

# 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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## First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

"The Lord, your God, shall you worship  
and him alone shall you serve."

-- Matthew 4:10



### Week of February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Naomi Severn DeLong+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 John Constantine+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Gary Rinehart+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Joann Linehan+  
 Friday: 8:00 Joshua Vincent+



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, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	February 19 <sup>th</sup>
Plate	\$8,243.00

### Operation Rice Bowl!

**Ash**

RICE BOWL



Wednesday marked the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!

### Please Note!

All the contribution letters have gone out. If you see any discrepancy in your letter, please give Judy a call at (510) 612-5668. Thank You!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first two readings from this week's Liturgy of the Word offers us excellent material for reflection as we begin the Season of Lent.

The passage from the Book of Genesis describes Adam and Eve's fall from grace. Their story is our story. Like our allegorical parents, we too are susceptible to sin. What is there about you and me that make us vulnerable to temptation? I believe that there is a fundamental brokenness in all of us that leads us to sin and it is FEAR!

The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes God's response to our sinfulness. His explanation of God's actions on our behalf is somewhat convoluted, but none the less profound. Paul writes:

"But the gift is not like the transgression.

For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."

Speaking plainly, the grace of God, which comes to us through the sacrificial love of Jesus, supersedes the harm that sin causes us. Our sinfulness is no match for God's love!

There is a line from the *Exsultet*, which is sung at the Easter Vigil that says it all:

"O happy Fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!"

Love, Fr. Leo

### Strength Against Temptation!

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God -- we want control, power and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

### **Lenten Observances!**

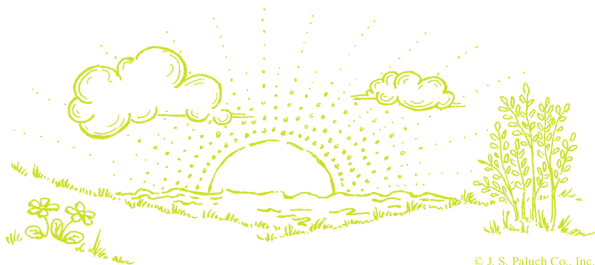
The Lenten fast began on Ash Wednesday. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gave us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

### **The Brad Shaw Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast!**



#### **Pancake Breakfast**

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets! The Scouts will be serving up delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the School Auditorium. Support Troop 6, enjoy time with family and friends, and you don't have to cook or clean! Unbeatable prices: \$10.00 per individual; \$30.00 for the whole family. Tickets are available from any Troop 6 Scout and will also be on sale after all the Masses during the month of March. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!



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### **Today's Readings!**



**First Reading** -- The man and the woman are the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** -- Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** -- Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** -- Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

### **Readings For The Week February 27<sup>th</sup> -- March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday:** First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18;  
Responsorial Psalm 19;  
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11;  
Responsorial Psalm 34;  
Gospel Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** First Reading Jonah 3:1-10;  
Responsorial Psalm 51;  
Gospel Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** First Reading Esther C12, 14-16, 23-25;  
Responsorial Psalm 138;  
Gospel Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** First Reading Ezekiel 18:21-28;  
Responsorial Psalm 130;  
Gospel Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** First Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19;  
Responsorial Psalm 119;  
Gospel Matthew 5:43-48



### **Feast of Faith: Lent, a Season of the Word!**

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way -- if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But, Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell the right relationship with God -- living by God's word, trusting in God and worshipping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

### **Crab Feed Photos!**

Photos from this year's Crab Feed are available at the following site: [www.dennism-pics.com/Parish/Crab-Feed](http://www.dennism-pics.com/Parish/Crab-Feed). The password is: frleo (lower case, no spaces).

Any photo can be downloaded for free by clicking on the "down arrow" in the lower right corner.