



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Blessed are you who fear the Lord.

-- Psalm 128:1a



Daily Mass

Week of November 20th – 24th

- Monday: 8:00 Viola Ann Simmons+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Don Pierre Hébert
- Wednesday: 8:00 Kathleen Marsden+
- Thursday: **9:00 Thanksgiving!**
- Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton



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
November 12, 2023	\$10,163.00



Happy Thanksgiving!

Please Note: Corpus Christi's Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, November 23rd, at **9:00 a.m.** (no 8:00 a.m. Mass that day). You are invited to bring some of the bread and wine that you will share at Thanksgiving Dinner. We'll ask God to bless the food and those who share it.

Please Also Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 24th. We will open again on Monday, November 27th. Have a happy and festive Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day Prayer!

*On this Thanksgiving and this day of giving thanks,
we thank you for showing us
how to return thanks by lives of service,
by actions of hospitality,
by kindness of others and by concern for each other.*

*We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives
but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and
forgiveness that we have shared.*

*Bless our table and all the food of this feast.
Let us thank the Lord!*

Amen



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week's Gospel presents us with the familiar parable of the talents entrusted to the three servants.

There was a time when I felt that the master was unfair in his treatment of the servant that buried the talent given to him. It wasn't that the servant was lazy, rather his actions were motivated by fear. But upon reflection, I have come to realize that fear did not excuse him of his responsibility. He was graced by his master with a talent; it was his obligation to use that talent wisely.

We have been graced by God with talents that must be nurtured and shared. The gifts I'm speaking of have nothing to do with natural abilities, but rather it is the grace to be loving and compassionate. These talents grow by our willingness to share them with others.

The hard truth is this: our God will accept no excuses; he expects us to utilize the gifts that he has given us. If we don't share the love and compassion that we have received from him with others, we will have to face the consequences.

Love, Fr. Leo

Be Thankful!

Thanksgiving Day flourishes as a unique melting of traditional observances and modern life styles. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 at Plymouth by that assembly of religious dissidents and adventurers known collectively as the Pilgrims. They thanked God for a successful first harvest in their new home by inviting their Indian neighbors, the Wampanoags, to a three-day festival.

Many Catholics celebrate Thanksgiving by attending Mass. After all, the catalyst for the initial Thanksgiving was the Pilgrims' belief in the providence of God. It's reassuring to realize that the core of the holiday remains for most people the gathering together of family and friends for a communal remembrance of God's goodness during the past year.



Thanksgiving

Use Your Talent!

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!

-- Anonymous

Advent Wreath Making Party!

Celebrate the Season! Make an Advent Wreath for your home with fresh evergreens. The date is Sunday, December 3rd, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the School Auditorium. The wreaths will be blessed at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A \$5.00 suggested donation to offset the cost of materials can be made. Sponsored by the Family Faith Formation.

Coping With The Holidays!

A presentation on *Coping with the Holidays*, hosted by the Grief Support Ministry, will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. As the holidays can be an especially difficult time, this program will offer practical ideas and suggestions to help those who have experienced the death of a loved one. All are welcome! If you would like to attend, please call the Parish Office.



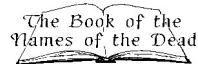
Christmas Giving Tree!

'Tis the Season...the Giving Tree is back! Please consider selecting an ornament or two off the tree. Ornaments will be available on the Giving Tree in the Gibson Center on November 25th and 26th. There is an ornament customized for each member of the 50 families at The Oakland Catholic Worker and for those from St. Mary's Center. Please purchase one \$25.00 gift card per ornament from either Target or Walmart. You can purchase the gift cards yourself, attach them to the ornament and return them either by giving them to a member of the Living Faith Ministry in the Gibson Center after all the Masses each weekend or dropping them off at the Parish Office during the week. If you prefer, you can write a check to Corpus Christi Church or donate online through your bank and the cards will be purchased for you. **Please write or type "Giving Tree" in the memo line for either of these options.** These must all be in by Sunday, December 10th. As Fr. Leo reminds us often, we are our brother's and sister's keeper. Let's ensure that these families have a joy-filled Christmas!



Altar of Remembrance!

Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please place your small framed photos on the credenzas in the Church or bring 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.



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.

**Readings For The Week
November 20th -- 25th**

- Monday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43; Psalm 119; Gospel Luke 18:35-43
- Tuesday: First Reading 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Psalm 3; Gospel Luke 19:1-10
- Wednesday: First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Psalm 17; Gospel Luke 19:11-28
- Thursday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Psalm 50; Gospel Luke 19:41-44
- Friday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Psalm 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a; Gospel Luke 19:45-48
- Saturday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Psalm 9; Gospel Luke 20:27-40

Calling All Volunteers!

If you love Advent, volunteers are needed to help turn-around our beautiful Church on Friday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m. If you or anyone you know loves the upcoming season or just looking to help out, please volunteer. Feel free to contact either Karen at: kckeil@msn.com or Art at: asiadoc@yahoo.com with any questions or let them know that you will be able to help!

Japan Discovery Cruise!

- St. Anne's Society in Walnut Creek is sponsoring a
- fourteen-night cruise on the beautiful Holland America
- Westerdam. The dates are April 13th through April 27th
- of 2024. The trip highlights are: Sail roundtrip from
- Yokohama with port stops in Omaezaki, Kobe (Kyoto),
- Kochi, Fukuoka, Kanazawa, Sakata Otaru, Aomori
- and Hakodate. The cruise includes all meals and en-
- tertainment, a private cocktail party onboard and a
- Bon Voyage Orientation party. The cost begins at
- \$2,459 per person, double occupancy. Single rates
- upon request. Port taxes are \$250.00 per person. For
- more information about this fabulous cruise, contact
- Gale Lydecker at (925) 937-7748.



True Gratitude!

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

-- Theodore Roosevelt