

# 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**

Fr. Leo J. Edgerly, Jr., Pastor  
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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil ~ 5 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Daily Mass ~ Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.  
Holy Days ~ 8 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday ~ 4:00-4:30 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 8, 2023**

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

-- Matthew 2:11b



**Daily Mass**

**Week of January 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Hope Elsenius+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Fr. Leo
- Thursday: 8:00 Erin Sabrina Breckenridge+
- Friday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Jim Seiblich, Kerrie Roye, Pamela Minyard, Jim Tedder, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Diana Munoz, Lewis Carter, James Gebhardt, Louis Mastro, Peggy Delson, Isabel Canlas, Peter Heymans, Pamela M., Kerrie R., Rita Jurin, Maradee Davis, Rita Jackson, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Laura Pierce, Michael Bozman, Dori McGee-Lundy and Julia.

Weekly Collection	December 18 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$11,280.00
January 1, 2023	\$9,175.00
Christmas	\$89,125.00



**Baptisms**

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

**Joseph Lawrence Spinato**, son of Colleen Callaghan and Michael Spinato, Jr.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**Annual Seminary Collection!**

**T**he Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be this weekend, January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Try though we may we cannot separate the sublime nature of our faith from the concrete realities of life in this world. And so as we celebrate the "appearing" of God in the world in the flesh of Jesus we read today in the prophet Isaiah that the coming of the Messiah will cause the wealth of nations to be poured into our world.

That expression, the wealth of nations, was lifted from Isaiah by an English writer, Adam Smith, as the title of his book which is considered the magna carta of modern economics, or the role of the commercial market in governing the way we buy and sell in everyday life.

However, according to a current expert in the field, Smith is vastly misunderstood by those who see him as the granddaddy of modern economics. Smith saw in a market economy the role of empathy -- care about all people, not just those who become rich as a result of their embrace of the market. In other words, Smith saw a moral dimension to our economic life.

Like Pope Francis, Adam Smith was deeply concerned about the poor, the invisible mass of humanity who suffer as a direct result of the wealth of nations. For us, the glorious Christ of the Epiphany is identical with the Son of Man who had nowhere to lay his head, and with St. Francis, the poor man of Assisi.

Our faith constantly draws us to empathy with the last and the least of this world. Whatever our economic state we are one with those most in need, those who stand before God with outstretched hands and cry, Lord have mercy. With St. Paul we are able to glory in our infirmity and know the love that passes understanding.

*Fr. Basil*

**2022 Contributions!**

The 2022 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 2022. 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!

**Glad Tidings!**

Grandparents Liz and Mike O'Shea joyfully welcome the blessed gift of Daniela Jean O'Shea to her parents, Joyce and Sean O'Shea. Daniela was born on December 21, 2022!

**Holy Communion Visit!**

The mission of the Visitation Ministry is to visit and offer Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend weekend liturgy. If you would like such a visit or know someone who would, please contact Helen Merkle at: (510) 459-0690.

**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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Readings For The Week  
January 9<sup>th</sup> -- 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Responsorial Psalm 29; Gospel Matthew 3:13-17
- Tuesday: First Reading Hebrews 2:5-12; Responsorial Psalm 8; Gospel Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday: First Reading Hebrews 2:14-18; Responsorial Psalm 105; Gospel Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday: First Reading Hebrews 3:7-14; Responsorial Psalm 95; Gospel Mark 1:40-45
- Friday: First Reading Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Responsorial Psalm 78; Gospel Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday: First Reading Hebrews 4:12-16; Responsorial Psalm 19; Gospel Mark 2:13-17

**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).

**Psalm** -- 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).



**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.