



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God.

-- Hebrews 12:22a



Daily Mass

Week of September 1st – 5th

Monday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+
Tuesday: 8:00 Peter Ray Van Deusen+
Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Jayden Strong
Thursday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially, Maria Corrales, Dan McDonald, Lorraine Heine-mann, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Del-son-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collections

August 24, 2025

\$8,142.00



Labor Day

The Parish Office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday tomorrow, September 1st. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd. Have a safe holiday!



Those who humble themselves shall be exalted

Today's Readings

First Reading -- First Reading --
Conduct your affairs with humility
(Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm -- God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading -- You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel -- Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

Labor!

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

-- Grover Cleveland



From the Pastor

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back from Summer vacation!

I want to begin the School year by strongly encouraging you to make weekly attendance at Mass a priority for you and your family. Let me tell you why I think that you need to do this. One of the central characteristics of our religion is our understanding of the importance of community. We are a communal religion. We live our faith in the context of relationship. We believe that one of the most important messages that Jesus came to share with us is that we are called to live as one family. Jesus did not die on the cross to save you and me individually; he died to save us collectively. It is not acceptable for a Catholic to say, "I don't need to go to church; I have a personal relationship with Jesus." Salvation for us is a communal experience.

Unfortunately, one of the consequences of original sin is that we have a false sense of the importance of "self." Because of sin, we are all inclined to believe what is false about ourselves and to deny what is true. But, St. Paul describes our true nature perfectly when he says, "we were made incomplete, we find our completeness in the Lord and each other." This is why we Catholics celebrate the sacraments: to remind ourselves of who we are.

The Eucharist is the central sacrament of our faith because it best epitomizes our belief and our need. When we participate in the Mass, we are making two statements: first, we are acknowledging that we are one with each other through our oneness with Jesus; second, we are also admitting that, although we know the first statement to be true, because of our false sense of "self," we don't live what we profess to believe.

The simple truth is this: we need to attend Mass frequently in order to develop the wisdom and courage necessary to live according to our true nature. The Mass is not an option to be experienced when we find it convenient; it is a necessity of life.

Love, Fr. Leo

Please Note!

Corpus Christi School is updating their family, Friends and Alumni information. Can you please send your current contact information, including email address, to: development@corpuschristischool.com? Thank you.

Workers!

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race.

-- Eugene V. Debs

Upcoming Grief Support Ministry Meeting!

The Grief Support Ministry invites you to a gathering on Sunday, September 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center, to provide support during times of sorrow, whether from a recent loss of any kind, or one that continues heartache. It will be an opportunity to share stories in a safe environment, offer comfort to one another and provide ways to cope. All parishioners and their friends are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Helen Merkle at (510) 459-0690.

Living Our Faith Meetings!

The Living Our Faith Committee will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, September 11th, 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. Hope to see you there.

Meeting of Magnificat!

Magnificat, a ministry for Catholic women, invites you to attend their upcoming Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 13th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at their new location at Christ the Light Cathedral, 2121 Harrison Street in Oakland. Fr. Erick will be saying Mass at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral. Their guest speaker will be Sister Magnificat Rose from her order, The Sisters of Life. Their mission is to serve the Lord by helping women with hope who would otherwise seek abortions. The price is \$35.00 online registration by September 9th. Go to: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek>. Please contact Michelle Heckle at (925) 818-3111 for more information.

SEPTEMBER**Readings For The Week
September 1st -- 6th**

Monday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Psalm 96;
Gospel Luke 4:16-30

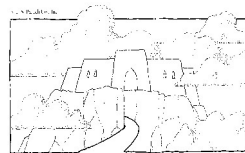
Tuesday: First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11;
Psalm 27;
Gospel Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: First Reading Colossians 1:1-8;
Psalm 52;
Gospel Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: First Reading Colossians 1:9-14;
Psalm 98;
Gospel Luke 5:1-11

Friday: First Reading Colossians 1:15-20;
Psalm 100;
Gospel Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: First Reading Colossians 1:21-23;
Psalm 54;
Gospel Luke 6:1-5

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion, we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives. Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

Humility!

Today's reading from Sirach celebrates what will become the theme of today's Gospel: humility. Pride causes us to demand from others an exalted estimate of our status, but humility allows us to see things more clearly. It allows us a broader perspective. Humility promises us the favor of God and the love of those who know us.

The second reading is a study in contrasts: the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the giving of salvation on Mount Zion. The Law's appearance is greeted with solemnity, mystery, even fear. But Christians are not to be afraid. Coming to God's mountain with Jesus, "the mediator of a new covenant," is a happy, exuberant experience.

The parable in today's Gospel concerns the danger of pride and the necessity of humility. The banquet setting, often used by Jesus, is a symbol of heaven's abundance and of the fulfillment of God's promise. The parable is not simply good advice on how to avoid embarrassment; it is about salvation.

