

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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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 5, 2020

God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

-- Philippians 2:9



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, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel -- The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

Automatic Payment Via Online Banking!

Many parishioners have set up Online Banking to make their contributions automatically to Corpus Christi. You can set this up by going to your online banking bill pay site for your bank provider. Your donation will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account directly to the Church.

Something to Know About!

Just a reminder that Sunday sermons can be seen via video on our website: www.corpuschristipiedmont.org. You can also check out the Mass schedule, current Bulletins and other important information around the Parish.

The Cross!

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate two aspects of the life of Jesus: his triumph and his death, the second following closely on the first. One lesson of the triumph is how small and deceptive it is, like all earthly glory. His death is the source of all our good, terribly painful but full of meaning.

I've been re-reading the novel *The Plague*, by Albert Camus. It was written in 1947 but it reads like an account of today's news. It treats of an outbreak of fatal illness in a city in Algeria. At first there is little interest, since there are just a few deaths. But the deaths increase, more and more each day until everyone realizes that this is a pandemic, like the one we are going through now.

The main character, a doctor who basically stands for the author, is not a believer and although he is a good and compassionate man, he can find no meaning in the terrible catastrophe. But he is convinced of one thing -- a deeply moral sense that whatever happens in life, the ultimate response must be one of common decency. We are all in this together and we owe to one another compassion, generosity and kindness.

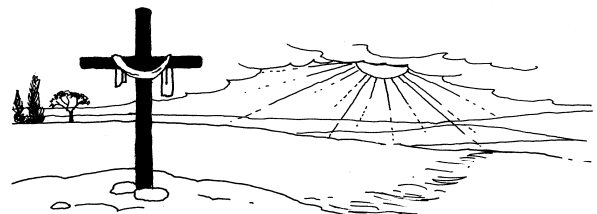
As followers of Christ we hold these same truths to be self-evident, as is shown by the many indications of kindness and concern among us. We also act this way because we have the example of Jesus who throughout his life brought healing and love to all he met.

Sadly we cannot celebrate the resurrection of our Lord together and openly in church this year, but the risen Christ is alive in our hearts and we rejoice and console one another with that.

Fr. Basil

Keeping in Touch!

Outside the Parish Office, we have set up a table with the most recent Bulletins and an Easter print-out from J.S. Paluch. Just another effort to keep in touch with our parishioners.



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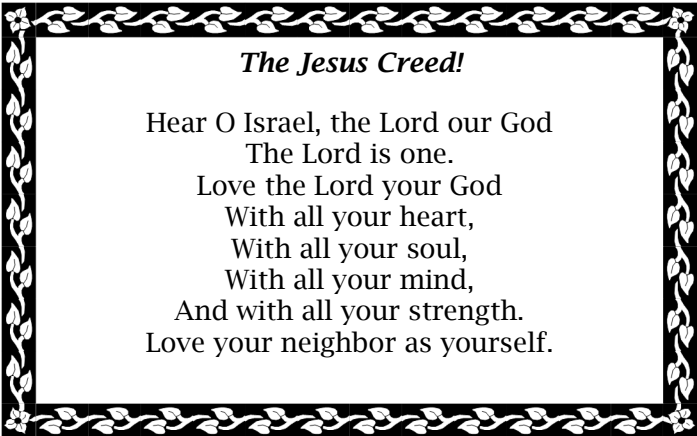


**Good Friday, Holy Saturday
& Easter Sunday**

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, leave the paper unread. Turn off the computer, radio and TV. Eat little. If possible, stay home. Don't shop. Don't work. Don't make others work. Meditate on Chapters 13 to 19 in St. John's Gospel. Read the Bible's Song of Songs. Open eyes and ears to sunsets, sunrises, the beauty of darkness and light, the beauty of one another.

**Postponement of Boy Scout
Pancake Breakfast!**

The Troop 6 Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. If you have purchased Pancake Breakfast tickets and/or Raffle tickets, hold on to them until the event. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Gros, Committee Chair Troop 6, at: lgros@rocketmail.com.

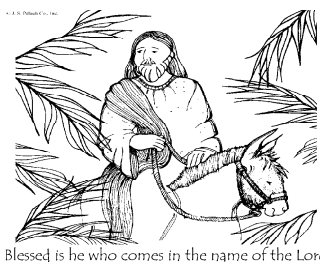
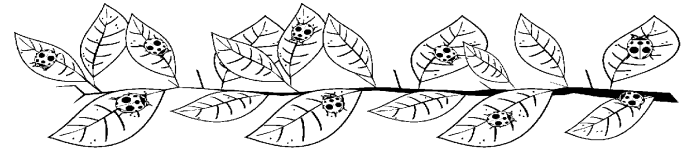


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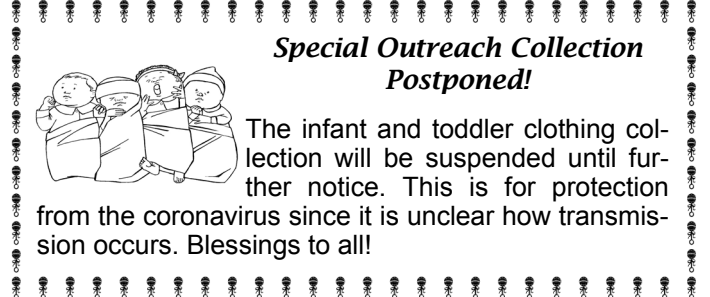
Hear O Israel, the Lord our God
The Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart,
With all your soul,
With all your mind,
And with all your strength.
Love your neighbor as yourself.

Hosanna!

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their "hosannas," they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant "Pray, save us." The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



**Special Outreach Collection
Postponed!**

The infant and toddler clothing collection will be suspended until further notice. This is for protection from the coronavirus since it is unclear how transmission occurs. Blessings to all!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like spring-time because it's a weekend full of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include July 10th to 12th; and November 20th to 22nd, both in Danville. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit their website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie at (925) 849-5466 or at: applications@oaklandwwme.org.

The Attitude of Christ Jesus!

The Lenten cycle brings us to this "mixed" Sunday of palm branches and painful suffering. Our liturgy opens by recalling Jesus' triumphant entry along the main road into Jerusalem, then moves quickly to the back streets of betrayal and humiliation, the courtyards of torture and abandonment, the hill of execution.

Isaiah's strange and gripping "Song of the Servant of God" was to become the song of Jesus, It is the song of one who strides forward consistently in the face of criticism, even scorn: "I have not rebelled, have not turned back." It is to become our song, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

How are we to react when we hear the account of the passion and death of the Lord? Paul tells us that our attitude must be Christ's, who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." We pray that we may absorb the attitude of Christ, and face life squarely in its triumph and its pain.

Resurrection to Come!

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

-- Walter Raleigh