



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 10, 2024**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

-- John 3:17



**Daily Mass**

**Week of March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Rita Denton
- Wednesday: 8:00 Eva May+
- Thursday: 8:00 Raymond Thomas Souza+
- Friday: 8:00 Florence L. Strong+

**IN MEMORIAM**

Lent is half over and we move ever closer to Good Friday and the death of Jesus. But we are constantly reminded that the Passion of Christ endures, and is not just a historical event of two thousand years ago. Even in his own time Jesus spoke of others who died at the hands of tyrants, and John the Baptist was put to death by an evil king because he spoke the truth.

At the trial of Jesus Pilate scoffed, "What is truth," but Jesus said, I am the truth, and for that he died. In our time others have died for speaking the truth and calling out the tyrants who oppressed them. Examples could be multiplied but let two suffice.

Some years ago in Brazil an American nun, Dorothy Stang, was murdered helping to save indigenous peoples and their land. And just the other day in Russia Alexei Navalny was murdered. He was what the Bible would call a just man, one who spoke the truth about a vicious tyrant and all the harm he was doing to his own people. Over long years of unjust imprisonment and persecution Navalny never wavered in his fight for truth and the good.

Jesus indeed died long ago, but he did not "pass" in the sense of disappearing from our view. He is alive in our memory of him which we celebrate in every Eucharist, where the memory of his death gives life to the world.

*Fr. Basil*



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
March 3, 2024	\$9,623.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,087.00



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

**Hugo Andres Jones**, son of Maria Gaitan and Samuel Jones.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**Catholic Relief Services Collection**

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be this weekend, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. This collection supports Catholic church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You for your help!

**Today's Readings!**

**First Reading** -- The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23).

**Psalm** -- Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137).

**Second Reading** -- By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10).

**Gospel** -- The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21).

**Raised Up By The Messiah!**

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**Lenten Fish Fry!**

Come out and enjoy a family-style fish and chip dinner with the Corpus Christi Community on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

All parishioners are invited to attend the next meeting of the Living Our Faith Ministry. It will be held Thursday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>, (Pi Day!) at 7:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Come join us as we nurture our own faith and seek to find ways to express that faith within the wider community. Feel free to contact Nancy Midlin at: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com) if you wish to learn more.

**40 Cans For 40 Days Lenten Food Drive!**

The Living Our Faith Ministry would like to express gratitude for your exceptional and generous initial response to the *Lenten 40 Cans For 40 Days Food Drive*. In just two plus weeks, \$846.00 and over two barrels of food have been donated to the ACCFB (Alameda County Community Food Bank). Our Parish is asking for continued prayers and monetary/non-perishable food donations throughout Lent. As Proverb 19:17 says, "Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full."



**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 11<sup>th</sup> -- 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading Isaiah 65:17-21; Psalm 30; Gospel John 4:43-54
- Tuesday: First Reading Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Psalm 46; Gospel John 5:1-16
- Wednesday: First Reading Isaiah 49:8-15; Psalm 145; Gospel John 5:17-30
- Thursday: First Reading Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106; Gospel John 5:31-47
- Friday: First Reading Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Psalm 34; Gospel John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: First Reading Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7; Gospel John 7:40-53

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**Calling All Catholic Women!**

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to their Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Or, register online at: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek>; [magnificatstoirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatstoirsvp@gmail.com) for more information.

