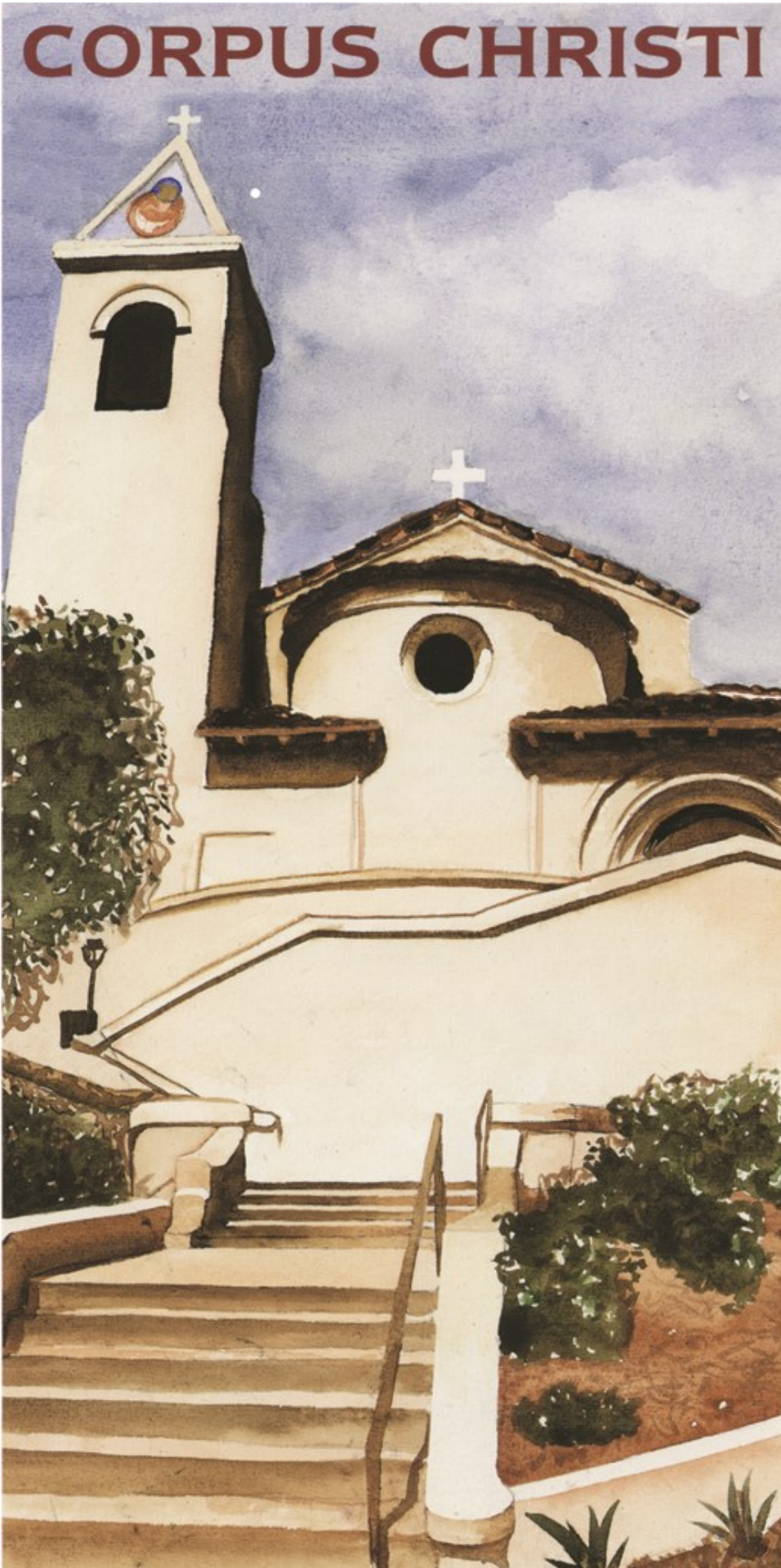


# CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



## **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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*R.C.I.A. Co-Director*  
Anne Zehren,  
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Rebecca Pelle,  
*Family Faith Formation*  
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Gail Van Deusen,  
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Karyn Caruso,  
*Web Manager*

## **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.

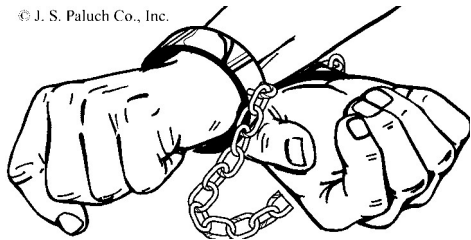
## **MARRIAGES**

By appointment, at least six  
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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 27, 2023**

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

-- Matthew 16:19



**Daily Mass**

**Week of August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Wanda Tomczykowski+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Verna & Ray Van Deusen+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+
- Thursday: 8:00 Florence A. Strong+
- Friday: 8:00 George Balise+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandrick, Mike Abell, Sunny Ray, Tara Singh, Kerrie Roye, Mark Lutz, 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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Edward Mochizuki Gonzales, husband of Girlynda Gonzales. Our condolences to the family.

Weekly Collections	August 20, 2023
Plate	\$8,507.00
Missionary Co-op Appeal	\$1,331.00

**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalm** -- Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** -- How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** -- Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ!" (Matthew 16:13-20).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul writes:

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom of God!  
 How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!  
 For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?  
 Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?  
 For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
 To him be glory forever. Amen.”

John the Evangelist in his first letter gives us insight into the mind of God. He writes: "God is love."

We need not concern ourselves with God's inscrutable judgments or his unsearchable ways. To know love is to know God. He sent his Son to us to share with us this great truth. Jesus, in turn, left us the Holy Spirit to help us respond to the wisdom and knowledge of God's love for us. All that God asks of us in return is that we show our love for him by loving one another.

*Love, Fr. Leo*

**Feast of Faith/Come Spirit!**

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an epiclesis, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first epiclesis the epiclesis of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another epiclesis, the epiclesis of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

### ***Confirmation Program Begins!***

The preparation programs for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in mid-September. Please visit the link to the Parish website. There will be two sessions left for parents and candidates after all the Masses the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to: [confirmation@cc-parish.org](mailto:confirmation@cc-parish.org).

### ***Welcome Back!***

Hospitality and donuts return on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. 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 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](mailto: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 on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com).

### ***Scouts at Corpus Christi!***

The first Troop 6 meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Interested in joining Scouts BSA? Look no further as Corpus Christi has its very own Troop that has been going strong for over 65 years. They have an action-packed year ahead. Chartered by the Men's Club, Troop 6 is a scoutE-led troop for girls and boys 11 years to 18 years old, focused on developing leadership skills through service and adventure. The program is geared towards having fun and exposing Scouts to new experiences, while achieving the essentials of the Scouting program, including advancement and leadership, with a strong emphasis on service and community.

Even if you cannot make the first meeting, you can join anytime. Meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Sean McKillop, Boy's Scoutmaster, at: [scoutmaster@piedmonttroop6.org](mailto:scoutmaster@piedmonttroop6.org); or Lisa Gros, Girl's Scoutmaster, at: [lgros@rocketmail.com](mailto:lgros@rocketmail.com) or call (510) 993-6404.

### ***Readings For The Week August 28<sup>th</sup> -- September 2<sup>nd</sup>***

Monday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10;  
Psalm 149;  
Gospel Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;  
Psalm 139;  
Gospel Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13;  
Psalm 139;  
Gospel Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13;  
Psalm 90;  
Gospel Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8;  
Psalm 97;  
Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11;  
Psalm 98;  
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

### ***New Member Barbeque!***

The Men's Club is having a New Member BBQ on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the blacktop of the School Parking Lot. All new and existing dads and Parish members are invited to attend. There will be a BBQ with cold drinks, a corn hole tournament, and good times and camaraderie by all. Please be sure to put this date on your calendar!

### ***Treasures From Our Tradition!***

In recent weeks, we have looked at the evolution of how Roman Catholics initiate children into the life of the Church. How did customs evolve in the Eastern Church? At one time, Christians in both East and West preferred to celebrate baptism in a community setting, with large numbers of adults and children initiated at Easter. The two branches of Christianity began to split on the proper time to do this. In the East, water was blessed in abundance on the feast of the Epiphany, which marked, among other things, the baptism of the Lord. Once infant baptism was fixed on that day, local customs marking a birth began to evolve. One celebration was the giving of a name on the eighth day, another was the "purification" of the mother on the fortieth day after birth. In that blessing, re-enacting Mary and Joseph's journey to the temple, the priest took the baby in his arms and placed the child before the altar. Just as Simeon received the child Jesus, so the priest received the new Christian while chanting Simeon's prayer. Later, normally on Epiphany, the priest would baptize, chrismate (confirm) and give a few drops of the Precious Blood to the child in a joyous celebration of the whole community.

