

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

-- Colossians 1:28b



Daily Mass

Week of July 21st – 25th

Monday: 8:00 Lee Netherwood+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Wednesday: 8:00 Diane Stacey+
 Thursday: 8:00 Ligia Andrullo+
 Friday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and

Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collections

July 13, 2025

\$9,938.00



The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm -- He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading -- The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel -- Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

2025 Missionary Cooperative Appeal!



Corpus Christi is pleased to have Rev. Michael Madigan, SPS, who will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. Rev. Madigan is from St. Patrick's Missionary Society in Kiltegan, Ireland. He presently resides in Chicago, Illinois. Please give a warm welcome to Rev. Madigan.

From
 Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that you are familiar with my style of preaching, I'm sure you recognize that, over time, certain themes reoccur in my homilies. One subject that I return to frequently is the nature of God and how he works in our lives. Acknowledging that we will never fully understand God, there are a few observations that can still be made about his nature. In the first letter of John, the evangelist writes that God is love. The virtue of Love is God's first quality. It best describes who God is and what motivates his actions. Starting with this premise, we can also assume that mercy is an expression of God's love. In the Bible, we often read about the justice of God. But, justice is not God's first quality; he only exercises his justice when we refuse to avail ourselves to his mercy. Only we can determine whether or not we will be exposed to his justice. The choice is ours.

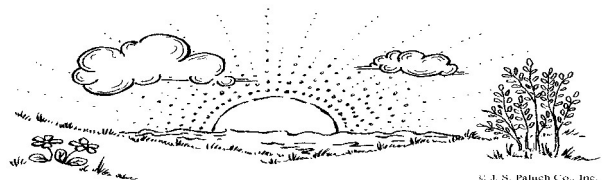
Love, Fr. Leo

Listen!

The first reading tells of the "annunciation" of the birth of Isaac. It is profoundly mysterious, beginning with the appearance of the "three men." This reading illustrates God's active role in our history.

The second reading treats a universal experience -- suffering. Paul sees suffering as the mark of discipleship. He finds joy in the suffering he endures because it is for the sake of the church. Through his preaching he hopes all people will come to accept Christ.

The Gospel paints a lovely picture of Jesus at rest among his friends. Luke has placed the incident right after the parable of the Good Samaritan. But lest "activism" be seen as the only path, we now hear Jesus' call to sit quietly and listen to the word of God. We have to be like both of the sisters. Even in our harried and noisy world, there is an insistent call to sit back quietly and listen to Jesus.



The Voice of the Lord!

What is more delightful than the voice of the Lord calling to us?

-- St. Benedict

Summer Food Drive!

The Corpus Christi Summer Food Drive has begun. Our support of the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB) is more important than ever. One in four residents in our community is experiencing or is at-risk of hunger. The Living Our Faith Ministry has set an ambitious goal of raising \$15,000 for ACCFB by mid-August. We have already raised nearly \$5,000 in our previous food drives this year, so we're one-third of the way toward reaching this goal! The Summer Food Drive started on June 1st and will continue until August 3rd. You may participate using any one (or more) of the following three methods:

* Donate online at: donate.accfb.org/vfd/Alameda-County. Enter Group #6434475 in the Search field to be directed to the Corpus Christi Fundraiser page for ACCFB.

* Donate non-perishable food items and place them in the 2 large food barrels in the Gibson Center or in the designated baskets in the Church.

The Living Our Faith Ministry and the Corpus Christi Family appreciate your generous response to this tremendous need in our community!

Responding to ICE in our Community!

I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35). Join our community, organized by our partner Genesis, on Thursday, July 24th, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1707 Gouldin Road in Oakland. We will reflect on the ways we can faithfully respond to the ongoing actions and threats by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in our community. We will discern on what to do from a faith perspective. Pizza will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the discussion. Sponsored by the St. John's Action and Justice team. All are welcome! Please RSVP by emailing Mary Lim at: gamaliel.genesisca@gmail.com.

Saints & Special Observances!

Monday, July 21 st :	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday, July 22 nd :	St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday, July 23 rd :	St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday, July 24 th :	St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Friday, July 25 th :	St. James, Apostle
Saturday, July 26 th :	Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings For The Week**July 21st -- 26th**

Monday: First Reading Exodus 14:5-18;
Responsorial Psalm Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4;
Gospel Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: First Reading Song of Songs 3:1-4b;
Psalm 63;
Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: First Reading Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15;
Psalm 78;
Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday: First Reading Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;
Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55;
Gospel Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: First Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-15;
Psalm 126;
Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday: First Reading Exodus 24:3-8;
Psalm 50;
Gospel Matthew 13:24-30

Treasures From Our Tradition!

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

