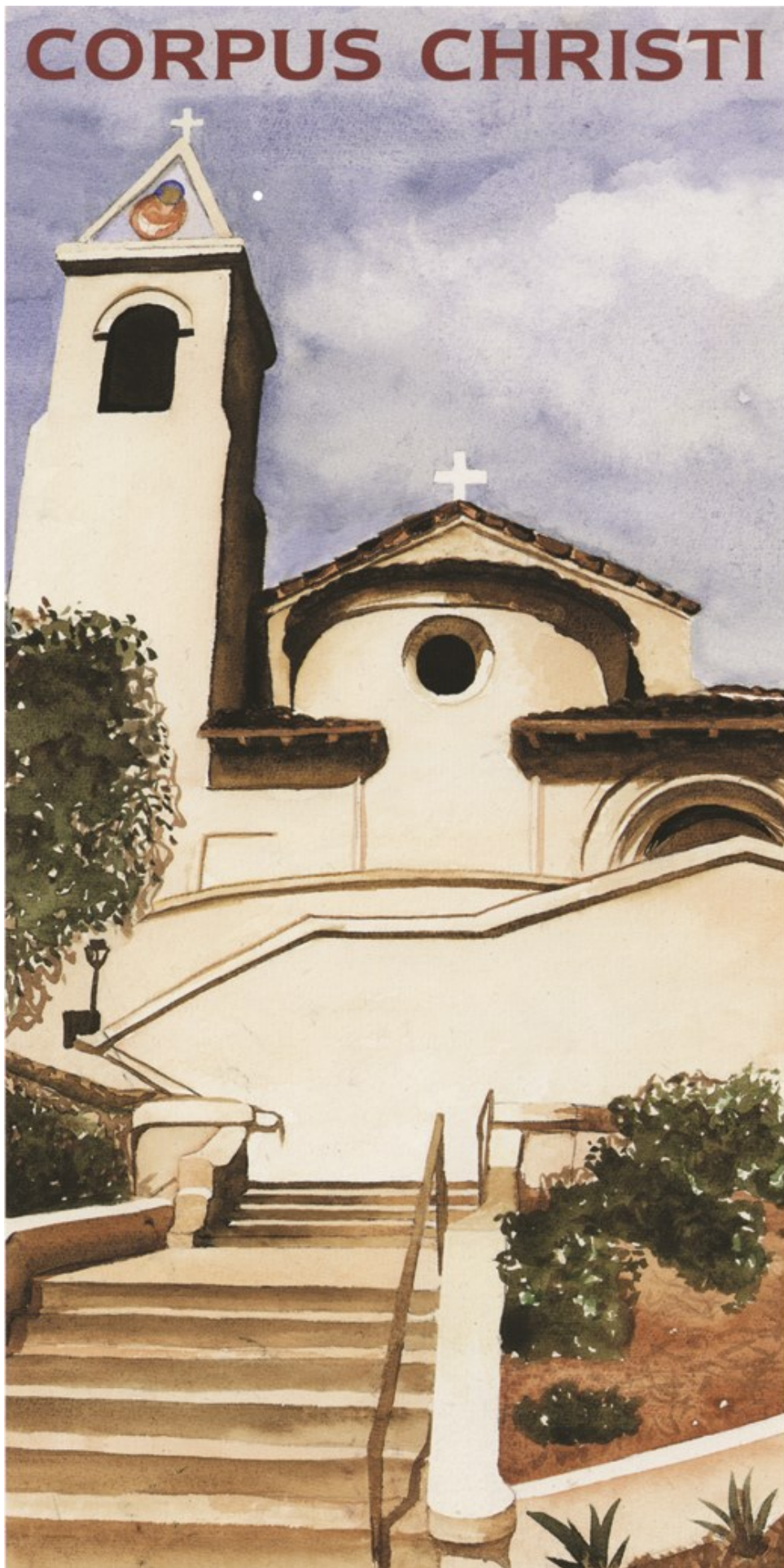


# CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



## **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  
Fr. Basil De Pinto,  
In Residence  
Michael Sahlman,  
*School Principal*  
Joseph Hébert,  
*Music Ministry Director*  
Claire Chaix, *Accompanist*  
Catherine Holcombe,  
*R.C.I.A. Co-Director*  
Anne Zehren,  
*R.C.I.A. Co-Director*  
Adrian Fulay,  
*Confirmation*  
Rebecca Pelle,  
*Family Faith Formation*  
Judith Hilgert,  
*Business Manager*  
Gail Van Deusen,  
*Bulletin Editor/Office Manager*  
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  
months in advance.

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 3, 2023**

You have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God.

-- Hebrews 12:22a



**Daily Mass**

**Week of September 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Santiago Munoz
- Tuesday: 8:00 Phil Quittman+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton
- Thursday: 8:00 Matt Vasquez+
- Friday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+



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.

Weekly Collections	August 27, 2023
Plate	\$7,836.00



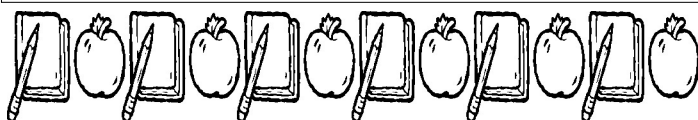
The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

**Richard Olazar and Riley Olazar Young**, son and daughter of Kelly Olazar and Christopher Young.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**Priests Retirement Collection!**

Currently, we have over forty retired priests in the Diocese of Oakland. With one hundred active priests over the age of 60 or older, the number of retired clergy will grow considerably over the next decade. In addition, thanks be to God, our retired clergy are living longer and continue to help at Masses. However, this increases the cost above projections that were made when the system was put in place a couple of decades ago. Also, priests who come to our Diocese from another one or religious orders to serve the people of Oakland do not bring their retirement benefits with them. They start with zero when they begin to minister here. After meeting with the Priests' Retirement Board in 2013, it was recommended to add this second collection which will be next weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From Father Leo I have often said that the Lord's Prayer is one of the most dangerous prayers to offer to God. Most of us say it so frequently that we fail to fully appreciate the implications of the words. When we say, "... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, ..." we are opening ourselves up to God's justice or mercy.

We are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness, but God's ability to forgive us is conditioned by our willingness to forgive. God is so just that he will not impose his mercy on us unless we are fully accepting of it. Let me try to explain it this way: mercy is rooted in love and it can only be effective under certain conditions. If we harbor feelings of anger, resentment and hate towards others and we have no desire to change those feelings, we leave God no choice. Because of his respect for our freedom, he cannot impose on us that which we do not want. Mercy by its very nature can only exist in an environment of forgiveness and love. When we refuse to forgive others, we prevent God from forgiving us and we expose ourselves to his justice.

None of us can withstand the justice of God! Our choice is clear: if we want God's mercy, we must work at becoming merciful ourselves. Mercy begets mercy. So, I encourage you to pray the Lord's Prayer with care!

Love, Fr. Leo

**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- The name of the Lord has become like fire, burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

**Psalm** -- My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** -- Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

**Gospel** -- Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).



**Labor Day**

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will be closed for the Labor Day weekend, on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe holiday!

**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 this weekend, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to: [confirmation@cc-parish.org](mailto:confirmation@cc-parish.org).

**Upcoming Potluck!**

Hospitality's next Potluck will be on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Hope to see you there!

**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!



**Corpus Christi Golf Tournament!**

The Men's Club is hosting the 2023 Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Metropolitan Golf Links in Oakland. All proceeds will go to benefit Corpus Christi School's CYO sports program with the intent to get new uniforms for our kids. The event includes an 18-hole, best ball scramble, free beer, a delicious luncheon, awards and prizes. Everyone in the Corpus community and beyond is welcome to come out and join the fun! For more details, check out their website at: <https://birdease.com/ccmc>.

**Scouts at Corpus Christi!**

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. 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 contact Lisa Gros, Girl's Scoutmaster, at: [lgros@rocketmail.com](mailto:lgros@rocketmail.com) or call (510) 993-6404.

*To live in hearts  
we leave behind  
is not to die.*

*-- Danish proverb*



**Readings For The Week  
September 4<sup>th</sup> -- 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;  
Psalm 96;  
Gospel Luke 4:16-30
- Tuesday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11;  
Psalm 27;  
Gospel Luke 4:31-37
- Wednesday: First Reading Colossians 1:1-8;  
Psalm 52;  
Gospel Luke 4:38-44
- Thursday: First Reading Colossians 1:9-14;  
Psalm 98;  
Gospel Luke 5:1-11
- Friday: First Reading Micah 5:1-4a;  
Psalm 13;  
Gospel Matthew 1:1-16, 81-23
- Saturday: First Reading Colossians 1:21-23;  
Psalm 54;  
Gospel Luke 6:1-5



**Annual Parish Picnic!**

Everyone is invited to the Annual Parish Picnic at Corpus Christi School. Join Fr. Leo at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and bring your pet to be blessed! The picnic lasts until 3:00 p.m. on the School blacktop and new green space. A gourmet cuisine will be served with Nathan's franks and sausages, tri-tip sandwiches, chili, salads, chips, juice and beer. There will be treats for the kids and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale. Entertainment for the whole family with kids games and tug-o-war. Also, a trophy for class victors. Prepaid tickets are \$10.00/adults; \$5.00/kids (4-12); \$25.00/family. At the door: \$15.00/adults; \$8:00/kids; \$30.00/family. Contact Daryl Grace at: [dgrace64@gmail.com](mailto:dgrace64@gmail.com) for more information.

**Annual Walk-A-Thon!**

The Annual 2023 Walk-A-Thon for Corpus Christi School will take place on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The event is a chance for everyone in the Parish and School community to support the School's Tuition Assistance Program and technology upgrades. Consider becoming a sponsor (please commit by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>) or purchasing raffle tickets. You can find out more information by picking up a flyer on the credenzas in the Church or on the website: <https://go.dojiggy.io/corpuswat2023>.