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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 19, 2025**

Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory.

-- Isaiah 62:2



**Daily Mass**

**Week of January 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: 8:00 Intentions: L.A. Wildfire Victims
- Tuesday: 8:00 Michael Hughes+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Richard Greiwe+
- Thursday: 8:00 Harvey Anderson+
- Friday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+



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

Uyeda.

Recent Collections	January 12, 2025
Plate	\$9,937.00
Seminary Collection	\$1,456.00

**2024 Contributions**

The 2024 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2024. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!



**Please Note!**

Tomorrow, Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Office will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday!



**Many Thanks!**

The Living Our Faith Community extends a very heartfelt thank you to the Corpus Christi Community. We reached out to you, and our brothers and sisters at St. Theresa's Parish to help 50 seniors at the St. Mary's Center and 50 families in the Oakland Catholic Worker community. You once again responded -- jointly we raised \$15, 565 in gift cards and cash, an amount far beyond our initial goal.

Blessings to each and every one of you for helping to make Christmas a little better for our neighbors in need.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During this liturgical year, most of the weekly gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. While Luke shares a number of common themes with Matthew and, to a lesser extent with Mark, his gospel offers us a unique theological and historical perspective.

Little is known about the author of the third gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Tradition holds that he was a Greek-speaking Syrian from Antioch who was a physician by profession. We also know that he was a disciple and close friend of Paul. Luke enthusiastically supported Paul in his mission to bring the message of Christianity to the Gentile world. Because Luke was a Gentile writing primarily to and for Gentiles, his two-volume work was very important to the non-Jewish followers of Christianity.

There were a number of significant issues that Luke had to address for his audience; I'll mention two of them:

First, because Luke did not know the historical Jesus, he had to show that his recounting of the life and ministry of the Savior was based on accurate eye witness accounts. He states this explicitly in the Prologue of his gospel.

More importantly, Luke wanted his audience to know that it was irrelevant that they had not experienced the historical Jesus and that they were Gentiles. One of the central themes of his gospel is that Jesus' salvific act of redemption transcends time and culture.

This was Good News for his listeners and Good News for you and me.

*Love, Fr. Leo*

**Surprise!**

*Life* is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The Scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up where least expected. Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For that bridegroom (who, in the Gospel story, has no direct contact with Jesus) the pleasant surprise came because somebody else had paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

*We* may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that, to have faith in Christ, means that somebody's life -- maybe our own, maybe somebody else's -- will be surprised for the better.

***The Crab Feed & Auction Is Here!***

Brought to you by the Corpus Christi Men's Club and the Corpus Christi Parent Group (CCPG), the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crab Feed and Auction will be held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Buy your tickets today at: <http://www.ccfeed.org> to join us for this 90's Prom themed event. You can bust out your scrunchies, satin dresses, velvet suits and crimped hair! This fun event will be held in the School Auditorium and doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Come together to enjoy an evening of food, friends and fundraising, including a seated crab dinner plus a live and silent auction, drinks and dancing. Funds raised will support Corpus Christi School and our Parish. Purchase your tickets today!

***The Living Our Faith Book Club!***

The Living Our Faith Book Club will be discussing, *All is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day*, by Jim Forest on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Church. All are welcome! Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite bookstore if you are interested in joining the discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at: [marie.reich@gmail.com](mailto:marie.reich@gmail.com).

***Two New Volunteers Needed for the Altar Guild!***

The Altar Guild is a group of parishioners organized to take care of the candlesticks located throughout the Church. Duties are performed either before or after Mass with a time commitment of 20 to 30 minutes. With enough volunteers on hand, each person performs their duties once a month. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please contact Debra Kalmon at (510) 529-1014 or: [dkalmon@aol.com](mailto:dkalmon@aol.com) for more information.



***Today's Readings***

**First Reading** -- As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalm** -- Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** -- All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** -- Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

***Turning the Tide***

**W**hen everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

-- Harriet Beecher Stowe

***Readings For The Week  
January 20<sup>th</sup>-- 25<sup>th</sup>***

**Monday:** First Reading Hebrews 5:1-10;  
Psalm 110;  
Gospel Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** First Reading Hebrews 6:10-20;  
Psalm 111;  
Gospel Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** First Reading Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17;  
Psalm 110;  
Gospel Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday:** First Reading Hebrews 7:25-8:6;  
Psalm 40;  
Gospel Mark 3:7-12

**Friday:** First Reading Hebrews 8:6-13;  
Psalm 85;  
Gospel Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday:** First Reading Acts 22:3-16;  
Psalm 117;  
Gospel Mark 16:15-18

***Treasures From Our Tradition!***

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects.

The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to "lighten up" is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, "Let us pray," a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.



***Special Thanks!***

The Environment Committee would like to thank Penny Fontrell, Kathy Rolefson, Deacon Williams, Robin Perry, the Parents and Scouts of Troop 6, as well as our community for their help during Advent and Christmas. We couldn't have done it without all of you!