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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

-- Jeremiah 31:33



### Daily Mass

Week of March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Marilyn Kahn+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Mike Fossan  
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Larry Soletti  
 Friday: 8:00 Rene Mangini+



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 10, 2024	\$10,725.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,511.00



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

**Alamea Onohi-Adelina, Keilani Ho'ala-Esmé, Māhealani O'Oléa-Behati and Moana Maluhia Ka'aekuahiwi**, daughters of Mirely Vasquez and Kurt Ka'aekuahiwi.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



### Today's Readings!

**First Reading** -- I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

**Psalm** -- Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** -- Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9).

**Gospel** -- If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33).



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My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lenten Season will soon give way to the joys of Easter. In two weeks, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Our journey from here to there will lead us through Judea, where Jesus will raise Lazarus from the dead. Then on to Jerusalem, where Jesus will arrive to the acclamation of the people:

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

Five days later, we will witness him standing before Pilate in judgment; the people will speak once again, this time saying:

"Crucify him, crucify him!"

From the praetorium, we will follow him to Calvary where he will be raised up on the glory of the Cross. Our Lord willingly made this journey because he loved us and he didn't want us to walk alone.

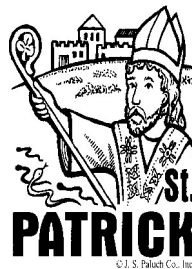
The Easter experience awaits us; but in order to truly appreciate it, we must pray for the humility and courage to follow Jesus from her to there.

Love, Fr. Leo

### Volunteers Needed!

Arthur Siu and Karen Keil from the Environment Committee invites our Parish Family to help decorate the Church on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. If you have only an hour or two, please join in making our Easter environment special for everyone!

### St. Patrick's Day!



St. PATRICK

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Wearing **green** for good luck on St. Patrick's Day has a rather "colorful" past. St. Patrick used the green-hued shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity to a Gaelic chieftain in the fourth century. It worked so well that an entire country was ultimately converted to Catholicism. In North America, everyone has a "little o' the Irish in him" on St. Patrick's Day. The wearing of the green for good luck can be seen in offices and stores, in schools and on the city streets. Share your smiles with everyone today. If the shamrock doesn't bring you good luck, the smile probably will!

***Upcoming Grief Support Ministry Meeting!***

You are invited to join the Grief Support Ministry meeting for a gathering to provide support during times of loss and sorrow. Whether you are coping with recent loss or navigating the ongoing journey of grief, this is designed to offer comfort and understanding. During this meeting, we will share stories, offer comfort and provide resources for coping with grief. Together, we can lean on each other and find strength in community. The date is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. All are welcome!

***Wings (Women in God's Spirit)!***

Wings continues this Spring on Wednesday mornings through May 8<sup>th</sup> (except during the March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter break). This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. The theme for the 2024 season is "*Walking the Journey of Faith.*" The meetings will take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 30 Mandalay Road in Oakland from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. If you are new to Wings or wish to sample a meeting, feel free to attend. If you have any questions, contact Denise at: [mollen@aol.com](mailto:mollen@aol.com).

As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain. Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow or olive branches; but to this day, the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.

***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 three 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."

***Readings For The Week******March 18<sup>th</sup> -- 23<sup>rd</sup>***

- Monday: First Reading Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30;  
Psalm 23;  
Gospel John 8:1-11
- Tuesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
Psalm 89;  
Second Reading Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Gospel Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Wednesday: First Reading Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;  
Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54;  
Gospel John 8:31-42
- Thursday: First Reading Genesis 17:3-9;  
Psalm 105;  
Gospel John 8:51-59
- Friday: First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13;  
Psalm 18;  
Gospel John 10:31-42
- Saturday: First Reading Ezekiel 37:21-28;  
Responsorial Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12a;  
Gospel John 11:45-56

***Troop 6 Open House!***

Interested in joining Scouts BSA? Look no further as Corpus Christi has its very own Troop that has been going strong for over 60 years. Chartered by the Corpus Christi Men's Club, Troop 6 is a scout-led, 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls and older (up to 18), focused on developing leadership skills through service and adventure. Yes -- that's right -- girls are now welcome to join Troop 6! Meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the School. For more information, contact Sean McKillop at: [seanjmckillop@gmail.com](mailto:seanjmckillop@gmail.com); or Lisa Gros at: [lgros@rocketmail.com](mailto:lgros@rocketmail.com) or call (510) 993-6404.

***Treasures From Our Tradition!***

Ask senior parishioners about this fifth Sunday and they will share memories of this Sunday years ago, when it was known as "Passion Sunday." In those days, the statues and crucifixes were draped in purple cloth and a deeply somber atmosphere infused worship. The structure is different today for good reason. The stunning changes in the appearance of the church building drew attention away from the twofold work of Lent: reconciliation and preparing for initiation. Today, this Sunday is given to reflection on the necessity to commit, like Jesus, to the Father's will. Wherever elect are present today, the "A" reading reveals Jesus' compassion in the face of human suffering; and his desire to call us from the tombs of sin, isolation and even death itself. As Lent draws to a close over the next ten days and before the beginning of the Easter Triduum on Holy Thursday, we enter an ideal time for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's old title of "Passion Sunday" has migrated to next Sunday, also called "Palm Sunday." In many places, people prepare their own bundles of branches for next week's liturgy: pussy willow, forsythia, dogwood.