

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2025

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

-- Psalm 98:5



Daily Mass

Week of November 17th – 21st

Monday: 8:00 Judy Knight+
Tuesday: 8:00 Tom Noble+
Wednesday: 8:00 Michael Schulze+
Thursday: 8:00 Peter Ray Van Deusen+
Friday: 8:00 Gay McDougall+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Judy Hilgert, Linda Peng, 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

November 9, 2025	\$10,070.00
Military Services Collection	\$1,850.00



Altar of Remembrance

Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish

Office to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. It is located on the credenzas in the Church. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.

Today's Readings



First Reading -- For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm -- The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading -- Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel -- Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you a wonderful prayer that Franciscan Father Richard Rohr has on his tape, *The Spirituality of Imperfection*:

"I asked God for strength that I might achieve, but God made me weak that I might learn to obey."

"I asked God for health that I might do great things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things."

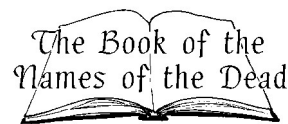
"I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise."

"I asked God for power when I was young that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God."

"I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things."

"Now at the end of my life I realize that I got nothing that I asked for, but everything that I hoped for; almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered. I am among all people most richly blessed."

Love, Fr. Leo



Throughout November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages.

You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.

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.

**2026-2027 Corpus Christi School
Applications Now Available!**

Are you thinking about joining our school community? Do you know someone who is looking for a new school? Tell your friends and neighbors that our application for the 2026-2027 school year is now available on our website at: corpuschristischool.com. Our first round of applications will be due by Monday, January 12th, so encourage everyone you know to apply now. Thanks for helping us!

Advent Wreath Party!

Come join the Advent Wreath Party on Sunday, November 30th, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the School Auditorium. Make an Advent wreath for your home, using real evergreens! A wreath blessing will follow at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Hope to see you there!

Grief Support Meeting!

Coping with the Holidays, hosted by the Grief Support Ministry, will be held on Sunday, December 7th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. If the Christmas Season is an emotionally trying time for you because of the loss of a loved one or any other significant loss, this is an opportunity to share experiences, and find comfort and support in a safe environment. Practical tips will be offered by the team, but equally supportive is the interaction among others who have had similar experiences. All are warmly welcome, including your friends who may not be parishioners.

Living Our Faith Book Club Meeting!

The Living Our Faith Book Club will be discussing, Braiding Sweetgrass, by Robin Wall Kimmerer on Sunday, January 25th, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Chapel. All are welcome! Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite bookstore if you are interested in attending. If you have any further questions, please contact Marie at: marie.reich@gmail.com.

Not Watching For The Second Coming!

As we near the end of the Church year, the scriptures become more urgent. Both the prophet Malachi and Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke offer graphic pictures of a terrible future. But we are missing the message if we use these passages to speculate about when the world will end. The troubles predicted have already occurred, and then some. In the last century alone, we have seen devastation beyond anything the ancient prophets could have imagined. We weren't given these passages to strike fear in our hearts, but faith. The sun of justice will rise, Malachi assures us, for those who are faithful. And Jesus promises, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." But it is Paul who brings the message down to earth. The Thessalonians were so sure that the end of the world was upon them, some of them had stopped working! Paul states his case clearly: "If anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat." We are not called to worry about how things will end, but to live today faithfully.

**Readings For The Week
November 17th -- 22nd**

Monday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43;
Psalm 119;
Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: First Reading 2 Maccabees 6:18-31;
Psalm 3;
Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31;
Psalm 17;
Gospel Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 2:15-29;
Psalm 50;
Gospel Luke 19:41-44

Friday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59;
Responsorial Psalm 1 Chronicles 29:10bcd;
Gospel Luke 19:45-48

Saturday: First Reading 1 Maccabees 6:1-13;
Psalm 9;
Gospel Luke 20:27-40

No Us and Them, Just Us!

Join the Oakland Catholic Worker on Saturday, December 6th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop O'Dowd High School for a powerful and inspiring event, featuring distinguished guest speaker, Fr. Gregory Boyle. Fr. Boyle is a best-selling author and founder of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program based in Los Angeles. Attending this event supports the Oakland Catholic Worker and immigrant families in East Oakland during these challenging times. See the flyer on the credenzas in the Church or go to: OaklandCatholicWorker.org.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet, we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed. "Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities and world.