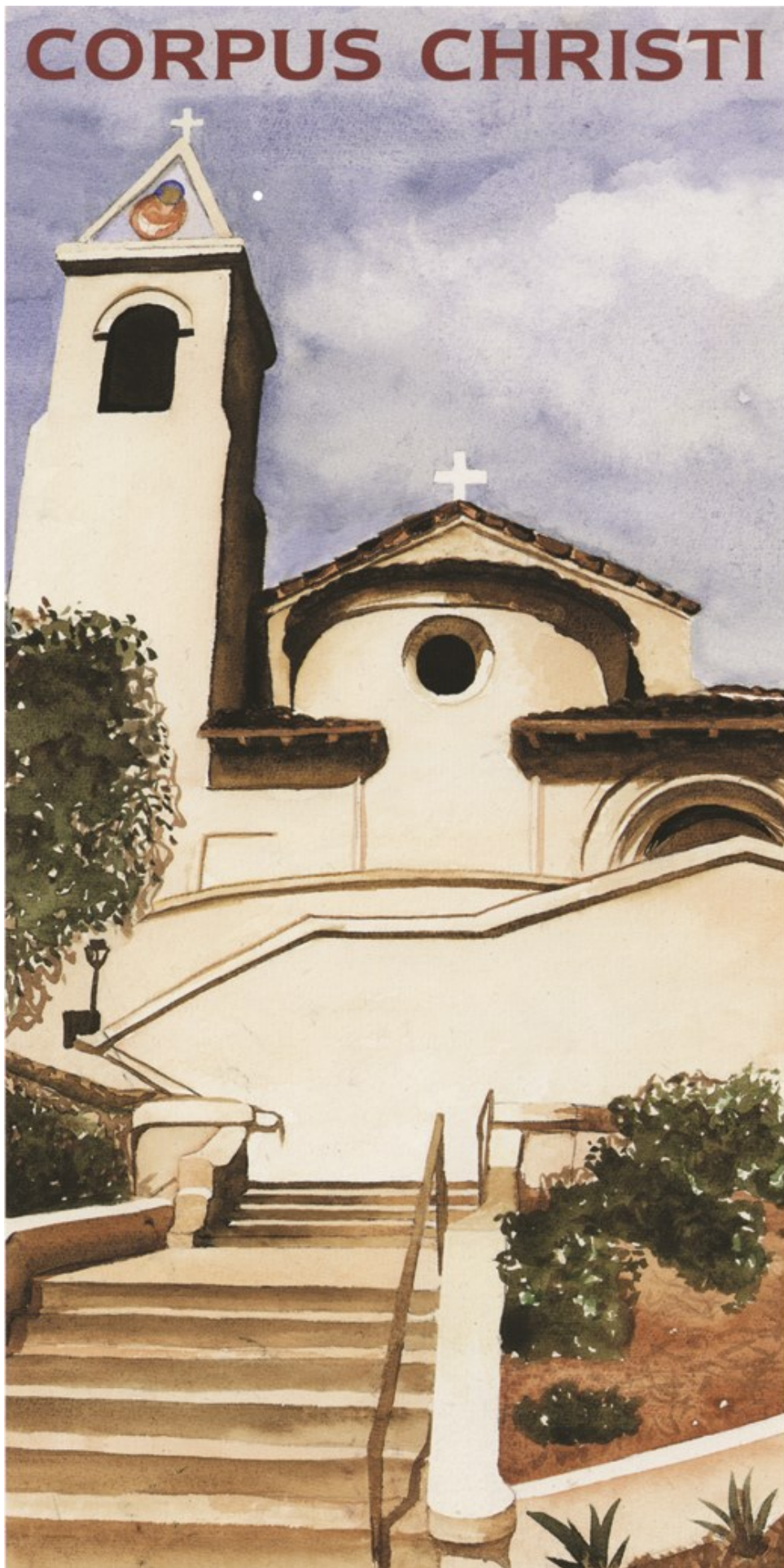


CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



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.

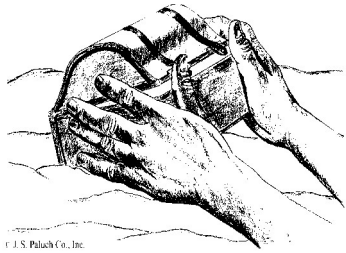
MARRIAGES

By appointment, at least six
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The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023

All things work for good for those who love God.

-- Romans 8:28a



Daily Mass

Week of July 31st – August 4th

- Monday: 8:00 Maria & Wellington Loh+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Fr. Don Arel+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Santiago Munoz
- Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Friday: 8:00 Jerome Joseph Sotkiewicz+



Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

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,

Weekly Collections	July 23, 2023
Plate	\$6,898.00



Baptisms

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

Veronica Olivia Nora Skillern, daughter of Veronica Reddick and Rufus Skillern.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm -- Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading -- All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel -- The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

What I Know!

As for me, all I know is that I know nothing.

-- Socrates

From Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's reading from the first book of Kings, God offers Solomon the opportunity to wish for whatever he wants and Solomon shrewdly asks for the gift of wisdom.

Wisdom is one of the more significant gifts of the Holy Spirit because it helps us to distinguish between what is of real importance and what is of less importance.

In our consumer society, we are constantly bombarded with messages that delude us into believing that there is no difference between our wants and our needs. Most of us fall victim to this propaganda, despite our best efforts to ignore it. We need help to prevent ourselves from being enslaved by our wants and desires.

Being part of a faith community can provide us with an effective antidote to the illusions of this world. When we gather together in prayer, we are acknowledging our need for the wisdom of Jesus in our lives.

Our Lord invites us to see the world through his eyes and put things in their proper order. The words and actions of Jesus clearly show that people and relationships are more important than possessions and titles.

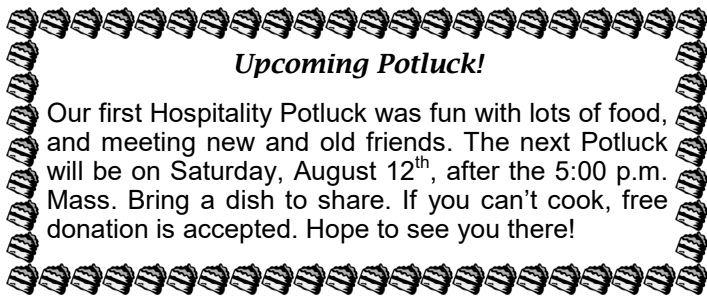
While we know this to be true, we all need to be reminded of the wisdom of this truth.

Love, Fr. Leo

Feast of Faith: The Preface Dialogue!

"Lift up your hearts." "We lift them up to the Lord." "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." "It is right to give him thanks and praise." With this ancient dialogue, we enter the Eucharistic Prayer, the heart of the Mass. These venerable words have been part of the Christian liturgy almost from the beginning -- by the time of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215) they were already fixed in the liturgy.

Several times during the Mass, the priest has invited us to pray. There is something different here. We are invited to be "lifted up," to ascend, to climb the Lord's mountain, as it were, to go to a new place for this most solemn part of the Mass. And, we are invited to a new frame of mind, a sense of joy, of focused dedication: our hearts must not be cast down, but lifted up and lifted to the Lord. Why? Because we are going to give thanks -- we are going to "eucharist!" It is right and just that we do this.



Upcoming Potluck!

Our first Hospitality Potluck was fun with lots of food, and meeting new and old friends. The next Potluck will be on Saturday, August 12th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring a dish to share. If you can't cook, free donation is accepted. Hope to see you there!

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 and act as hosts. 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, August 26th, 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.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The achievement of the late 1960s and early 1970s in enriching the "euchology" or "words of thanksgiving" available in the Church's prayer is important on many levels. Ecumenically, it means that the Latin Rite now reflects the wealth of the East in having more than one prayer available to the Church. Pastorally, it actually acknowledges the place of the assembly in prayer, which is particularly clear in the Masses with Children. In fact, the traditional prayers of the Eastern Church served as models for our new prayers.

In the East, what we call the Eucharistic Prayer is called the "anaphora," and there are three main families of anaphora. Each family has a different "recipe" for arranging the usual parts of these prayers. All anaphora have "intercessions" included, but the Churches of Antioch place them at the beginning before the "Holy, Holy," and Syria puts them at the very end. One branch of the Syrian family is unique in not mentioning the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. The Roman Canon we once prayed exclusively has some connection with the Alexandrian family, but once the signal for creativity was given, all the wealth of every prayer tradition was on the table, and our Sunday Mass has been greatly enriched.

Readings For The Week July 31st -- August 5th

- Monday: First Reading Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Psalm 106; Gospel Matthew 13:31-35
- Tuesday: First Reading Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Psalm 103; Gospel Matthew 13:36-43
- Wednesday: First Reading Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; Gospel Matthew 13:44-46
- Thursday: First Reading Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Psalm 84; Gospel Matthew 13:47-53
- Friday: First Reading Leviticus 23:4-11, 15-16; Psalm 81; Gospel Matthew 13:54-58
- Saturday: First Reading Leviticus 25:8-17; Psalm 67; Gospel Matthew 14:1-12

St. Mary's Preschool Supply Drive!

Corpus Christi's Living Our Faith Group continues the 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!

A Share in God's Kingdom!



Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the kingdom.

The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today, we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures -- the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.