

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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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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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

-- Matthew 2:11b



Daily Mass

Week of January 6th – 11th

Monday: 8:00 Stanley Hébert+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Daniela/Ricardo Gonzalez
 Wednesday: 8:00 Francis & Eva Diamantine+
 Thursday: 8:00 Stanley Hébert+
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Daniela/Ricardo Gonzalez
 Saturday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	
December 8, 2019	\$10,388.00
Religious Retirement	\$2,460.00
December 15, 2019	\$10,267.00
School Support	\$513.00
December 22, 2019	\$10,330.00



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

Oscar Thomas Corley, son of Jennifer Cronan and Evan Corley.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

2019 Contributions

The 2019 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 2019. 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!

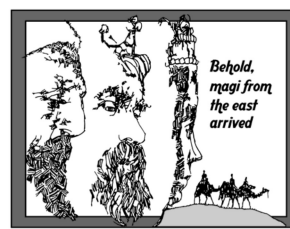
Hi Music Ministry,

I have some big news to share with you. Last week, I finished up classes at St. Mary's College to complete my Bachelor's in Mathematics. I'm elated that I'm finally done; now starts the job hunt. However, since I am shifting my focus from music-related activities to full-time work, I will be ending my weekly involvement with the Corpus Christi Music Ministry. My last Masses as your regular accompanist were on Christmas Day.

There are so many things I am grateful for from this community. My first days in the fall of 2016 were my first interactions with a Catholic community in my entire life. I've experienced the wide-open arms preached by "All Are Welcome," and I've learned more about the Catholic faith and history than I'd ever imagined. In fact, I'm pretty sure I knew more than my classmates did during my Bible Studies class at St. Mary's! I've found immense joy in sharing music with you all and growing my own musician-ship skills along the way. Seriously, I am an entirely different pianist and person today than when I started and I owe it to Corpus Christi. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Though my time as a pianist on staff has come to an end, I hope it won't be my last time seeing you or playing piano for any of you. We'll see what 2020 looks like!

Sincerely, Sam Haese



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading -- The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel -- Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

Herod and the Epiphany!

*Why impious Herod, vainly fear
 That Christ the Savior cometh here?
 He takes no earthly realms away
 Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.*

-- Crudelis Herodes Deum

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

During December and January, the coldest time of the year, the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a warm, winter coat collection for men, women and children. They are needed so much and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Your clean, gently-used coats will benefit those served by the St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. There are marked containers in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity!

The Liturgy of Emmanuel!

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice."

Light of the World!



Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25th. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations -- Jews, Gentiles and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the World. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the World was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews -- Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

Potluck!

Come to the next Hospitality Committee's Potluck on Saturday, January 11th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme will be Asian/Filipino Food. Come join in the festivities!



Admissions Open House!

On Tuesday, January 7th, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m., Corpus Christi School will hold their Open House for prospective families to visit classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about our fabulous School. Please spread the word! All are welcome. For more details or to volunteer at the event, please contact Evelien Verpeet, Heidi Catapusan or call the School Office at 530-4056, ext. 200.

Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars! The 2020 Crab Feed & Auction will take place on Saturday, January 25th. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Parish and School. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fabulous food and the company of our Parish Family while raising money to help the School and Parish. Tickets are now on sale on the Crab Feed & Auction website at: ccfeed.org/tickets. Tickets cost \$75.00 each and include all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab, access to the Silent and Live Auction; and a night full of friends, fun and dancing. For those who want to be part of the excitement of the main event, select the Crab Feed Dinner to be seated in the School Auditorium. And if you're a Corpus Christi School alumni or Parish member looking for a more relaxed atmosphere, you're invited to select the Candlelight Dinner which offers a fine dining experience in the Gibson Center.

Advertise or Sponsor the Crab Feed & Auction!

Do you have a local business? We invite you to advertise or be a sponsor for the Crab Feed. It's a great way to market your services while supporting the School. If you don't have a business but have contacts with local merchants, please let us know. To advertise or sponsor the event, please contact John Batcheller at: jwbatcheller@yahoo.com.

Annual Seminary Collection!

The Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be next weekend, January 11th and 12th. Your contributions support the formation and education of these men who are giving their lives in the service of God's people as priests in the Diocese of Oakland. Your support for our Seminarians is deeply appreciated. Keep them in your prayers. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You!

