

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

-- Romans 5:8



Daily Mass

Week of March 4th – 8th

- Monday: 8:00 Patrick Corder+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Leticia Roberts+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Thursday: 8:00 Wendy Massi+
- Friday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Mike Abell, 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
February 25, 2024	\$8,157.00


Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be next weekend, March 9th and 10th. This collection supports Catholic church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war and natural disasters as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; legal and support services for poor immigrants. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You for your help!

Set Clocks Ahead Day Light Savings Time Begins!



It's hard to believe that we will be "springing forward" next Sunday morning, March 10th! So, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

From Father Leo  My Dear Brothers and Sisters,
In last week's first reading from the Book of Genesis, God promises Abraham that he will be the father of a great nation.

Today, the three great monotheistic religions of the world all accept Abraham as "our father in faith." As followers of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, we are the children of Abraham; we are the inheritors of his blessing from God.

But, look at how we treat each other in the name of "faith." What must our father Abraham think and feel about his children? Fratricide has to be one of the crueler forms of murder. And, to kill in the name of "faith" perverts God's blessing into a curse.

If we are to be true to our "faith" and honor our heritage, we must do something about the tragedy in our midst of brother killing brother.

It is imperative that we pray and act to change the present situation. We must pray for those we consider "other, them, those people." And, we must work for justice and peace.

I recall the words of a social activist of the sixties who said, "If we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem."

Love, Fr. Leo

Today's Readings!



First Reading -- When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

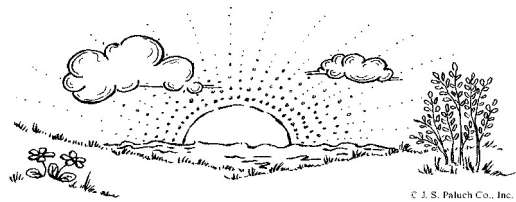
Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel -- Ask and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

40 Cans For 40 Days Lenten Food Drive!

Did you know that one in four people in our community experience some level of hunger? Please consider supporting the ACCFB (Alameda County Community Food Bank) by donating cans/non-perishables, cash or online donations, and/or offering prayers. For more details, see the flyers on the credenza in the Church.



Lenten Fish Fry!

Come out and enjoy a family-style fish and chip dinner with the Corpus Christi Community on Friday, March 15th, in the School Auditorium. Along with the fish will be served tater tots, salad and a dessert. The price is \$15.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children and students; and under 5 are free. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. The NCAA Basketball Conference Tournaments will be on the large screen. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner and Stations of the Cross will follow. If you have any questions, please email Jeff at: jeffswinney2001@yahoo.com.



Annual Pancake Breakfast!

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for the Brad Shaw Memorial Pancake Breakfast. The Scouts will be serving up delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras on Sunday, March 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Support Troop 6, enjoy time with family and friends and you don't have to cook or clean! Unbeatable prices: \$10.00 per individual; and \$30.00 per family. Tickets available from any Troop 6 Scout and will be on sale after all the Masses during March. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!

The Living Our Faith Ministry!

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, March 14th, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Starting in February, the meetings will be held on the 2nd 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!

Calling All Catholic Women!

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to their Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 16th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 500 Fairview Avenue in Brentwood. Tickets are \$33.00, postmarked by March 9th. Or, register online at: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek>; magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for more information.



Operation Rice Bowl!

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of our Parish's involvement in Operation Rice Bowl, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you!



**Readings For The Week
March 4th -- 9th**

- Monday: First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15b;
Psalm 42; 43;
Gospel Luke 4:24-30
- Tuesday: First Reading Daniel 3:25, 34-43;
Psalm 25;
Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
- Wednesday: First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday: First Reading Jeremiah 7:23-28;
Psalm 95;
Gospel Luke 11:14-23
- Friday: First Reading Hosea 14:2-10;
Psalm 81;
Gospel Mark 12:28-34
- Saturday: First Reading Hosea 6:1-6;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Thirsting for Unity!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being; treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

Self-Discipline!

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

-- Daniel Webster