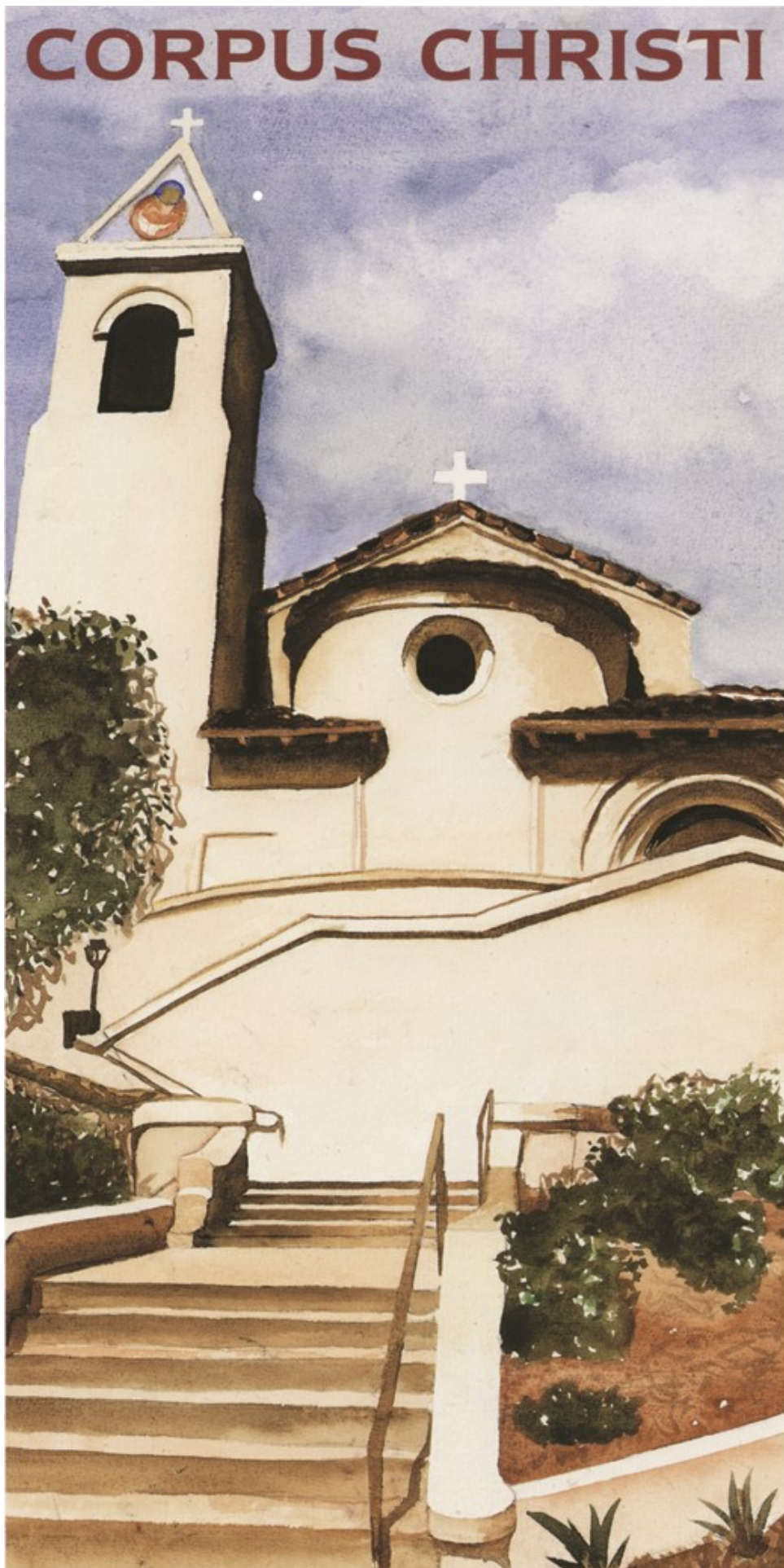


# CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



## **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.

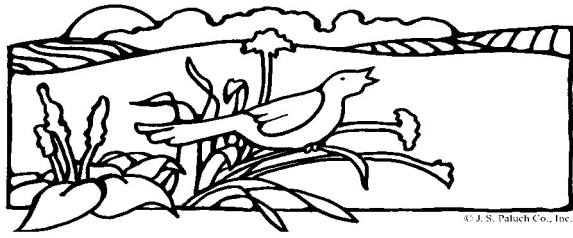
## **MARRIAGES**

By appointment, at least six  
months in advance.

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 24, 2023**

Turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God,  
who is generous in forgiving.

-- Isaiah 55:7b



**Daily Mass**

**Week of September 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Viola Ann Simmons+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Owen & Zelda Burns+
- Thursday: 8:00 Verna & Ray Van Deusen+
- Friday: 8:00 Ross Franco+



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	
Plate September 10, 2023	\$9,662.00
Plate September 17, 2023	\$8,394.00
Priests Retirement	\$1,759.00



**Baptisms**

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

**Avery Regan Ball**, daughter of Courtney Regan and Kevin Ball.

**Elizabeth Barbara Burk**, daughter of Kristine Specht and Thomas Burk.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**Today's Readings!**



**First Reading** -- Turn to the Lord, who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

**Psalm** -- The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** -- Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

**Gospel** -- The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's first reading from the book of Isaiah, God is quoted as saying:

From  
Father Leo



"My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts."

The significance of these words is illustrated in this week's Gospel according to Matthew. In the parable of the owner of the vineyard, we are confronted with the actions of the owner who challenges our sense of fairness.

Those who are hired late in the day are paid first and given an amount equal to those who worked long and hard hours. That seems unfair by our standards. This is because in our world of "quid pro quo" mercy and generosity have little or no place in our value system. Our concept of "fairness" reigns supreme.

Fortunately for you and me, God does not think in terms of fairness. His "modes operandi" is outrageous generosity, outrageous mercy and outrageous goodness!

One of the greatest challenges that we face as human beings is learning how to let go of the values of this world so that we may be transformed by the values of our God in heaven.

Love, Fr. Leo

**Autumn!**

Listen! The wind is rising,  
and the air is wild with leaves,  
we have had our summer evenings,  
now for October eves!

-- Humbert Wolfe



**A Clear Conscience!**

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

-- French Proverb



**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>.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Free Concert!**

Come enjoy the sounds of the Chapel Chancel Choir, the Rockridge Chorale and Our Lady of Lourdes Choir for an evening of beautiful music at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2808 Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland. The date is Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Donations welcome to support Our Lady of Lourdes Church Music Ministry. Hope to see you there!

**Oakland Elizabeth House Fall Luncheon!**

Save the date! The Annual Oakland Elizabeth House's Fall Luncheon will be on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Sequoia Country Club in Oakland. They are celebrating over 30 years of Hope. Formal invitations to follow.

**Saints and Special Observances!**

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels  
Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

**Readings For The Week  
September 25<sup>th</sup> -- 30<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: First Reading Ezra 1:1-6;  
Psalm 126;  
Gospel Luke 8:16-18  
Tuesday: First Reading Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20;  
Psalm 122;  
Gospel Luke 8:19-21  
Wednesday: First Reading Ezra 9:5-9;  
Responsorial Psalm Tobit 13:2, 3-4a;  
Gospel Luke 9:1-6  
Thursday: First Reading Haggai 1:1-8;  
Psalm 149;  
Gospel Luke 9:7-9  
Friday: First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;  
Psalm 138;  
Gospel John 1:47-51  
Saturday: First Reading Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a;  
Responsorial Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab;  
Gospel Luke 9:43b-45

**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).

**Seek the Lord!**

In today's opening reading, Isaiah urges us to "seek the Lord" who is "near" and can be "found" (Isaiah 55:6). Then Isaiah says God's ways are as high above our ways "as the heavens are above the earth" (Isaiah 55:9). So we search, not because God is hiding, but because our tendencies are so different from God's ways that we get lost. How are God's ways so high above our ways? The example Isaiah gives is that God's way is to be "generous in forgiving" (Isaiah 55:7). And our way? We try to be "fair." You hurt me, so then I hurt you back, just as hard. Then, of course, you .... And, on it goes.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that God is not "fair" like that. Instead, God is so generous we can hardly understand it. The same wage for one hour as for a whole day of work? Not fair! "Seek the Lord," and we might find a God who calls us to be, not fair, but generous beyond expectations.