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Third Sunday of Lent

March 23, 2025

The Lord secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed.

-- Psalm 103:6



Daily Mass

Week of March 24th – 28th

Monday: 8:00 Fred Wight+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Catherine Galvin+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Suzanne Walls
 Thursday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+
 Friday: 8:00 Peter Ray Van Deusen+



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 16, 2025
Plate	\$8,903.00

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



Jaiden Jon Christopher Leong,
 son of Shaun Leong.

Congratulations from all of us!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be this weekend, March 22nd and 23rd. This collection supports Catholic church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war and natural disasters as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor; advocacy on behalf of the powerless; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; legal and support services for poor immigrants. Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank You for your help!

Hurdling!

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

-- Anonymous

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God Acts First!

In last Sunday's first reading from the Book of Genesis, God made a covenant with Abraham. Promising him descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. God accepted the responsibility for keeping the covenant. All God asked of Abraham was for him to place his trust in God.

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In this week's reading from the Book of Exodus, God spoke to Moses at Mount Horeb and told him that He witnessed the suffering of His people in Egypt. God promised Moses that He would free the Chosen People from the bondage of slavery and lead them to the Promised Land, which flowed with milk and honey. All that He asked of Moses was for him to serve as God's messenger of liberation.

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The God of Abraham and Moses sent His Son into the world to reveal this great truth to us. When we pray to God, petitioning Him to answer our prayers, we mistakenly believe that we are initiating the encounter with God. The truth is this, it is the actions of God that inspired us to pray in the first place. God is always present in our lives. Prayer helps us to become aware of His presence. Prayer enlightens us so that we may discern the answers that God has already given us. During the Season of Lent, I invite you to reflect on the nature of our God's relationship with us, pondering the depth of His love for us. Because of His compassion for us,

God Acts First!

Love, Fr. Leo



Today's Readings

First Reading -- "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading -- Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12).

Gospel -- I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9).

The Living Our Faith Meeting!

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The Living Our Faith group is sponsoring an evening of prayer, song and reflection on Wednesday, March 26th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we open our hearts to God's mercy and compassion.

Silent Retreat at San Damiano Retreat House in Danville!

Spend the weekend in silence or near silence as you set aside work and outside stimulation to listen how God is speaking to you beneath all the noise of your everyday life. Give yourself the gift of time to reconnect with God and receive the graces God wants to give.

There are two options: Thursday evening, April 10th, or Friday evening, April 11th, to Sunday, April 13th. Each day will include several brief contemplative prayer services, prayer prompts, scripture suggestions, Mass and individual spiritual direction sessions. For more information, contact Ann at: ann@paulandann.org or register at: sandamiano.org.

Mercy!

God is mercy. That seems to be the main message of the reading from Exodus. God has seen the suffering of the Israelites, and promises mercy and rescue. From then on, God is to be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Paul calls his readers to continue to grow in the faith. The God who rescued Israel also rescues them. As beneficiaries of God's mercy, Christians must keep on working, doing their part to become ever more trusting and loving people of God.

The Gospel's second section is a homey story about God's mercy. Against the advice of the land owner, the vinedresser pleads for mercy -- and shows mercy -- to allow the poor fig tree yet another year to become productive.

RICE BOWL



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!

**Readings For The Week
March 24th -- 29th**

Monday: First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15b;
Psalm 42; 43;
Gospel Luke 4:24-30

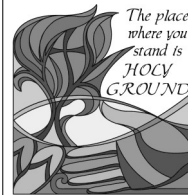
Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10;
Psalm 40;
Second Reading Hebrews 10:4-10;
Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: First Reading Jeremiah 7:23-28;
Psalm 95;
Gospel Luke 11:14-23

Friday: First Reading Hosea 14:2-10;
Psalm 81;
Gospel Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: First Reading Hosea 6:1-6;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Luke 18:9-14



Treasures From Our Tradition!

Hollywood has given us an image of Moses slipping off his shoes before a burning bush. God has just called Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires that all barriers to the experience be eliminated. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

Loving Someone!

To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

-- Lao Tzu

