

## **Living Our Faith Meeting Update** **10/11/25**

The Living Our Faith Committee met on Thursday, October 9th. Below are some brief notes from the meeting, as well as the closing prayer that we prayed.

### **Welcome the Stranger/Shelter in Peace:**

We were honored to welcome Anna Rossi, founder of *Welcome the Stranger* and *Shelter in Peace* to speak with us. *Welcome the Stranger* and *Shelter in Peace* are two non-profit organizations that support immigrant families. Through independent organizations (such as parishes --e.g. Corpus Christi!), groups of volunteers sponsor immigrant families and assist them with expenses (such as rent) and accompany them in their transition to becoming successful, independent members of the community. (You can learn more at this [link](#).)

There was enthusiasm among the attendees to further explore the possibility of Corpus Christi parish (perhaps in collaboration with St. Theresa parish) sponsoring a family. It was agreed that we would form a sub-committee to continue to study the feasibility of undertaking this endeavor. If you are interested in learning more and/or becoming a member of this exploratory sub-committee, please contact me: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com).

### **Book Group:**

A small group of faithful readers met on September 21st to discuss *Solito* by Javier Zamora -- certainly a timely selection as we seek ways to support our immigrant brothers and sisters. Even if you missed the "official" discussion of this book, we strongly recommend it to members of the Corpus Christi community who wish to know more about the journey to the United States for asylum seekers. It's an incredible, true story!

Marie will be sending out a poll to select our next book. If you wish to make book recommendations and/or to receive information about our next book discussion, please contact Marie: [marie.reich@gmail.com](mailto:marie.reich@gmail.com).

### **Oakland Catholic Worker:**

**Tickets for the Oakland Catholic Worker** fundraiser on December 6th are now available!!! As you may recall, Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries will be speaking at this event. You will not want to miss this amazing experience and opportunity to support Oakland Catholic Worker. You may [purchase your ticket HERE](#). Additionally, there is a flyer for the event attached to this email. Please spread the word to folks who would be interested in attending -- especially if you have connections to other parishes or communities of different faiths. For information about how to promote this event, please contact Jim: [jimbeck@gmail.com](mailto:jimbeck@gmail.com)  
It promises to sell out quickly, so be sure to secure your tickets asap!

Related to OCW and to the immigrant community in our midst, **Genesis** is sponsoring a ***Faithful Response to ICE in Our Neighborhoods "Presence"*** at the San Francisco Immigration Court on **Thursday, October 16th**. If you are interested in participating in this peaceful action or learning more, please contact: Mary Lim: [marylimlampe@gmail.com](mailto:marylimlampe@gmail.com)

### **Giving Tree:**

Corpus Christi Parish will again collect gift cards for Oakland Catholic Worker families and St. Mary's Center seniors to be distributed in the Christmas Season. We have formed a small sub-committee to take on the various tasks related to this outreach project. If you are interested in joining and/or learning more, please contact me: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com).

### **Environment Activities Update:**

On October 4th (the Feast of St. Francis), St. Theresa's Justice Committee organized a Bird Walk to Commemorate the 10th Anniversary of *Laudato Si*. Unfortunately no attendees at that event were present to report back at our meeting. But we're trusting that it was a hugely successful pilgrimage and that there will be other opportunities to gather and celebrate our beautiful earth, sponsored by both parishes.

### **Corpus Christi Survey:**

There was a good response to the Corpus Christi survey that was sent to all parishioners. If you haven't already checked out the link that was emailed, please click [here](#) for Survey results. There will be 3 Focus Groups hosted to invite further discussion with parishioners around a few key themes. Please see the [Corpus Christi Website](#) for more information about the dates and times for these groups.

### **What 's Next:**

The next meeting for Living Our Faith will be: **Thursday, November 13th, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center**. We hope to see you then!