



The Exaltation of the Cross

September 14, 2025

Christ Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness.

-- Philippians 2:7



Daily Mass

Week of September 15th – 19th

Monday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Sofia Munoz
 Friday: 8:00 Bernadene & Charles Elsenius+



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

Weekly Collections

September 7, 2025	\$8,901.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$968.00



Baptisms

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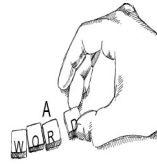
Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

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

Alayonimi Oritsetimeyin Ate-wologun, son of Wilma Nnick

Priests Retirement Collection!

Currently, we have over forty retired priests in the Diocese of Oakland. With one hundred active priests over the age of 60 or older, the number of retired clergy will grow considerably over the next decade. In addition, thanks be to God, our retired clergy are living longer and continue to help at Masses. However, this increases the cost above projections that were made when the system was put in place a couple of decades ago. Also, priests who come to our Diocese from another one or religious orders to serve the people of Oakland do not bring their retirement benefits with them. They start with zero when they begin to minister here. After meeting with the Priests' Retirement Board in 2013, it was recommended to add this second collection which will be this weekend, September 13th and 14th. Thank you for your support!



from
Fr. Basil

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Good Friday, at the ceremony of the adoration of the cross, the minister sings, "Behold the wood of the cross, on which hung the Saviour of the world." It is a very moving event, in which the whole congregation participates.

We venerate the wood, because of him who hung on it, just as, in the Eucharist before the reading of the gospel, we venerate the book, because of the words, the message which the book contains.

In our faith symbols like the wood of the cross and the gospel book are important because they lead us beyond simply what we see to a hidden reality which is the point of using the symbol.

In our secular world we frequently hear, "oh, it's just a symbol." That betrays a basic ignorance of a powerful means of looking beyond the obvious. The cross of Christ in itself was a horrible means of torture and death; as the symbol of Christ's redeeming love it becomes for us a deeper understanding of what our faith is all about.

The sign of the cross identifies us as followers of the Lord of life and love. Always make it with loving reverence.

Fr. Basil



Today's Readings

First Reading -- Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

Psalms -- Do not forget the works of the Lord (Psalm 78).

Second Reading -- Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel -- God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life (John 3:13-17).

Please Note!

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

Community Potluck!

Corpus Christi Hospitality invites you to a joyful potluck gathering on Saturday, September 27th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. Bring your favorite dish to share and let's celebrate our community together. There will also be a free-will donation basket. Thank you as always for making these potlucks a success!

Being Lifted Up!

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds Nicodemus how Moses had "lifted up the serpent in the desert." Then Jesus says, "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him." The evangelist clearly saw this "lifting up" of Jesus to mean his crucifixion. That "lifting up" of the serpent by Moses is described in today's first reading. The people were attacked by "saraph serpents," and many died. God had Moses make an image of the serpent and put it on a pole and lift it up. The people who had been bitten looked at it and recovered. Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Lifted up on the cross, he was despised and seemed the most abject of people. But, it was in embracing this disgrace and painful death that he became the bearer of eternal life for all of us. His "lifting up" in shame was also his "lifting up" in glory and triumph.

Canticle of the Sun!

*Most high, all-powerful sweet Lord,
yours is the praise, the glory, and the honor
and every blessing.*

*be praised, my Lord,
for all your creatures,
and first for brother sun,
who makes the day bright and luminous.*

*And he is beautiful and radiant
with great splendor,
he is the image of you, Most High.*

*Be praised, my Lord,
for sister moon and the stars,
in the sky you have made them brilliant
and precious and beautiful.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for brother wind
and for the air both cloudy and serene
and every kind of weather,
through which you give nourishment
to your creatures.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for sister water,
who is very useful and humble
and precious and chaste.*

-- St. Francis of Assisi
(1182-1226)

Readings For The Week September 15th -- 20th

Monday: First Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Psalm 28;
Gospel John 19:25-27

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Timothy 3:1-13;
Psalm 101;
Gospel Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Timothy 3:14-16;
Psalm 111;
Gospel Luke 7:31-35

Thursday: First Reading 1 Timothy 4:12-16;
Psalm 111;
Gospel Luke 7:36-50

Friday: First Reading 1 Timothy 6:2c-12;
Psalm 49;
Gospel Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: First Reading 1 Timothy 6:13-16;
Psalm 100;
Gospel Luke 8:4-15

Genesis Breakfast Fundraiser!

You are invited to the Genesis "Be the Change" Breakfast Fundraiser. Genesis is an interfaith social justice coalition which Corpus Christi is a founding member congregation. Many of you have met Mary Lim, Executive Director, who organized the Candidate Forum for the Alameda County District Five Supervisor in September of 2024, which Corpus Christi hosted. Come find out what social justice work Genesis is doing and how you can help support. The date is Saturday, September 27th, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 685 -- 14th Street.

One More Request!

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more -- a grateful heart.

-- George Herbert

Saints & Special Observances!

Monday, September 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, September 16th: Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday, September 17th: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Friday, September 19th: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Saturday, September 20th: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs