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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

-- Philippians 3:8



Daily Mass

Week of April 7th – 11th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Cindy Strong
 Tuesday: 8:00 Larry Huppert+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Elizabeth Murphy+
 Thursday: 8:00 CoCo Ronto+
 Friday: 8:00 Darrell Simson+



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

Recent Collections	March 30, 2025
Plate	\$7,477.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,521.00



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

Audrey Camille Lasher

Meszaros, daughter of Ashley Lasher and Marc Meszaros.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Today's Readings



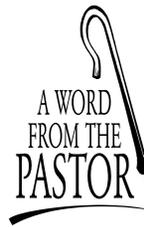
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First Reading -- See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21).

Psalms -- The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading -- I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14).

Gospel -- Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lenten Season will soon give way to the joys of Easter. In two weeks, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Our journey from here to there will lead us through Judea, where Jesus will raise Lazarus from the dead. Then on to Jerusalem, where Jesus will arrive to the acclamation of the people:

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

Five days later, we will witness him standing before Pilate in judgment: the people will speak once again, this time saying:

"Crucify him, crucify him!"

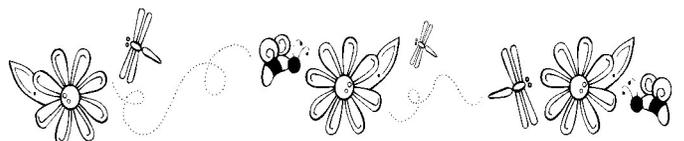
From the praetorium, we will follow him to Calvary where he will be raised up on the glory of the Cross. Our Lord willingly made this journey because he loved us and he didn't want us to walk alone.

The Easter experience awaits us; but, in order to truly appreciate it, we must pray for the humility and courage to follow Jesus from here to there.

Love, Fr. Leo

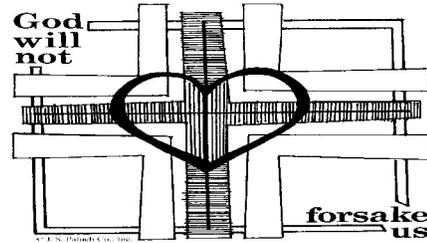
Something New!

"See, I am doing something new!" (Isaiah 43:19). All during this Lenten season, the scriptures have revealed the truth of these words, proclaimed in today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah. We have heard about a bush in the desert aflame but not consumed. We have listened to a parable about a father, the depth of whose love for his prodigal son was almost inconceivable. Today, instead of condemning a woman caught in the act of adultery and joining in stoning her to death, the Lord Jesus sends her on her way, away from what would have been certain death, admonishing her to sin no more. Indeed, God has been doing something new in our midst. Even when we are trapped in sin, with no perceivable way out, we are offered forgiveness when we turn to the Lord with repentant hearts. Let us remember that God has done something new in the heart of each of us.



Upcoming Potluck!

Corpus Christi Hospitality is hosting their first Potluck this year on Saturday, April 12th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Bring your favorite dish (or consider a free will donation).



Living Our Faith Meeting!

The Living Our Faith Committee will meet on Thursday, April 10th, 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 community. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Screening of Documentary All We Carry!

Join St. Theresa's Social Justice Committee and Corpus Christi's Living Our Faith Committee for a special screening of the documentary *All We Carry*, by local director Cady Voge. This award-winning documentary follows a young family's extraordinary journey as they flee persecution from narco-traffickers in Honduras and endure months in United States detention. The film has both Spanish and English subtitles.

The date is Tuesday, April 29th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Screening starts at 6:45 p.m.; followed by Questions & Answers from 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. The location is in St. Theresa's Meeting Room, 4850 Clarewood Drive in Oakland. For additional details, go to: www.allwecarrydoc.com. Admission is free. Please RSVP, but walk-ins are welcome. More Information is also available at: bobhernandez1961@gmail.com or jimbeck282@gmail.com.

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.

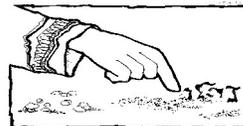
Strength to Split Rocks!

Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock, when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.

-- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Readings For The Week April 7th -- 12th

- Monday: First Reading Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30;
Psalm 23;
Gospel John 8:12-20
- Tuesday: First Reading Numbers 21:4-9;
Psalm 102;
Gospel John 8:21-30
- Wednesday: First Reading Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;
Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54;
Gospel John 8:31-42
- Thursday: First Reading Genesis 17:3-9;
Psalm 105;
Gospel John 8:51-59
- Friday: First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13;
Psalm 18;
Gospel John 10:31-42
- Saturday: First Reading Ezekiel 37:21-28;
Responsorial Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12;
Gospel John 11:45-56



Forgiven!

Today's liturgy continues the message of forgiveness and reconciliation that we heard last week. The Church seems to be doing its utmost to deliver one simple message: "Your sins are forgiven!" What good news this is. Isaiah declares that God's saving action on our behalf is not something trapped in the past, but here and now. Paul urges us to recognize that true life is not "won" by following laws, however strictly, but is a free gift of God. Thus, our focus must be on the future, not on past misdeeds. Our eyes must be on the prize of life forever with God.

In the Gospel, Jesus is challenged to demonstrate that he is a law-keeper, but he knows that this is a trap. If he counsels mercy, he will be declared an opponent of the law. If he follows the law and condones its punishment, he will be denounced as an inciter to murder. Jesus decides to do neither. Instead, he turns the tables and invites the crowd to forgo "legality" for the sake of forgiveness and reconciliation.

