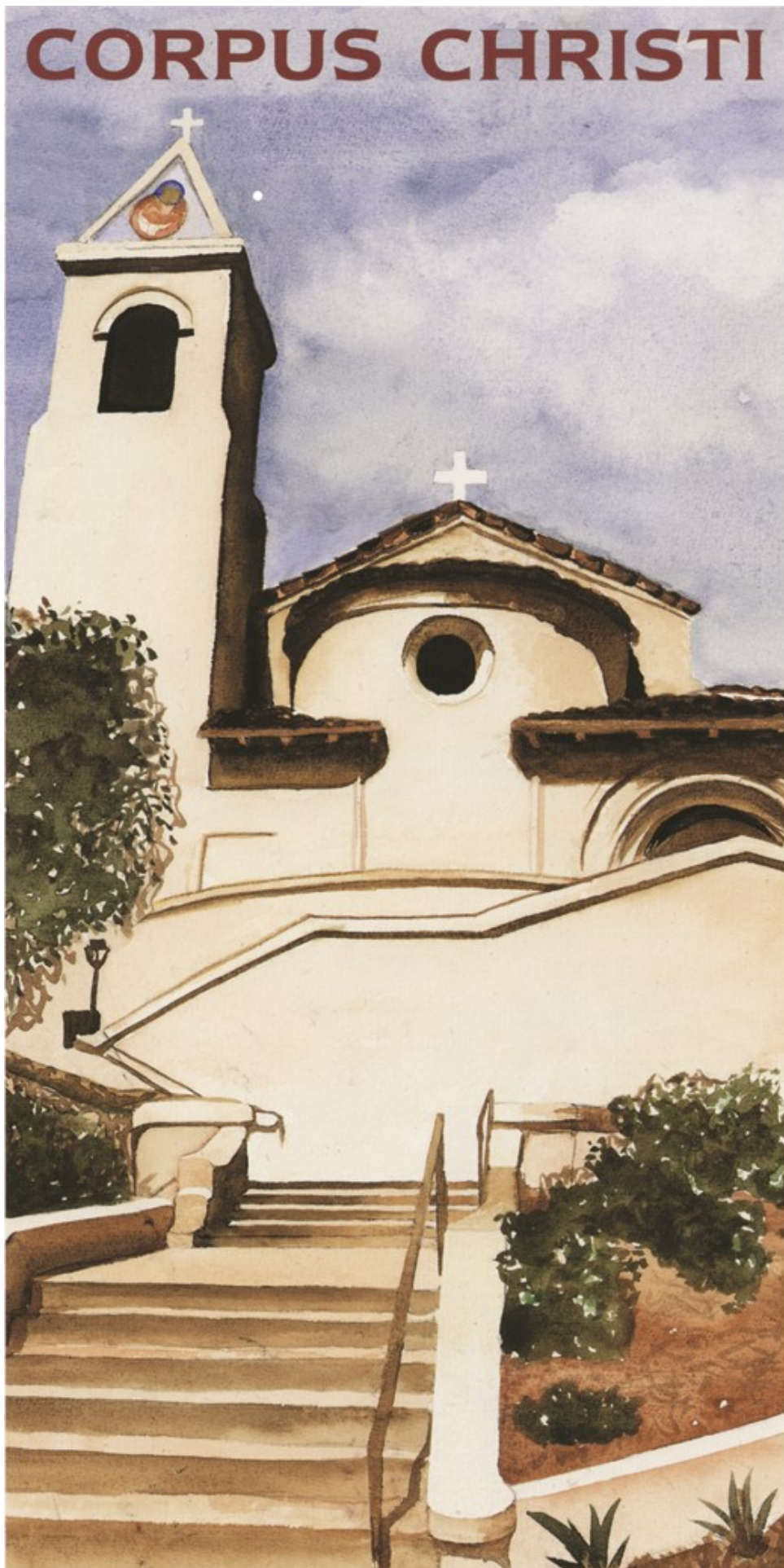


# CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



## **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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Michael Sahlman,  
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*Music Ministry Director*  
Claire Chaix, *Accompanist*  
Catherine Holcombe,  
*R.C.I.A. Co-Director*  
Anne Zehren,  
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*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.

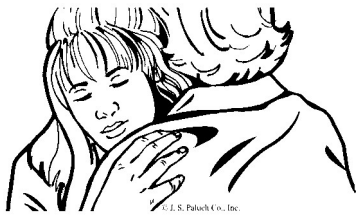
## **MARRIAGES**

By appointment, at least six  
months in advance.

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**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 17, 2023**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

-- Sirach 28:2



**Daily Mass**

**Week of September 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Tuesday: 8:00 Vicky Cotter+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Della Roberts+
- Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton
- Friday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+



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 Ross Franco, husband of Suzanne Franco. Our condolences to the family.



**Baptisms**

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

**Halvor Dolan and Liam Dolan Guo**, sons of Mary King and Charles Guo.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**Today's Readings!**



**First Reading** -- Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30--28:9).

**Psalm** -- The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** -- Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

**Gospel** -- Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

From  
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Recently, I had a discussion with a parishioner on the issues of peace and justice. I quoted a passage from the Gospel of Luke where Jesus says, "...When your brother hits you on one cheek, turn and offer him the other as well."

As our conversation continued, I tried to make the distinction between the ideal that Jesus calls us to live verses the complexities of life that causes us to sometimes choose a less than ideal response to the threat or act of violence. This in turn led us to the subject of war and whether or not as Catholic Christians we can engage in an act of war and still remain faithful to the basic tenet of our Faith, which states, "...and love your neighbor as you love yourself."

I told them that the Catholic Church accepts the Just-War Theory and explained to them the seven criteria that must be present before a Catholic in good conscience can participate in an act of war. I thought that it would be helpful to share the criteria with you as well:

- \* Just cause -- There must be lasting and grave damage inflicted by the aggressors.
- \* Legitimate authority -- The right to declare a war of defense belongs to those who have legitimate authority to represent and safeguard the people.
- \* Comparative justice -- The rights and values surrounding the war must be so important that they justify killing.
- \* Right intention -- A just war must be waged for the best of reasons and with a commitment to postwar reconciliation.
- \* Probability of success -- The chance for success must outweigh the human cost of war.
- \* Proportionality -- The damage and cost of the war must be in proportion to the good that is expected.
- \* Last resort -- War must be the last resort after all diplomatic efforts for peace have been exhausted.

Love, Fr. Leo





**Corpus Christi Golf Tournament!**

The Men's Club is hosting the 2023 Golf Tournament next 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. For more details, check out their website at: <https://birdease.com/ccmc>.



**Annual Parish Picnic!**

Everyone is invited to the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 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>.

**Forgiveness!**

When Jesus lived on earth, he personally offered forgiveness to sinners. He can't do that today without us. The Gospel reading tells of the forgiveness we are to bring to one another. In the parable, Jesus contrasts the senseless action of the servant who refuses to forgive the barely day's wages owed him by a fellow servant after a "huge amount" -- really an unfathomable amount -- has been forgiven him by the king. God who has forgiven the sinfulness of humanity will not tolerate our inability to forgive one another of our small faults. One of the most visible ways the Church offers its forgiveness is through actions of its priests in the sacraments, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest officially dispenses grace in the sacraments, but also dispenses grace just by being present. Cardinal Suhard of Paris described this as "l'apostolate de la presence," the "apostolate of the presence." As Christians, we are all called to this apostolate; the priest is a special way.

**Readings For The Week  
September 18<sup>th</sup> -- 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8;  
Psalm 28;  
Gospel Luke 7:1-10
- Tuesday: First Reading 1 Timothy 3:1-13;  
Psalm 101;  
Gospel Luke 7:11-17
- Wednesday: First Reading 1 Timothy 3:14-16;  
Psalm 111;  
Gospel Luke 7:31-35
- Thursday: First Reading Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13;  
Psalm 19;  
Gospel Matthew 9:9-13
- Friday: First Reading 1 Timothy 6:2c-12;  
Psalm 49;  
Gospel Luke 8:1-3
- Saturday: First Reading 1 Timothy 6:13-16;  
Psalm 100;  
Gospel Luke 8:4-15

**Living Our Faith Group!**

Please note the next Living Our Faith Group will meet on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Rectory Conference Room, not the Gibson Center. Please contact Nancy Midlin at (510) 384-6702 if you have any questions.

**Magnificat!**

Calling all Catholic women! You are cordially invited to join Magnificat, a Catholic ministry to women at their annual April Breakfast for a morning of Praise and Inspiration with guest speaker, Fr. Jimmy Macalinao. The date is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Raymond Church Hall, 11555 Shannon Avenue in Dublin. Fr. Jimmy is the Parochial Vicar at St. Perpetua Parish and serves as the Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization for the Oakland Diocese. A native of the Philippines, he is the first permanent deacon in the Diocese to be ordained to the priesthood. For more information, call Jennifer Rogers at (503) 709-8449 or email to: [magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com).

**Saints and Special Observances!**

- Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest