



## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

[K]eep the commandments without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-- 1 Timothy 6:14



### Daily Mass

Week of September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Anne Baudler+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Larry Callaghan+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 George Mollen+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Parkes Johnson+  
 Friday: 8:00 Charles & Bernadene 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 21, 2025

\$9,895.00



### Baptisms

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

**Shaelan Bowen Keeter Echave**, son of Kelly Cooney and Matthew Echave.

**Hazel Marie Shipley**, daughter of Claire McDonald Dougherty and Lane Austin Shipley.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!



### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

**Psalm** -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** -- Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

**Gospel** -- There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you on a very special day for me. Forty-one years ago on September 28<sup>th</sup>, I was ordained to the priesthood. As it befits a day like this, I find myself reflecting on my life as a priest. I have been truly blessed.

Through the years, people have allowed me to share in the joys and sorrows, the triumphs and the losses of their lives. They trusted me with their Story.

During the past twenty-six years, you have made me a welcomed member of the Family of Corpus Christi. Through liturgies, baptisms, first communions, reconciliations, anointings of the sick, confirmations, weddings and funerals, we have become part of each other's lives. Through meetings, picnics, crab feeds, visits to the Parish and Sunday School, counseling sessions and dinners, we have become part of each other's Family.

This is what it means to be a Faith Community. This is what it means to be Family: to share in each other's Story. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives. Thank you for being part of mine!

Continue to pray for me and know that I am praying for you.

Love, Fr. Leo

### Seek Virtue!

In today's first reading, Amos condemns a self-absorbed people and their morally corrupt behavior and attitudes, which he warns will bring devastation. In the Gospel, the wealthy man is not given a name; he is simply the epitome of greed and irresponsibility. His lack of caring has created a gulf between him and the beggar Lazarus that not even Abraham can bridge. In his letter to Timothy, a young bishop in the small Resurrection community of Ephesus, Paul exhorts this leader to seek virtues such as integrity, faith and steadfastness with great gentleness. Paul also asks Timothy to keep in mind the future life with God who "dwells in unapproachable light." This is the blessedness of all those who, like Lazarus, were once poor but who are now rich.

### 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](mailto:development@corpuschristischool.com). Thank you.

**Support our  
Annual Walk-A-Thon!**

This year's Walk-A-Thon theme for Corpus Christi School is, "Out of this World, a COMET Adventure," and will take place on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at the School. This event is a chance for everyone in the Parish and School community to support the School's Tuition Assistance Program and technology upgrades. Please consider supporting this year's event by purchasing raffle tickets at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on September 28<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at: <https://go.dojiggy.io/wat2025>. Together, we can make this experience Out of this World!

**Many Thanks!**

Members of the Living Our Faith Ministry are overjoyed to share the wonderful news that we have not only reached, but exceeded our \$10,000 goal for this summer's fund-raising drive to benefit the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB)! Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, this milestone has become a reality.

Together, we've helped ensure that individuals and families in our community have access to nutritious meals, comfort and hope during challenging times, and we've shown what a united and faith-filled community can achieve. Let us continue to be a light in our community and a reflection of Christ's love in action!

*The Living Our Faith Team*

**RCIA: Discover the Catholic Faith!**

Curious about the Catholic faith? Searching for deeper meaning and spiritual community? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is your invitation to explore, question and discover. It starts on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center.

RCIA is a welcoming community designed for adults interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Communion, and for existing Catholics interested in deepening and rediscovering their faith. This program is for you if you have never been baptized; baptized Christians from other denominations interested in becoming Catholic; baptized Catholics who desire First Communion and/or Confirmation; and all Catholics interested in deepening your faith and prayer life.

You can expect that there is no pressure, creative ways to pray, personal support from trained spiritual directors and no commitment required to start. Come explore and see where God might be calling you. If you have any questions, contact Anne Zehren at: [annezehren@mac.com](mailto:annezehren@mac.com) or call (917) 734-7928.



**Readings For The Week  
September 29<sup>th</sup> -- October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Monday: First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;  
Psalm 138;  
Gospel John 1:47-51

Tuesday: First Reading Zechariah 8:20-23;  
Psalm 87;  
Gospel Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday: First Reading Nehemiah 2:1-8;  
Psalm 137;  
Gospel Luke 9:57-62

Thursday: First Reading Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;  
Psalm 19;  
Gospel Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday: First Reading Baruch 1:15-22;  
Psalm 79;  
Gospel Luke 10:13-16

Saturday: First Reading Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29;  
Psalm Jeremiah 69;  
Gospel Luke 10:17-24

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" (from the Greek word meaning the "whole inhabited world") began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as "outside the Church." A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship.