



First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 2025

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

-- Romans 102:8



Daily Mass

Week of March 10th – 14th

- Monday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Charles & Bernadena Elsenius+
- Thursday: 8:00 Marilyn Kahn+
- Friday: 8:00 Raymond Thomas Souza+



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	March 2, 2025
Plate	\$10,285.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,499.00

RICE BOWL



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Operation Rice Bowl!

Ash Wednesday marked 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!

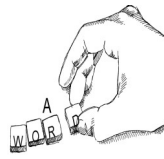
Lenten Reconciliation Service!

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, March 19th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church.

Past and Future!

There is no saint without a past -- and no sinner without a future.

-- Anonymous



from Fr. Basil

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent began last Wednesday. Notice the persistent admonition of our Lord: whatever you do, do it in secret. Don't make a public display of your piety. We need to discard the old Catholic question, what are you doing for Lent? This season is not about doing, primarily. It is about being and becoming. As Jesus begins his public ministry he exhorts people, change your mind, your inner life.

Lent is a time when we look within ourselves and ask, what must change in my life, how do I regard the people and events around me? That is not "navel gazing" or excessive introspection. In the words of a poet, it means: can I be self-possessed but not self-centered?

This is the time when prayer needs to be more a part of our lives; not words but, in the language of the old catechism, lifting the heart and mind to God. It is the quiet, deep look of peace and inner calm. This doesn't happen in church, but as Jesus says, in the privacy of your own room.

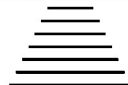
You may eat a bit less, especially on Good Friday, but don't talk about it: just do it as a means of deepening the life of your soul as opposed to the life of your body. (If you are over 59, you don't have to do it at all.)

You may give money to the charity of your choice but better still, if you can, help at a soup kitchen or run errands for a house bound neighbor.

Whatever you do, if possible do it so that only God knows and his knowledge and love will reward you.

Fr. Basil

Fast And Abstinence



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Lenten Observances!

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. 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. Good Friday is a day 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).

Living Our Faith Meeting!

The Living Our Faith Committee will meet this Thursday, March 13th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Please join us for faith-sharing and a discussion of how to best support our Corpus Christi Family and our community. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

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!



Annual Pancake Breakfast!



Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets for the Brad Shaw Memorial Pancake Breakfast. The Scouts will be serving up delicious pancakes, ham, sausage and all the extras on Sunday, March 16th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in the School Auditorium. Support Troop 6, enjoy time with family and friends and you don't have to cook or clean! Unbeatable prices: \$12.00 per person; and \$40.00 per family. Purchase your tickets at all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Ticket sales will also be available at Mulberry's, Piedmont Grocery, Village Market (dates to be announced) and at the door. Troop 6 hopes to see you there and appreciates your support!



Passing the Test!

"Test" is a four-letter word. Spelling tests, driving tests, SATs, all bring a knot to the stomach. Tests are something we would rather forgo, but also something we must undergo. Lent, too, is a four-letter word and is also a kind of test, for the only way to Easter is to pass through Lent. Today's reading from Deuteronomy commends Israel for its faith in the God who saves. No matter the tribulation, Israel's faith enables it to persevere. This faith/test theme also appears in the reading from Romans. Paul boldly asserts that faith in Christ will see the believer through any trial. The Gospel passage makes it clear that even Jesus was tested. It describes a test, a struggle between good and evil, that dramatically demonstrates Jesus' faith in the power of God's life in him. This power enables him to overcome temptation. This power is with all of us who celebrate the test of Lent, a power enabling us to pass with flying colors.

**Readings For The Week
March 10th -- 15th**

- Monday: First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Psalm 19; Gospel Matthew 25:31-46
- Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 34; Gospel Matthew 6:7-15
- Wednesday: First Reading Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 51; Gospel Luke 11:29-32
- Thursday: First Reading Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Psalm 138; Gospel Matthew 7:7-12
- Friday: First Reading Ezekiel 18:21-28; Psalm 130; Gospel Matthew 5:20-26
- Saturday: First Reading Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Psalm 119; Gospel Matthew 5:43-48

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

Today's Readings

- First Reading -- God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).
- Psalm -- Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).
- Second Reading -- The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).
- Gospel -- Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).