

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 10, 2025

Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield.

-- Psalm 33:20



Daily Mass

Week of August 11th – 15th

Monday: 8:00 Larry Soletti+
Tuesday: 8:00 Manuel Salonga+
Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Gale Lydecker
Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Dan McDonald
Friday: 8:00 Brian Kahn+



Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

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

Weekly Collections

August 3, 2025	\$10,267.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,296.00



Baptisms

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

Sienna Dominika McMahon, daughter of Laura Arteaga and Darren McMahon.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



Today's Readings

First Reading -- Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm -- Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel -- You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Be Not Deceived!

Do not be disturbed by the clamor of this world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.

-- St. Clare



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few days ago, on August 6th, we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord when the glory of God shone through the body of Jesus as brilliant light.

On that same date, August 6th in 1945, a terrible darkness was visited on the world in the first explosion of an atomic bomb. The bomb was code named Trinity and it took place in a part of the world conquered by Spanish Catholics, who gave sacred names to places like San Francisco and Sacramento.

A few days later the bomb was used by the United States to obliterate the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and with them, hundred of thousands of innocent civilians, non-combatants. The excuse for this horrible bombing was to end the war and spare the lives of American soldiers who would have had to invade the Japanese islands. This was later seen as pure fabrication.

A basic moral and theological tenet is that the end does not justify the means: you cannot do evil to bring about a good. The evil men who produced and used this weapon remain a stain upon the name of this country. If you disagree I invite you to do two things: investigate the origins of the making and use of the bomb, and see the results on the survivors of its use.

And may Christ, the light of the world, shine on us and all who seek peace, in the name of God and the good of humanity.

Fr. Basil

Preparation!

Imagine the following scene: you sit down in your school desk. The teacher walks the aisle, placing the paper before you, face down. You set your watch. You will have exactly one hour to do the test. You turn the paper over. Then it hits you: you never took any notes. You never studied or did even one assignment. For a student, lack of preparation is the nightmare of nightmares. Jesus talks about the need for preparation in today's Gospel. God is pleased to give us the kingdom, Jesus says. "Gird your loins and light your lamps." See that you are prepared. Jesus' teaching reminds us of the question once posed to St. Francis de Sales and his companions, who, according to the story, were playing billiards. "What would you do if you knew the end of the world was coming in one hour?" The friends of Francis shared various plottings of how they would get their affairs in order. Most mentioned prayer. Francis shrugged, "I would continue doing what I am doing." Are you ready to meet the Lord?

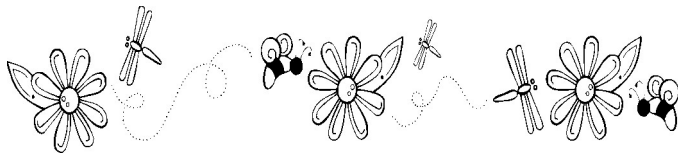
Faith Formation Begins Soon Register Now!

Religious education and sacrament preparation for kids in Kindergarten through 9th grade begins on Sunday, September 14th. Register before Monday, September 1st, for a \$25 discount. For more information about the program, please click on the Faith Formation tab on the Parish website at: <https://corpuschristipiedmont.org>. If you have any additional questions, contact Rebecca Pelle at: familyfaith@cc-parish.org.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this Friday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, it is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.



Saints & Special Observances!

Monday, August 11 th :	St. Clare, Virgin
Tuesday, August 12 th :	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Wednesday, August 13 th :	Sts. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Thursday, August 14 th :	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
Saturday, August 16 th :	St. Stephen of Hungary

Readings For The Week August 11th -- 16th

Monday: First Reading Deuteronomy 10:12-22;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday: First Reading Deuteronomy 31:1-8;
Responsorial Psalm Deuteronomy 32:3-4ab;
Gospel Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: First Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Psalm 66;
Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday: First Reading Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Psalm 114;
Gospel Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday: First Reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Psalm 45;
Second Reading 1 Corinthians; 15:20-27;
Gospel Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: First Reading Joshua 24:14-29;
Psalm 16;
Gospel Matthew 19:13-15

Given Much!

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Luke 12:48). Whew! At least the Lord hasn't entrusted me with much! Thank goodness that the work of the reign of God on earth has been entrusted to somebody else. This must be the "good news" of today's Gospel, right? Wrong!

In the mentality that has come to be known as "keeping up with the Joneses" we can gear ourselves toward a comparison with those who have more or who have been given more, even by God. Unfortunately, nowhere does Jesus say: "Not much will be expected of those who have been given only a little bit." Each of us, in our own way, has been given something, some gift or treasure that we can put toward the work of the reign of God. This is the vocation of Christian discipleship. Perhaps others seem to have been given more; evaluating this is not the disciple's concern. The concern of each of us in the vocation for which we have been chosen is to take what we have been given, and consecrate it for the continued in-breaking of God's kingdom of justice, joy, peace and beauty. Then will we come to realize that we have indeed been given much.

Holy Day of Obligation!



Friday, August 15th, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass is scheduled for the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass and 7:00 p.m. evening Mass.