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**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 5, 2023**

The greatest among you must be your servant.

-- Matthew 23:11



**Daily Mass**

**Week of November 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Santiago Munoz  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Mrs. May+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Jeanne Corrigan+  
 Friday: 8:00 Florence A. Strong+



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, Julia and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly	Collections
October 29, 2023	\$10,453.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,195.00



**Baptisms**

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

**Mehlani Annette Buchanan**, daughter of Alina Diaz and Andrew Buchanan.

Buchanan.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**Altar of Remembrance!**



Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish Office to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.

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**Pictures From the Past!**

There are many framed pictures in the Sacristy that have not been picked up from last year and the year before. If you are wondering if one of those might be yours, please stop by the Parish Office during the week or after one of the Masses on the weekend.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm writing this during the week of Halloween and I am reminded of a conversation that I had with some of our children a couple of years ago. I wanted to share with them my thoughts about the connection between All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day.

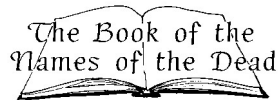
Our session was going well until a sixth grader asked a question. He wanted to know what was the difference between All Saints Day and All Souls Day. I acknowledged that he had asked a very important question, but told him that my explanation would be too difficult for the first, second and third graders present to understand. In reality, my response to him was only partially true. The topic that I was trying to avoid was our Church's teaching on the subject of Purgatory. I preferred not to discuss the matter of Purgatory because I thought that it might be both frightening and confusing to the younger children. And, because it is also an unsettling concept for me to accept.

Let us review the Church's understanding of Purgatory. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified...undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven...the Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect...."

This very vague explanation of Purgatory leaves many questions unanswered. But, the Good News is this: if we make it to Purgatory, we know that we will eventually get to Heaven!

Love, Fr. Leo

Throughout November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages. You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.



The Hospitality Committee invites everyone to a "Let's Give Thanks" Potluck on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. Please bring a side dish to share. Monetary donations also accepted.

**R.C.I.A. Has Begun!**

Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes has merged together for what is R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This program is geared for adults seeking any of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation) but is welcome to all people. The meetings will be biweekly, weekly during Advent and Lent, on an evening that works best for the group. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Holcombe or Anne Zehren at: [annezehren@mac.com](mailto:annezehren@mac.com) or call (253) 307-1063.



**Corpus Christi School Open House!**

Please come join Corpus Christi School for an Open House for prospective families. All are welcome! For the 2023-2024

School Year, some open houses will be held virtually on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. and some will be held in person from 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The virtual date is Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. To register for the virtual open house, contact Evelien Verpeet at: [everpeet@gmail.com](mailto:everpeet@gmail.com); Heidi Catapusan at: [heidi.wagner510@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.wagner510@gmail.com); or Kat Brignano at: [kibrignano0925@gmail.com](mailto:kibrignano0925@gmail.com). All registered participants will receive a Zoom link when we get closer to the event date. In person dates do not require registration or RSVP. In person dates are all from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m.: November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, January 9, 2024 and February 13, 2024.

**The Alameda County Food Drive!**

Corpus Christi and the Living Our Faith Ministry would like to thank everyone for your continued donations to the Alameda County Food Bank. As of the end of October, the Food Bank has received over \$250.00 from the Corpus Christi donation link. Additionally, the barrels in the Gibson Center are filling up with non-perishable food items which will be especially needed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Please remember that this drive has been ongoing and will continue throughout the year. Please see the flyer on the credenzas in the Church for directions on how to donate online. Thank You for your generosity!

**Advent Prayer and Faith Sharing!**

Join Ann Naffziger, MA, MDiv, for a three-week contemplative series at St. Paschal Baylon Church, 3700 Dorisa Avenue in Oakland on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a chance to slow down so that we can honor the season of Advent. Each week will focus on a different theme and prayer experience. There is no fee and no registration is required. Come to one, two or three sessions. Spanish interpretation will be available. For questions, contact Ann at: <http://AnnNaffziger.org>.

**Readings For The Week  
November 7<sup>th</sup> -- 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading Romans 11:29-36;  
Psalm 69;  
Gospel Luke 14:12-14
- Tuesday: First Reading Romans 12:5-16b;  
Psalm 131;  
Gospel Luke 14:15-24
- Wednesday: First Reading Romans 13:8-10;  
Psalm 112;  
Gospel Luke 14:25-33
- Thursday: First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;  
Psalm 46;  
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11;  
Gospel John 2:13-22
- Friday: First Reading Romans 15:14-21;  
Psalm 98;  
Gospel Luke 16:1-8
- Saturday: First Reading Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;  
Psalm 145;  
Gospel Luke 16:9-15

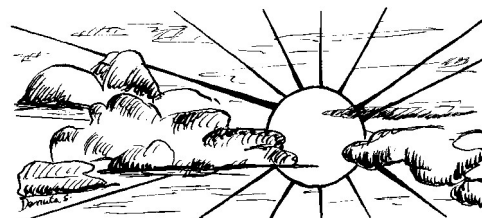
**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- A great King am I, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations (Malachi 1:14b).

**Psalm** -- In you, Lord, I have found my peace (Psalm 131).

**Second Reading** -- We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children (1Thessalonians 2:7b-9).

**Gospel** -- Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses" (Matthew 23:1-12).



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**The Start!**



It's the start that stops most people.

-- Anonymous