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The Presentation of the Lord

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He had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way.

-- Hebrews 2:17a



Daily Mass

Week of February 3rd – 7th

Monday: 8:00 Nancy O'Connor+
Tuesday: 8:00 Timothy Pearson+
Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Thursday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+
Friday: 8:00 Bob Hunka+



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



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

Katherine Amy Wenner,

daughter and son of Lauren Nicola and Christopher
Wenner.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Today's Readings

First Reading -- There will come to the temple the Lord
whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm -- Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm
24).

Second Reading -- Jesus had to become like his brothers
and sisters in every way to help the descendants of
Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel -- The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant
Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of
the people of Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

Planning!

If you are planning for a year,
sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade,
plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime,
educate a person.

-- Chinese Proverb



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this week's letter, there are a few
thoughts that I would like to share with
you about our Parish and our School.

Last night, about three hundred people:
parishioners, friends and old acquaintances
packed our School Auditorium for the 62nd Annual Crab
Feed and Auction. It was a night of fellowship, food and
fun. Many of us ate more crab than we needed. A few of
us were cajoled into bidding more for auction items than
we had originally intended. But, all of us had a great time!

This past Monday, we began Catholic School Week by
having a special Mass and reception for the grandparents
of the children who attend our Parish School. It was heart
warming to watch the children escort their grandparents
to the School, proudly showing them their classrooms and
their individual work. It was a wonderful beginning to a
very special week.

Love, Fr. Leo

God's Ways!

If we itemized the top eight things that bring us happi-
ness, what items might show up on the list? A hefty
bank account? A Caribbean cruise or African safari?
A shopping mall marathon? Season tickets for the
hometown team? A new car? If we already have
some of these things, most likely we know they don't
bring us true happiness. Fact is, they probably bring
us more aggravation -- items to return or repair, one
more object for people to argue over. God's ways are
not the ways of our popular culture.

AN OLD ENGLISH PRAYER!

*Give us, Lord,
a bit of sun
a bit of work and
a bit of fun.*

*Give us in all the struggle and sputter
Our daily bread and a bit of butter;
Give us health and our keep to make,
And a bit to spare for others' sake;
Give us, too, a bit of song,
And a tale, and a book to help us along.
Give us, Lord, a chance to be
Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.*

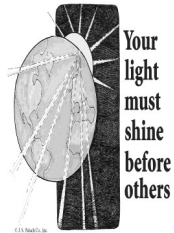
Amen

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.

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.



Treasures From Our Tradition!

By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2nd, the season of Christ's coming, has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candle maker; or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christians' call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

Bible Truth!

Each person marvels to find in the divine scriptures truths which they themselves have thought out.

-- St. Thomas Aquinas



Readings For The Week February 3rd -- 8th

Monday: First Reading Hebrews 11:32-40;
Psalm 31;
Gospel Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: First Reading Hebrews 12:1-4;
Psalm 22;
Gospel Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: First Reading Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15;
Psalm 103;
Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: First Reading Hebrews 12:18-19 21-24;
Psalm 48;
Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Friday: First Reading Hebrews 13:1-8;
Psalm 27;
Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Saturday: First Reading Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21;
Psalm 23;
Gospel Mark 6:30-34

Feast of Faith I Confess!

One form of the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass is the traditional *Confiteor*, or "I confess," a prayer that was formerly prayed by the priest alone at the foot of the altar, but which is now prayed by the entire assembly. The *Confiteor* is at once personal -- "I confess" -- and communal, prayed aloud, together. We recognize that sin does not just separate us from God; sin comes between us and others, isolating us. We acknowledge that sin has many dimensions, individual and communal: sins of thought, sins of speech, sins of action, sins of omission. Sin is not something that happens to us; sin is something we do.

In the *Confiteor*, we take responsibility for our own actions. The repeated insistence on our "fault," with the ritual gesture of striking the breast, an ancient sign of penitence, is not meant to lower our self-esteem. Rather, it acknowledges our human instinct to transfer the blame whenever we can ("The devil made me do it!"). This prayer stops us short. We take responsibility for ourselves, our actions, our failure to act. Then we cry out to God in those ancient words, *Kyrie, eleison* -- Lord, have mercy. For the sinner who repents, there is mercy. This truth is at the heart of our faith, and it is where the Mass, our feast of faith, begins.