

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

-- Mark 1:15



## Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Stacey Hermann Digre+ Tuesday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+

Wednesday: 8:00 Bernadena & Charles Elsenius+

Thursday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+ Friday: 8:00 William "Bill" Murphy+



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 14, 2024	\$9,386.00
Seminary Collection	\$1,132.00



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

**Brady Lawrence Welsh**, son of Jennifer Linchey and Zachary Welsh.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

#### A New Day Dawns!

l Oday, we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next, we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them -- rather mysteriously -- to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries. "the kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets -- and even their father -- and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From Father Leo

Our Parish Family has practiced the Principle of Stewardship for the last seventeen years. For those of you not familiar with this term, let me explain to you what it means.

The Principle of Stewardship is rooted in the very Catholic premise that all we are and all we have is a gift from our loving God. In gratitude for God's generosity, we are called to respond in kind.

The Principle of Stewardship is simply this: the gifts that we have received from God find their fulfillment in our willingness to put them to the service of God and each other.

As the children of Adam and Eve, we can easily delude ourselves into believing that who we are and what we have is ours to control.

#### What a lie and what a waste!

Stewardship allows us to live in truth. The truth is this: we are but stewards of God's precious gifts of life, talent and treasure. When we die, we will have to give an account of how we used the gifts He gave us.

As we enter into the New Year, it is my hope that our Parish Family will continue to embrace the Principle of Stewardship.

Love, Fr. Leo



(Psalm 25).

## Today's Readings!

First Reading -- The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm -- Teach me your ways, O Lord

Second Reading -- The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

**G**ospel -- Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

#### 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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#### 2024 Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars and register quickly for the event of the year, the Corpus Christi Men's Club 61st 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: <a href="https://www.ccfeed.org/home">https://www.ccfeed.org/home</a>. The Corpus Christi Men's Club look forward to seeing everyone at the 61st Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

#### The Living Our Faith Ministry!

The Living Our Faith Ministry will resume monthly meetings on a new date. Living Our Faith is a group that seeks to discern how the spirit is moving in our personal lives, in our faith community and in the greater community. At these meetings, we pray, share faith journeys and uncover ways to practice faith in action. This is an evolving group that welcomes new members. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Starting in February, the meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, with the same time and place. There will be no meetings in July and August. Come join them; there is always a place for you at the table!

#### 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.

## Readings For The Week January 22<sup>nd</sup> -- 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday: First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10;

Psalm 89;

Gospel Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19;

Psalm 24;

Gospel Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 7:4-17;

Psalm 89:

Gospel Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: First Reading Acts 22:3-16;

Psalm 117;

Gospel Mark 16:15-18

Friday: First Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-8;

Psalm 96;

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: First Reading 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17;

Psalm 51;

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

## Change Our Lives!

In today's first reading, Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through Nineveh, frightening the citizens our of their wits. It works! They repent before Jonah makes his way through a third of the city, and God sees "by their actions" how they have turned from evil.

Then we hear Paul telling the Corinthians the "the world in its present form is passing away." He calls for a change of heart. He stops short of telling them to set aside their everyday lives, but still he urges them -- rather mysteriously -- to live as though they aren't doing the things they're doing.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" The apostles-to-be abandon their nets and follow him. Thus in all the readings, we hear an invitation to a radical and immediate change in our lives.

### Pax Christi Northern CA!

Save the date! Pax Christi Northern CA, along with Newman Nonviolent Peacemakers is hosting Fr. John Dear, a well-known teacher of peace on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon at Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish, located at 2700 Dwight Way in Berkeley. He will be speaking about his new book, "The Gospel of Peace." At this event, they will also be honoring Therese Mughannam Walrath, lifelong peace activist and the winner of the 2023 Tom Webb Memorial Peacemaker of the Year Award. For more information, contact Dennise at: denniseburgess@gmail.com.

