

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!

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.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font, as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows. With more and more people becoming Christians, laws were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon, it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning, rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist that began as a few friends around a table soon was transformed into a more formal event with throngs crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday Eucharist, and only when the crowds became unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and stronger for service.

Meditations!

I've learnt that people will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did, but
people will never forget how
you made them feel.

Maya Angelou

Readings For The Week September 22nd -- 27th

Monday: First Reading Ezra 1:1-6;
Psalm 126;
Gospel Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: First Reading Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20;
Psalm 122;
Gospel Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: First Reading Ezra 9:5-9;
Responsorial Psalm Tobit 13:2, 3-4a;
Gospel Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: First Reading Haggai 1:1-8;
Psalm 149;
Gospel Luke 9:7-9

Friday: First Reading Haggai 2:1-9;
Psalm 43;
Gospel Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: First Reading Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a;
Responsorial Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab;
Gospel Luke 9:43b-45

Priorities!

In the first reading, the prophet Amos rages against all those whose greed is so great that they would close their eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor among them. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. He issues a call to more expansive prayer that should mark the daily life of Christians.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees "downsizing" heading his way. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a "position" in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal.

Saints & Special Observances!

Tuesday, September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday, September 26th: Sts. Cosmas & Damian,
Martyrs

Saturday, September 27th: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

