

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.
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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2023

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

-- Isaiah 49:6b



Week of January 16th – 20th

- Monday: 8:00 Jim Buckley+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Wednesday: 8:00 Gary Rinehart+
- Thursday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
- Friday: 8:00 Charles & Bernadena Elsenius+



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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Gary Rinehart, husband of Sharon Rinehart. Our condolences to the family.

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| Weekly Collection | January 8 th |
| Plate | \$10,305.00 |
| Seminary Collection | \$821.00 |

Second Collection!

Please note that the Second Collection next weekend, January 21st and 22nd, will be for School Support. Your generosity is appreciated!



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

Olivianna Louise Renner, daughter of Gerianna Lapera and Stephen Renner.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Please Note!

Tomorrow, Monday, January 16th, the Parish Office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday! We will reopen on Tuesday, January 17th!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the next eight weeks, the second reading will be taken from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. There was a problem that existed within the community that St. Paul felt was necessary to address in this letter.

The Christians of Corinth were enamored with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But, they valued some of the charisms of the Spirit over others. Paul attempts to correct them of their misunderstanding. He tells them that all the gifts of the Spirit are of equal importance because they all contribute to the growth of the Body of Christ.

Later in his letter, St. Paul takes a very different tact in what is one of the more beautiful and powerful passages in all of scripture. He tells the Corinthians that there is one gift of the Spirit that transcends all the others in importance; it is the gift of love. He describes love as the perfect gift by which all other gifts are measured:

*“Love is patient, love is kind...
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails.”*

The message of St. Paul to the Corinthians and to us is wonderfully clear: the most important gift of the Holy Spirit is the one that we are all capable of sharing. We are not all called to be prophets. We are not all able to speak in tongues. But, we are all abundantly blessed with the gift of love.

Love, Fr. Leo

Today's Readings




First Reading -- The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm -- Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading -- All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel -- John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

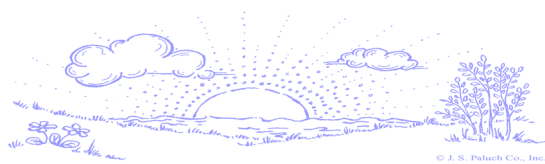


Giving Tree Special Thanks!

You did it! Thanks to everyone's generosity, over 250 family members served by the Oakland Catholic Worker enjoyed a happier Christmas holiday. Thanks also to the "elves" who made it all possible!

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.



Feast of Faith -- The Greeting!

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long -- our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response -- "And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit" -- returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

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.

**Readings For The Week
January 16th -- 21st**

Monday: First Reading Hebrews 5:1-10;
Responsorial Psalm 110;
Gospel Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: First Reading Hebrews 6:10-20;
Responsorial Psalm 111;
Gospel Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: First Reading Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17;
Responsorial Psalm 110;
Gospel Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: First Reading Hebrews 7:25-8:6;
Responsorial Psalm 40;
Gospel Mark 3:7-12

Friday: First Reading Hebrews 8:6-13;
Responsorial Psalm 85;
Gospel Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: First Reading Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14;
Responsorial Psalm 47;
Gospel Mark 3:20-21

Called to be Holy!

With this Sunday, we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6). But, we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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!

