

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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord.

-- Psalm 27:14



Week of January 23rd – 27th

- Monday: 8:00 Naomi Severn DeLong+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Marjorie Reagan+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Scott MacPherson Stapleton+
- Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Regina Boothman
- Friday: 8:00 William "Bill" Murphy+



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.

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| Weekly Collection | January 15 th |
| Plate | \$11,327.00 |

Second Collection!

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

Seeking the Light!

In today's readings, we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes, "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that you are familiar with my style of preaching, I'm sure you recognize that, over time, certain themes reoccur in my homilies. One subject that I return to frequently is the nature of God and how he works in our lives. Acknowledging that we will never fully understand God, there are a few observations that can still be made about his nature. In the first letter of John, the evangelist writes that God is love. The virtue of love is God's first quality. It best describes who God is and what motivates his actions. Starting with this premise, we can also assume that mercy is an expression of God's love. In the Bible, we often read about the justice of God. But, justice is not God's first quality; he only exercises his justice when we refuse to avail ourselves to his mercy. Only we can determine whether or not we will be exposed to his justice. The choice is ours.

Love, Fr. Leo

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 -- 9:3).

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel -- After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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!

Good Timing!

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

-- Anonymous

Corpus Christi's 2023 Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars and register quickly so you don't miss out on the event of the year! The Corpus Christi Men's Club welcomes everyone to the 60th Annual Crab Feed & Auction. This amazing event will take place on Saturday, February 11th, and includes a classy 60's themed extravaganza. The event will open at 5:30 p.m. with Silent Auction items and appetizers available. The formal Dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m., and this year you have several dining options to select from: the Sit-Down Dinner in the School Auditorium will be filled with entertainment, an unforgettable live auction and don't forget the endless crab! Or, you can opt for the take-home option, the "Crab & Go," which is a fun way to dining and will be available for pick-up the day of the event, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on the School blacktop. And back by popular demand, you can join Fr. Leo and Principal Sahlman for a Candlelight Dinner in the Gibson Center, where you can dine in a quieter and more relaxed environment with great conversation, and wonderful food and cheer.

The event prices are: \$90.00 for the Sit-Down Dinner in the Auditorium; \$65.00 and \$125.00 for varying Crab & Go packages; and \$80.00 for the Candlelight Dinner. For more information, please contact the Men's Club at: crab-feed@ccpg.corpuschristischool.com. Order your tickets now at: <https://www.cccfeed.org/home>. The Corpus Christi Men's Club looks forward to seeing you there!



Readings For The Week

January 23rd -- 28th

- Monday: First Reading Hebrews 9:15, 24-28;
Responsorial Psalm 98;
Gospel Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday: First Reading Hebrews 10:1-10;
Responsorial Psalm 40;
Gospel Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday: First Reading Acts 22:3-16;
Responsorial Psalm 117;
Gospel Mark 16:15-18
- Thursday: First Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-8;
Responsorial Psalm 96;
Gospel Mark 4:21-25
- Friday: First Reading Hebrews 10:32-39;
Responsorial Psalm 37;
Gospel Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday: First Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19;
Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72;
Gospel Mark 4:35-41

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.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being "clothed in Christ," and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called "Sunday in *Albis*," because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

Feast of Faith -- Penitential Rite!

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins, our faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish, when he realizes who is in the boat with him, he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison* -- Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.