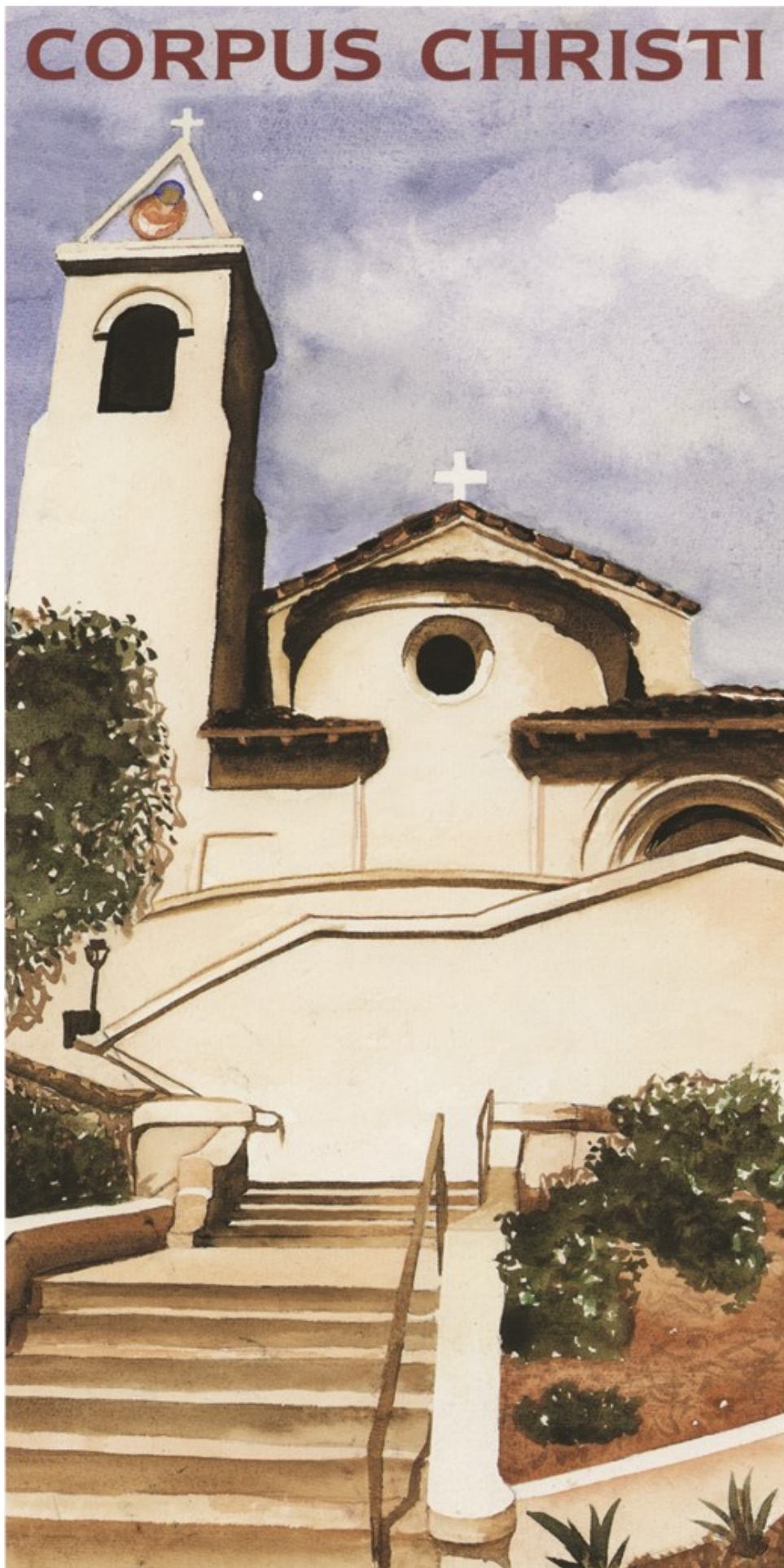


CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



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.

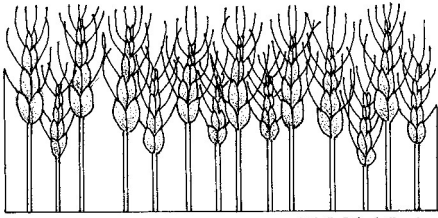
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By appointment, at least six
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

You have crowned the year with your bounty
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

-- Psalm 65:12



Daily Mass

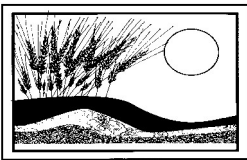
Week of July 17th – 21st

- Monday: 8:00 Alisa Merkle+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Betty Thornally+
- Friday: 8:00 Carmen Henry+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, Jim Seiblich, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini, Pamela M., Rita Jurin, Sebastian Romeo, Laura Pierce, Michael Bozman, Dori McGee-Lundy, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collections	July 9, 2023
Plate	\$8,380.00
Holy Father/Peter's Pence	\$557.00



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Today's Readings!

First Reading -- My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm -- The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

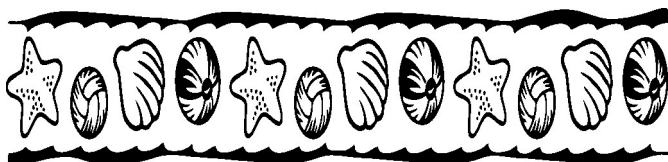
Second Reading -- We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel -- Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

Casting Light!

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

-- Edith Wharton



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The term "Christian nationalism" is used a lot these days. Let's think about it.

First of all, the two terms are antithetical, opposites. If you are a Christian you cannot be a nationalist; a patriot, yes. Patriotism, love of country, is a virtue; nationalism is a wicked, evil vice. Nationalism exalts one's own country at the expense of others, does to others what one would never allow to happen to one's own. War, aggression, imperialism are the roots of nationalism.

Oh, not us, you say. Well, it's been around since the foundation of the republic. Thomas Jefferson wanted to annex Cuba; the notion of manifest destiny: that this nation should extend from sea to sea, led to the genocide of the nations and their peoples that had existed here for thousands of years before the white man invaded. None of this can be ascribed to the teachings of Christianity.

Jesus wisely taught us to give Caesar, the secular government, what it was owed: pay your taxes and vote (unless, in the latter case, the government tries to prevent it). Caesar has no place in the religious and moral affairs of the people, except where the two are identical: thou shalt not kill covers both religious and civil law.

And our church? Remember that the church burned books and Jews long before Hitler; in the Crusades, Christians were urged to go to the Middle East and kill all the Muslims they could. As St. Paul reminds us: all have sinned and all need the glory of God.

War and aggression all stem from the human lust for power over people and territory. As Americans we must examine our national conscience even as we rightfully deplore the Russian war on Ukraine. As Catholic Christians we must seek the peace of Christ which is the way of generous love. Only the nation that seeks the Lord is truly blessed.

Fr. Basil

Saints and Special Observances!

Tuesday, July 18th: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Thursday, July 20th: St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Friday, July 21st: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, July 22nd: St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary's Preschool Supply Drive!

Corpus Christi's Living Our Faith Group is sponsoring a school supply drive for St. Mary's Preschool in West Oakland. This Preschool is one of the many programs supported by St. Mary's Center.

Please consider purchasing one or more of the following items and dropping them off in the Gibson Center: back packs or draw-string bags; boxes of pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, dry erase markers, scissors, glue sticks (packs of 3 or 6), pencil cases; also, laminating paper or card stock.

If you need a "drop-off alternative," please contact Danielle Hayes at (415) 999-1904. You can also drop off items during the week (before 2:00 p.m.) at the Parish Office. Thank You for your generosity in supporting this wonderful Preschool!

Living Our Faith Group!

The Corpus Christi Living Our Faith Group seeks ways to: deepen our individual and community relationships with God; connect our faith to action; and support outreach to the greater community.

We have several opportunities for parishioners to support outreach. The Group began in May (and will continue through December); Corpus Christi parishioners and/or groups are invited to provide a monthly dinner for seniors at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. We are in need of volunteers who will: provide meal items, cook the meal, act as hosts and clean up. Please consider joining in this wonderful opportunity. For more information, contact Danielle Hayes at: hayesdanielle5@gmail.com.

We also invite you to join us as we continue to discern God's call. All interested parishioners are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting will take place next Saturday, July 22nd, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson Center. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy Midlin at (510) 384-6702 or email her at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com.

God's Words!



Each day, we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today, the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same -- part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

Readings For The Week July 17th -- 22nd

Monday: First Reading Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Psalm 124; Gospel Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: First Reading Exodus 2:1-15a; Psalm 69; Gospel Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: First Reading Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Psalm 103; Gospel Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: First Reading Exodus 3:13-20; Psalm 105; Gospel Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: First Reading Exodus 11:10-12:14; Psalm 116; Gospel Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: First Reading Song of Songs 3:1-4b; Psalm 63; Gospel Matthew 20:1-2, 11-18

**Feast of Faith:
Invitation to the Eucharistic Prayer!**

After the presider washes his hands, he turns to the people and says, "Pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father." We have brought forward bread and wine and now we are asked to see in these simple gifts upon the altar a sacrifice offered to God. Our response is rich in theological meaning, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands." The words point to the unique role of the priest, whose hands, at his ordination, were anointed for just this purpose: that he might "sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God" (Rite of Ordination). We ask God to accept our sacrifice not because it is worthy of God, but simply "for the praise and glory of his name." God does not need our offering, but allows us to give it so that we might grow in holiness. And God, never to be outdone in generosity, gives all that we have given back to us, "for our good and the good of all his Church." This Mass benefits not just those who have gathered but, in the mysterious economy of grace, the whole Church. In the words of Saint Paul, when one part rejoices, the whole body "share[s] its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Alameda County Food Drive!

Don't forget about the two Alameda County Food barrels that are in the Gibson Center. Drop off your non-perishable food items. This is an ongoing drive to support the most vulnerable in our community. If the Gibson Center is closed when you come by, feel free to drop off your donations at the Parish Office. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to Noon on Friday. Thank You for your support!