

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 17, 2024**

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

-- Mark 13:31



**Daily Mass**

**Week of November 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Florence L. Strong+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Michael Schulze+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Della Roberts+
- Thursday: 8:00 Joan Hehir Shanahan+
- Friday: 8:00 Gilberta Ann Holley+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Sharon Rinehart, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

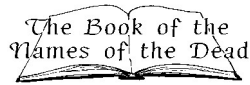
Weekly Collection	Plate
November 10, 2024	\$11,044.00
November 3, 2024	\$10,137.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,255.00

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



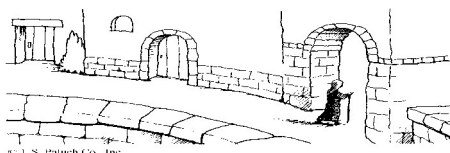
**David William Skillern**, son of Veronica Rios Reddick and Rufus Skillern.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Throughout the month of November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages.

You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In two weeks, we will enter into the Season of Advent, the time that we Catholic Christians set aside to prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. For many of us, the days leading to Christmas are so hectic that the religious dimensions of the Season are buried under an avalanche of things to do and promises to keep. In our country, the sights and sounds of the Christmas Season are overwhelmingly secular. Santa is everywhere, but the baby Jesus cannot be found. We have to make a concerted effort to be mindful of the fact that December is a holy month, calling us to spiritual preparation in anticipation of the arrival of Emmanuel.

In order to help us stay focused on the true meaning of the Season, there are certain things that we can do:

We should all have an Advent Wreath in our homes and, throughout the Season of Advent, set aside a few minutes each day to light the candles of the wreath and offer a prayer to God. (Advent prayers will be available for all parishioners.)

One of the best ways for us to prepare for Christmas is by experiencing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church teaches that every Catholic should receive this sacrament at least twice a year. On Wednesday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., we will have a communal Reconciliation Service. I strongly encourage you to join with other members of our Parish Family for an evening of prayer and healing.

The joys of Christmas await us; but in order for us to appreciate its deeper meaning, we must prepare for it properly. The Season of Advent affords us that opportunity.

Love, Fr. Leo

**Altar of Remembrance!**



Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish Office or place them on the credenzas in the Church to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.



**Advent Wreath Making Party!**

Celebrate the Season! Make an Advent Wreath for your home with fresh evergreens. The date is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the School Auditorium. The wreaths will be blessed at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A \$10.00 suggested donation to offset the cost of materials can be made. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Family Faith Formation. Hope to see you there!

**Coping With The Holidays!**

Coping With The Holidays, hosted by the Grief Support Ministry, will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. It is an opportunity to share your experiences and find comfort in a safe environment. Practical tips will be offered by the team, but equally supportive is the interaction among others who have experienced the death of a loved one or who have had other significant losses. All are warmly welcomed, including your friends who may not be parishioners.

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God's action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God's gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them. Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a "soul friend" as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

**Today's Readings!**



**First Reading** -- Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

**Psalm** -- You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** -- Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

**Gospel** -- Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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

**Monday:** First Reading Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5;  
Psalm 1;  
Gospel Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** First Reading Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22;  
Psalm 15;  
Gospel Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** First Reading Revelation 4:1-11;  
Psalm 150;  
Gospel Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:** First Reading Revelation 5:1-10;  
Psalm 149;  
Gospel Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:** First Reading Revelation 10:8-11;  
Psalm 119;  
Gospel Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday:** First Reading Revelation 11:4-12;  
Psalm 144;  
Gospel Luke 20:27-40

**Campaign for Human Development!**

This weekend, November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD works for the relief of those oppressed by poverty by empowering neighbors to help one another eliminate the causes of poverty in their communities. The Campaign for Human Development is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty. You can help break the cycle of poverty. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you for helping!

**Saints and Special Observances!**

**Monday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles  
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

**Thursday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

**Saturday:** St. Clement I, Pope  
St. Columban, Abbot  
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

**Free Chair!**

The Rectory still has one lovely chair in very good condition that is waiting for a new home! It is a recliner for your living room or sitting room. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call or stop by the Parish Office!