

Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

The child to be born will be called
holy, the Son of God.

-- Luke 1:35



Daily Mass

Week of December 25th – 29th

Monday: **Christmas!**
Tuesday: 8:00 Michael J. McBride+
Wednesday: 8:00 Dave Carlson+
Thursday: 8:00 Richard Love+
Friday: 8:00 Fr. Albano G. Oliveira+



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 Collection	December 17 th
Plate	\$9,382.00

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Centuries before the birth of the Messiah, the Prophet Isaiah proclaimed:

*“For a child is born to us, a son given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.”*

At Christmas, we celebrate and marvel at the depth of God’s love for us. The miracle of the Incarnation proclaims the great truth of all times: We are loved by God because we are His sons and daughters.

This love permeates our very being; it defines who we are and gives our lives meaning. This Season of Joy is a perfect time to share this gift of love with others.

On behalf of the Parish Staff, I would like to thank you for the gifts of love that you have shared with our Parish Family. During this Christmas Season, may the peace of God be with you and fill your lives with joy.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil, Katie, Mele
Joe, Claire, Rebecca
Catherine, Annie, Ankie
Karyn, Gail & Judy



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Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. – Family Mass

9:00 p.m. – Christmas Carols

9:30 p.m. – Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Mass

Feast of the Holy Family – December 30th

5:00 p.m. – Mass

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year’s Day – January 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Mass

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

Viggo Petersian Toste, son of Theresa Toste.

Estella Josephine Vicente, daughter of Janyce Cornwell and Joshua Vicente.



Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Christmas Children!

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

-- Charles Dickens

2024-2025 Corpus Christi School Applications!

Are you thinking about joining our School community of Corpus Christi? Do you know someone who is looking for a new school? Tell your friends and neighbors that our application for the 2024-2025 School Year is now available on our School website! The application deadline for submission is Friday, January 12th, so encourage them to apply now. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Dear Parish Family,

You may remember that we set a very ambitious goal of collecting almost 400 \$25.00 gift cards for distribution to 50 seniors at St. Mary's Center and 50 families served by Oakland Catholic Worker. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to AMAZINGLY exceed our goal, allowing us to give both organizations additional gift cards and an additional bountiful donation. We also wish to thank Ms. Isaef and her Fourth Grade class at School for designing beautiful Christmas cards to accompany the gift cards for the Oakland Catholic Worker family recipients. You are all truly the embodiment of "Living Our Faith." Thank You!

The Twelve Days of Christmas!

*When Christmas tide
comes in like a bride
with holly and ivy clad,
Twelve Days in the year
much mirth and good cheer
in every household is had.*

Christmas is not a day but a season! It lasts from Christmas Day until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the year 567, the Church Council of Tours called the 13 days between December 25th and January 6th a festival season. Up until that time, the only other joyful Church season was the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

Almost everyone knows the carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." In England, they begin counting the twelve days on December 26th, making January 6th the 12th day. The stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve is the center point. In most of Europe, they begin counting the twelve days on December 25th. That makes January 6th the 13th day. Either way, we have a "baker's dozen" of days for announcing the good news of the birth of Christ.

Christmastime is meant for hospitality, gift-giving, caroling and storytelling. We set this time aside to relax and be merry after weeks of preparation. We do only the work that is absolutely needed so that we can enjoy these festive days with our families and friends, and so that we can make sure that everyone is able to take part. Some families make it their custom during this time to cluster around the Christmas crib for prayers each evening. The Christmas tree is lighted each night while folks pray and sing carols. On Christmas day, the figures of the Magi are placed far away from the crib and then moved a little closer each day until Epiphany when they arrive in Bethlehem. Then, the Christmas story can be told and retold.



Readings For The Week December 25th -- 30th

Monday: First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10;
Psalm 98;
Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6;
Gospel John 1:8-18

Tuesday: First Reading Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Psalm 31;
Gospel Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: First Reading 1 John 1:1-4;
Psalm 97;
Gospel John 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: First Reading 1 John 1:5--2:2;
Psalm 124;
Gospel Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: First Reading 1 John 2:3-11;
Psalm 96;
Gospel Luke 2:22-35

Saturday: First Reading 1 John 2:12-17;
Psalm 96;
Gospel Luke 2:36-40

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16).

Psalm -- Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading -- To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel -- Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

Please Note!

Today, December 24th, Hospitality will only be after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Also, coffee and donuts will be on a winter break until Sunday, January 7th!

Christmas Caroling Pictures!

Pictures from Sunday, December 17th Christmas Caroling are available for viewing and free downloads at: <http://www.dennimpics.com/Parish/Christmas/2023-Christmas-Carol-Sing-Along>. The password is: frleo. Both are case sensitive and without spaces. For free download, click on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the photo.