



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has
anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

-- Luke 4:18a



Daily Mass

Week of January 27th – 31st

Monday: 8:00 Carolyn Trent+
Tuesday: 8:00 Charlotte & Bill Emery+
Wednesday: 8:00 William "Bill" Murphy+
Thursday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+
Friday: 8:00 Sandy Chaix+



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 19, 2025
Plate	\$9,525.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$1,005.00
Christmas Total	\$87,942.00

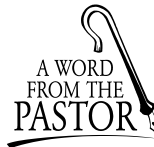
2024 Contributions

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!

Time!

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time. When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the second week in which the second reading is taken from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. There was a problem that existed within the community that St. Paul felt was necessary to address in this letter.

The Christians of Corinth were enamored with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. But, they valued some of the charisms of the Spirit over others. In this week's and last week's reading, Paul attempts to correct them of their misunderstanding. He tells them that all the gifts of the Spirit are of equal importance because they all contribute to the growth of the Body of Christ.

In next week's reading, St. Paul takes a very different tact. In what is one of the more beautiful and powerful passages in all of scripture, he tells the Corinthians that there is one gift of the Spirit that transcends all the others in importance; it is the gift of love. He describes love as the perfect gift by which all other gifts are measured:

*"Love is patient, love is kind...
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails."*

The message of St. Paul to the Corinthians and to us is wonderfully clear: the most important gift of the Holy Spirit is the one that we are all capable of sharing.

Love, Fr. Leo

Through Love's Great Power!

Through love's great power to be made whole
In mind and body, heart and soul --
Through freedom to find joy, or be
By dint of joy itself set free
In love and in companionship:
This is the true and natural good.

To undo justice, and to seek
To quash the rights that guard the weak --
To sneer at love, and wrench apart
The bonds of body, mind and heart
With specious reason and no rhyme:
This is the true unnatural crime.

-- Vikram Seth



C. J. S. P. 1982

The Crab Feed & Auction Is Here!

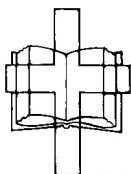
Brought to you by the Corpus Christi Men's Club and the Corpus Christi Parent Group (CCPG), the 62nd Annual Crab Feed and Auction will be held on Saturday, February 1st. Buy your tickets today at: <http://www.ccfeed.org> to join us for this 90's Prom themed event. You can bust out your scrunchies, satin 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 23rd, 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.

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 for more information.



Today's Readings

First Reading -- Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

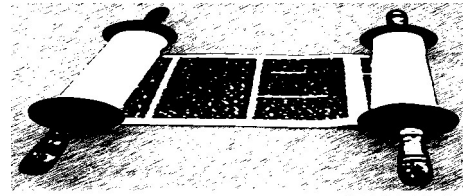
Psalm -- Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading -- In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel -- The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).



God is God of the living



Readings For The Week January 27th -- February 1st

Monday: First Reading Hebrews 9:15, 24-28;
Psalm 98;
Gospel Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: First Reading Hebrews 10:1-10;
Psalm 40;
Gospel Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: First Reading Hebrews 10:11-18;
Psalm 110;
Gospel Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: First Reading Hebrews 10:19-25;
Psalm 24;
Gospel Mark 4:21-25

Friday: First Reading Hebrews 10:32-39;
Psalm 37;
Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: First Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19;
Psalm Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Sunday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

Casting Light!

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

-- Edith Wharton