

HE SENT THEM OUT
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

-- Psalm 103:8



Daily Mass

Week of February 24th – 28th

Monday: 8:00 Nancy Lang+
Tuesday: 8:00 Isha Edgley+
Wednesday: 8:00 Kasie Johnson+
Thursday: 8:00 Jack Nelson+
Friday: 8:00 Hugo Da Silva+



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

Recent Collections	February 16, 2025
Plate	\$8,021.00

Reading I

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' invitation: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." An example of such compassion is David. King Saul consumed by jealousy of David's rising popularity, has driven the youth from court and pursues him in the Judean desert. Given the opportunity, David refuses to take revenge against his persecutor. One night he and Abishai enter unimpeded into the king's camp and find Saul and Abner, his military general, asleep and unguarded. Abishai proposes to kill Saul. David stops him and instead steals the insignia of his royal person to prove that he had the opportunity to eliminate Saul but declined. David was compassionate toward an unjust persecutor, submitting to God, "Merciful and gracious..., slow to anger and abounding in kindness." He did not deal with his enemy according to the unjust attack against himself. However, David adds: "The Lord will reward every person according to the terms of righteousness and faithfulness," words that foreshadow how David will succeed Saul. Here the book of Samuel anticipates Jesus' teaching on forgiveness, but it does not appreciate the value of nonviolence and forgiveness of enemies. For the present, David's respect for the king puts the matter in God's hands.

Begin With Ardor!

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

-- St. Charles Borromeo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Book of Genesis describes how sin came into the world. It didn't all begin with Adam and Eve; it was the devil that made them do it. We sometimes forget that before the fall of Adam and Eve, Lucifer had already sinned; it was he who brought sin into the Garden of Paradise. The Story of Adam and Eve is the seminal story of humankind. What it says about us is this: we are born into a world where sin is already present and because of temptation, pride, fear and the need to know, we invariably sin. Yes, the Story of Adam and Eve is our story.

There is brokenness in our lives. Some of it is of our own making, some of it is because of the vicissitudes of life. When we reflect on who we are, we must come to the conclusion that we cannot save ourselves; we need help!

The forty days of Lent presents us with a wonderful opportunity to get the help that we need. It is a time to put aside our ordinary routine and to make a conscious effort to be more prayerful and reflective.

Love, Fr. Leo

Character!

*Don't tell me what you will do
when you have time to spare;
tell me what you did today
to ease a load of care.
Don't tell me what you will give
when your ship comes in from sea;
tell me what you gave today
a fettered soul to free.
Don't tell me the dream you have
of conquest still afar;
Don't say what you hope to be,
but tell me what you are!*

-- Union Church News

A Message From the Parish Office!

If you are receiving offering envelopes that you do not use or want, please call the Parish Office. We will make sure that the Envelope Service removes you from their mailing list.

Also, anyone who does not presently receive offering envelopes but would like to, please call the Parish Office. Thank You!

Grief Support Meeting!

The Grief Support Ministry invites you to a gathering on Sunday, March 2nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center to provide support during times of sorrow, whether from a recent loss of any kind or one that continues to cause heartache. It will be an opportunity to share stories in a safe environment, offer comfort to one another and provide ways to cope. All parishioners and their friends are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Helen Merkle at (510) 459-0690.

Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry!

Come out and enjoy a family style dinner with the Corpus Christi Community on Friday, March 14th in the School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner and Stations of the Cross to follow. The price is \$15.00 for adults; \$10.00 children and students; and under 5 are free. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. The NCAA March Madness Tournament will be on the large screen. Hope to see you there!

Crab Feed Photos!

The photos from the Corpus Christi Crab Feed are available online. The website is: <https://www.dennism-pics.com/Parish/Crab-Feed/2025-Crab-Feed>. Alternatively, just go to the website: [dennism-pics.com](https://www.dennism-pics.com), click on the "Parish" folder. Inside, there is a "Crab Feed" folder. Click on this folder and you will find the 2025 Crab Feed gallery. In either case, you will need to provide the password which is: **frleo** (all lower case, no spaces). In the gallery, you can download any photo for free by clicking on the down arrow in the lower right corner of the selected photo. Only click on the "Buy" button if you wish to purchase a print or other item with your photo on it. Proceeds from any purchase through the month of March will go to the Corpus Christi Men's Club which supports both the Parish and School.

Note: Within the [dennism-pics.com](https://www.dennism-pics.com) website are two folders with many other photos of Corpus Christi Parish events. One is the CCMC folder and the other is the "Parish" folder. Note that the "Parish" folder is the only one that has the password: **frleo**.

For anyone interested in Bishop O'Dowd photos, there are two folders for Bishop O'Dowd that go back nine years. The password for both of these folders is: **dragons** (all lower case). In all of the above, any photo is available for free download.



Readings For The Week February 24th -- March 1st

Monday: First Reading Sirach 1:1-10;
Psalm 93;
Gospel Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: First Reading Sirach 2:1-11;
Psalm 37;
Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: First Reading Sirach 4:11-19;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: First Reading Sirach 5:1-8;
Psalm 1;
Gospel Mark 9:41-50

Friday: First Reading Sirach 6:5-17;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: First Reading Sirach 17:1-15;
Psalm 103;
Gospel Mark 10:13-16

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.

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day" (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13).

Second Reading -- But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel -- Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you (Luke 6:27-38).

Reading II

Paul writes that just as we resemble Adam, made from the earth, so also we resemble Christ, formed in his image. Like Adam, we are fashioned according to God's image, but we also inherit Adam's weakness. Through Baptism, however, we bear the imprint of Christ, share in his Resurrection, and receive from God the gift of his life-giving spirit. We sometimes excuse ourselves by claiming to be "only human." Jesus encourages us to realize our true, lasting human dignity: the image and likeness of God, who is forever merciful and gracious.