of Michelle Loche and Matthew Frampton.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel -- Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15).

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a passage in the Book of Isaiah that describes for us the type of fasting that is pleasing to God:

*"This is the fasting that I wish:
 releasing those bound unjustly,
 untying the thongs of the yoke;
 setting free the oppressed,
 breaking every yoke;
 sharing your bread with the hungry,
 sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;
 clothing the naked when you see them,
 and not turning your back on your own."*

We all give excuses for why we can't or won't fast in the manner that is most pleasing to God. The consequence of our unwillingness to do what God asks of us hangs before us on the mosaic. Lent is a time for self-examination and truth telling; Jesus said yes to the cross because we say no to God.

Love, Fr. Leo

Lenten Prayer

*Good and Gracious God,
 You who are full of compassion,
 help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.
 During this Holy Season we:
 pray that we may be transformed,
 fast in solidarity with those who are hungry,
 learn to live with less,
 and give so that others may live.
 May we join in solidarity as one human family
 and love one another as you love each of us.*

Amen

Repent and Believe in the Gospel!

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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.

An Invitation to Spiritual Direction

Do you wish you had someone to talk to about your prayer and faith life? Do you want to explore new or different ways of praying? Are you wondering how God is with you and working through you in these challenging times? If so, maybe you would like to explore spiritual direction. Spiritual Directors are trained professionals who work somewhat like life coaches but with a faith basis. Unlike their title, they do not "direct" your spiritual life, but listen for how the Holy Spirit is already guiding and directing you, whether during the mundane day-to-day moments of life or in a time of major transition and decision making. By listening, asking questions and reflecting back to you, spiritual directors can help you become more attuned to God's presence. Ann Naffziger, MA, MDiv, has been a spiritual director for 20 years now. If you would like to explore working with her, please contact her at: ann@gospelliving.org or call (510) 502-4351.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

By the First Sunday of Lent, many people have given up on "giving up." Yet, experiencing hunger for favorite things is a sign of a desire to face our deepest hungers. We do not embrace fasting as individuals, but rather as a community's way of life in this season. Sometimes it helps to see Sunday as an oasis in the Lenten desert, a place where fasting is not as strictly observed. If we count the days of the Lenten calendar starting backward from the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, it is difficult to measure the forty days. Many are surprised to learn that the Sundays are counted as part of Lent, but are not counted in tallying the forty days of the Lenten fast. For that, we count the fast backward into last week, beginning on Ash Wednesday. So, until today we have been in the Lenten fast, days that function as a kind of overture to a symphony of conversion. Today Lent solemnly begins, marked in many places by the sending of catechumens and candidates to the bishop for the call to the Easter sacraments. Tomorrow with them, we embrace the Lenten fast again. Today we are exactly forty days from the opening of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday.

Readings For The Week February 22nd -- 27th

Monday: First Reading 1 Peter 5:1-4;
Psalm 23;
Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11;
Psalm 34;
Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: First Reading Jonah 3:1-10;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: First Reading Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25;
Psalm 138;
Gospel Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: First Reading Ezekiel 18:12-28;
Psalm 130;
Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday: First Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

Fasting may be a priority in your Lenten spring-cleaning regimen. Almost every religious tradition recognizes that fasting is a key to heightened spiritual awareness. You know this from your own experience. When you are engaged in a hobby, painting a room, keeping vigil near a delivery room, or standing watch at a sickbed, you may simply forget to eat. What you are doing so fills you that the intensity of the action is itself nourishing. In fasting from food, or drink, or habitual behaviors, you make room for what is truly important.

Even though Lenten Sundays stand apart from the Lenten fast, you will notice traces of fasting in our liturgy. We fast from singing the Gloria and Alleluia, we fast from flowers bedecking the altar, and there may be a noticeable drop in the number of infant baptisms as parents elect to wait until Easter. This hints that fasting is a prelude to feasting, and the vigor of our Easter alleluias is rich fare after a long silence. In the same way, even a small fast, no cream in the coffee, no pepper in the soup, no radio in the car, can not only point to deeper hungers, but help us rejoice more fully in the feast when we break our fast together.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances!

The Lenten fast began with Ash Wednesday. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).