

We have found  
the Messiah



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 14, 2024**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19a



**Daily Mass**

**Week of January 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Charles McPhee+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Ray Wilson Van Deusen+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: William Neely
- Thursday: 8:00 Felician A. Ang+
- 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 Collection	Plate
January 7, 2024	\$11,070.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,104.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,230.00

**2024 Annual Seminary Collection!**

The Diocese of Oakland's Annual Seminary Collection will be this weekend, January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Your contributions support the formation and education of these men who are giving their lives in the service of God's people as priests in the Diocese of Oakland. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank You!



**Please Note!**

Tomorrow, Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday! We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>!

**2023 Contributions**

The 2023 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2023. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have left the Christmas feast behind, but please don't think of what we have now as something "ordinary." The Bible readings for today are very important; they tell of beginnings -- of the house of David (through the prophet Samuel) and of Jesus' public life as he calls his first disciples. These events lead to the continuation of what we call sacred history, from its origins in the Hebrew Bible and its fulfillment in Christ the Lord.

Thus we have the condition we call Christianity. But that word and its embodiment in real time, our time, is abused when it is linked to nationalism. Nationalism and Christianity are opposed to one another; if you are a nationalist you cannot also be a Christian. The nationalist credo, my country above all others, is completely foreign to the Christian position of universal benevolence, based on the all encompassing love of God revealed in Christ.

Nationalism is what leads to the tragic situations in Ukraine and Gaza -- my country can invade another country and kill without ceasing, not only soldiers but women, children, the old. Nationalism is the expression of ultimate selfishness; I take what I want for myself, no matter the harm to others. We teach our children that that is wrong; how can we allow it to happen on an international scale, to the kind of catastrophe we see going on right now?

The Christian has no part in this ultimate evil; yes, we can say that war is the original sin of the human race, beginning in the garden of Eden and persisting until now. To the ultimate selfishness of nationalism Christianity answers with the ultimate generosity of God in Christ: there no greater love than this -- to lay down your life for your friend. This is our faith and we are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus.

*Fr. Basil*

**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

**Psalms** -- Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** -- Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

**Gospel** -- The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

**2024 Annual Crab Feed & Auction!**

Mark your calendars and register quickly for the event of the year, the Corpus Christi Men's Club 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction. This amazing event takes place on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, and includes a Tiki theme. The event opens at 5:30 p.m. with silent auction items and appetizers available, followed by the Crab Feed Dinner, live auction and dancing. This year, you have several dining options to select from: the **Sit-Down Dinner** in the School Auditorium, filled with entertainment, an unforgettable live auction and endless crab! As an alternative, you can opt for the take home option, the **"Crab & Go,"** which is a fun alternative to dining onsite and will be available for pick-up the day of the event on the School Blacktop, between 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Or for those who prefer to dine in a quieter environment, you can have your meal by **Candlelight in the Gibson Center.**

The event costs are \$95.00 per person for the **Sit-Down Dinner**; \$65.00 and \$125.00 for the varying **"Crab & Go"** packages; and \$85.00 for the **Candlelight Dinner.**

New this year is the Golden Ticket Raffle. Purchase your ticket today at \$100.00, with a chance to win \$10,000 toward next year's School Tuition. The winner will be announced at the Live Auction. Please Note: A limited number of tickets will be sold. For more information and to order your Crab Feed & Golden Tickets, visit: <https://www.ccfeed.org/home>. The Corpus Christi Men's Club look forward to seeing everyone at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

**Thank You Sponsors!**

Corpus Christi School and Parish gives special thanks to the following 2024 Crab Feed & Auction Sponsors: Economy Lumber, Piedmont Grocery, Hillside View Orthodontics, Discovery Investments, Marzano Restaurant, Old Republic Title, First American Title, LaSalle Financial: Team Thomas, Lin Jia Asian Kitchen, TRBenefits, Cross Country Mortgage and Cooper & McCloskey, Inc. (CMI)

**Wings!**

Wings continues this Winter on Wednesday mornings throughout the months of January and February. The theme for the 2023/2024 season is, *Walking the Journey of Faith*. This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. The Winter meetings, each with a different expert speaker, will take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 30 Mandalay Road in Oakland, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. Feel free to invite a friend! If you're new to Wings or wish to sample a meeting, feel free to attend the meeting at St. Theresa's. If you have any questions, contact Denise at: [mollend@aol.com](mailto:mollend@aol.com).



**Readings For The Week**

**January 15<sup>th</sup> -- 20<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: First Reading 1 Samuel 15:16-23;  
Psalm 50;  
Gospel Mark 2:18-22

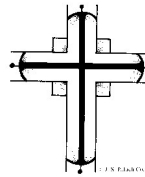
Tuesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13;  
Psalm 89;  
Gospel Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37;  
Psalm 144;  
Gospel Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: First Reading 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7;  
Psalm 56;  
Gospel Mark 3:7-12

Friday: First Reading 1 Samuel 24:3-21;  
Psalm 57;  
Gospel Mark 3:13-19

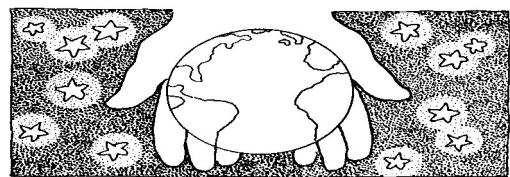
Saturday: First Reading 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19;  
Psalm 80;  
Gospel Mark 3:20-21



**Watching for the Messiah!**

Today's Gospel story of John and his disciples seeing and following Jesus sounds so simple and casual. It's easy to miss the significant acts of faith that are made. John points to Jesus: "Look," he says, "there is the Lamb of God." John's faith in Jesus is evident, so evident that John's disciples immediately leave his side to follow this Jesus. The two disciples make their own act of faith. They follow Jesus, spend time with him and are quick to spread the good news of their discovery: "We have found the Messiah."

It is easy to forget that the expectations of generations, the hopes of many ages of faithful people were being fulfilled in these simple acts of faith. The Lamb of God, the Messiah, foretold by the prophets, had finally come. Nearly everyone among the Jewish people was watching for the Messiah back then; who in our own society watches for signs of the presence of the Messiah today?



**Microwave Anyone!**

A free, gently-used Toshiba microwave, measuring approximately 20-1/2" wide, 13" high and 17" deep, needs a new home. There are no sensors, just an everyday microwave. If you are interested, please email Paul at: [pwight2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pwight2002@yahoo.com).