



The Lord is near

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

-- Zephaniah 3:15b



Daily Mass

Week of December 16th - 20th

- Monday: 8:00 Elizabeth Boothman+
Tuesday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+, Soren Dixon+ & Krysta Tsukahara+
Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Rachel Coman
Thursday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+
Friday: 8:00 Michael & Mary Ann McBride+



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.

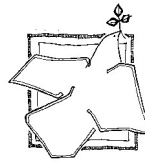
Table with 2 columns: Weekly Collection, December 8th. Rows include Plate (\$10,207.00) and Religious Retirement (\$2,839.00).

Christmas Services section with a decorative border. Includes dates and times for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Christmas Children!

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

-- Charles Dickens



Rejoice in the Lord always

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday or Rejoice Sunday. We light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath. The Presider at Mass has the option of wearing rose colored vestments...

In the second reading, St. Paul writes: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."

The coming of the Lord is near, but it can be a struggle to stay focused on the true significance of His arrival. If we are not careful, this can become a season in which we "rejoice" in the superficial and the material.

In today's Gospel, the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" John's advice is disarmingly clear and straightforward: Be generous. Be honest. Be compassionate. Be peaceful.

If we focus our attention on these simple virtues, we will be prepared to experience the true joy of this season. We will Rejoice in the Lord! And, He will Rejoice in us!

Love, Fr. Leo

Sacrament of Reconciliation!

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.

An Evening of Caroling!



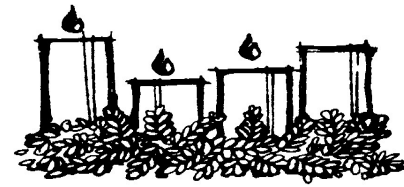
Christmas Caroling returns! All the Yuletide favorites will be sung on Sunday, December 22nd, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Church. We'll sing for roughly an hour (assuming that Fr. Leo finds our efforts on The Twelve Days of Christmas satisfactory).



**Corpus Christi School Open House!**



The next two Open Houses at the School will be on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. The application is available on the School website at: [Application Link](#) for the 2025-2026 School year. For more information, please call the School at (510) 530-4056.



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**Readings For The Week  
December 16<sup>th</sup> -- 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a;  
Psalm 25;  
Gospel Matthew 21:23-27
- Tuesday: First Reading Genesis 49:2, 8-10;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Matthew 1:1-17
- Wednesday: First Reading Jeremiah 23:5-8;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25
- Thursday: First Reading Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Psalm 71;  
Gospel Luke 1:5-25
- Friday: First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14;  
Psalm 24;  
Gospel Luke 1:26-38
- Saturday: First Reading Song of Songs 2:8-14;  
Psalm 33;  
Gospel Luke 1:39-45

**Boy Scout Tree Lot!**

Piedmont Scouts, including Corpus Christi's Troop 6, are operating their annual Christmas Tree Lot located at Coaches Field, 896 Moraga Avenue in Piedmont. Hours are Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Silvertip, Noble and Douglas Fir trees will be available, as well as stands, wreaths and garlands. The Scouts can assist you and load trees onto your vehicle. Local home delivery is also available for a fee.

Online orders can also be placed at: [scouttreelot.org](http://scouttreelot.org). You can then come to the lot for pickup or arrange for home delivery. The lot has been operating for over 50 years! All proceeds benefit the over 800 youth in Piedmont Scouts. The Scouts also wish the Corpus Christi community a Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season!

**Christmas Giving Tree!**



'Tis the Season, the annual Christmas Giving Tree has returned and your help is needed more than ever! Ornaments are still available on the Giving Tree in the Gibson Center. This year, we are sponsoring an ornament for each member of the fifty families at The Oakland Worker and for the fifty clients from St. Mary's Center. Please select one or two ornaments and purchase a \$25.00 gift card for each ornament to **Target or Walmart**. Return the cards by either giving them to a member of the Living Our Faith Ministry after all the Masses; by dropping them off at the Parish Office; or by dropping them in the mail slot at the Parish Office. If you prefer, we can purchase the gift cards for you. Please write a check made payable to **Corpus Christi Church** or donate online through your bank. Be sure to write, "**Giving Tree**" in the memo line for either of these options. All checks and/or gift cards must be received by today, **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank You!

**Today's Readings**



**First Reading** -- Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

**Psalm** -- Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Psalm 12:6).

**Second Reading** -- Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

**Gospel** -- Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

**The Look of Love!**

*What does love look like?  
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.  
It has eyes to see misery and want.  
It has ears to hear  
The sighs and sorrows of others.*

-- St. Augustine

Corpus Christi Choir will hold a Christmas Concert today, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the Church. Featured will be the Berkeley Monks. Please come and join in the celebration of the Christmas Season!



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