



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**March 2, 2025**

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

-- Psalm 92:2



**Daily Mass**

**Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Colin & Mikaela Da Cunha  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Michael Van Deusen  
 Wednesday: 8:00 **Ash Wednesday**  
 Thursday: 8:00 Virgil Pineda+  
 Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Anil Siu



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.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Virgilio Pineda, Jr., husband of Maria Pineda. Our condolences to the family.

Recent Collections	February 23, 2025
Plate	\$8,464.00

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

**Kane Valentine Crawford-Jakubiak**, son of Martin and James Crawford-Jakubiak.



**Brixton Kole, Bryson Cruz and Mackson B. Hernandez**, sons of Jenna Cook and Oswaldo Hernandez.

**Brady Matthew Rossillon**, son of Kristi Mew and Matthew Rossillon.

**RICE BOWL**



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**Operation Rice Bowl!**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the

end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish Office. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!



From  
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a passage in the Book of Isaiah that describes for us the type of fasting that is pleasing to God:

*"This is the fasting that I wish:  
 releasing those bound unjustly,  
 untying the thongs of the yoke;  
 setting free the oppressed,  
 breaking every yoke;  
 sharing your bread with the hungry,  
 sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;  
 clothing the naked when you see them,  
 and not turning your back on your own."*

We all give excuses for why we can't or won't fast in the manner that is most pleasing to God. The consequence of our unwillingness to do what God asks of us hangs before us on the mosaic. Lent is a time for self-examination and truth telling; Jesus said yes to the cross because we say no to God.

Love, Fr. Leo

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading** -- The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. (Sirach 27:4-7).

**Psalms** -- Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16).

**Second Reading** -- The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law (1 Corinthians 15:54-58).

**Gospel** -- No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher (Luke 6:39-45).

**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!

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 : Those who wish to hold the fortress of contemplation :  
 : must first of all train in the camp of action. :  
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-- Pope St. Gregory the Great

**Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry!**

Come out and enjoy a family style dinner with the Corpus Christi Community on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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!



**Readings For The Week**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> -- 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Monday: First Reading Sirach 17:20-24;  
Psalm 32;  
Gospel Mark 10:17-27
- Tuesday: First Reading Sirach 35:1-12;  
Psalm 50;  
Gospel Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday: First Reading Joel 2:12-18;  
Psalm 51;  
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2;  
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20;  
Psalm 1;  
Gospel Luke 9:22-25
- Friday: First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a;  
Psalm 51;  
Gospel Matthew 9:14-15
- Saturday: First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14;  
Psalm 86;  
Gospel Luke 5:27-32

**Fast And Abstinence**

**Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances**

The Lenten fast begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we are signed with a cross for we live under that sign and in that sign. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the 7:00 p.m. Mass and also during the School Mass at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting, and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will begin on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and Yom Kippur on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

**Lenten Prayer**

*Oh loving Lord,  
during this Lenten season  
I lift up my voice to you.*

*Instill in my heart the desire to hear  
your voice in the voices of the poor,  
your people.*

*May I find in their example  
the path to my conversion.*

*Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning,  
and Giving in this season of grace.*

*May these actions answer the call  
to transform our world.*

*Amen*

**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).