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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

"You ... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

-- Matthew 24:44



Daily Mass

Week of December 1st – 5th

Monday: 8:00 Ron, Tilin, Chris & Gail Dempster+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Leo Loh+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Lynne Schoenblum+
 Thursday: 8:00 George Niespolo+
 Friday: 8:00 Timothy J. Hovancsek+



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 23, 2025	\$7,748.000
School Support	\$1,157.00
Human Development	\$969.00

Getting Ready!

Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage, we study peace. Then, Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But, we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But, within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.

From
Father Leo



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we begin the Season of Advent, I want to share with you some thoughts that I read about this period of anticipation and preparation offered by the noted Jesuit, Walter J. Burghardt:

"Advent can be confusing. What are we about in the liturgy -- in this liturgy that is supposed to symbolize what goes on in the rest of our lives? The Lord has come and yet we prepare for his coming. He is risen, and still we ready a crib for him. We rejoice that he lives within us and we cloth ourselves in purple. Has 'the day of the Lord' dawned or hasn't it? Is Advent make-believe? Are we pretending that the Lord has not yet come?"

"The fact is, Advent expresses in symbol and ritual three stages in the human journey, in the Christian journey. Christ has come; Christ will come again; and Christ is here now. We remember the first; we look to the second; we live the third. All three are part and parcel of our lives; so all three have to find expression in our liturgy."

Love, Fr. Leo

Treasures From Our Tradition!

"People in love make signs of love," wrote our bishops in a document guiding the renewal of liturgical music. They were not merely urging us to sing at Mass, but suggesting that the song itself is a sign of the love of Christ. Love never expressed dies, as we know from experience. Flowers for no special reason, a caress, a hug, a turn around the dance floor, a note on the pillow or in the lunchbox, the aroma of fresh bread in the kitchen, all are signs of love's vitality. A significant treasure in our Catholic tradition is the place of the sacraments as signs of Christ's love. We can trace the sacraments back to scriptural sources, through centuries of history. They are woven through family tradition and our own life story. Sacraments are the way Christ makes signs of love for the Church. For twenty centuries, God has spoken to us in the arena of the sacraments and we have responded. For the next year of "Treasure" essays, we will explore the story of sacraments: their sources, their signs and rituals, and the way Christ nurtures and sustains us as we encounter him, the companion on our journey who loves us and faithfully makes signs of that love.

Advent!

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

-- Anonymous

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 Concert!

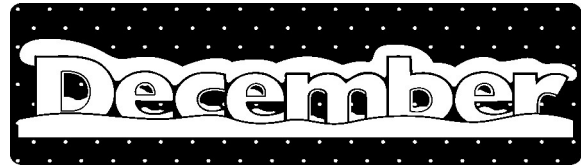
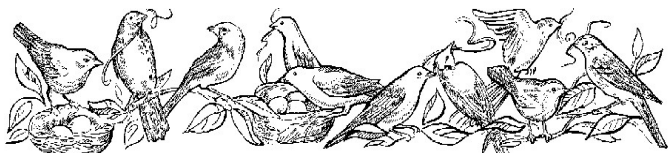
Come enjoy an Advent Concert in the Church on Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 p.m. In addition to our Corpus Christi Choir and Music Ministry, Our Lady of Lourdes Choir will be joining us, along with the inspiring dance of Mizuho Sato and organist Trent Morant. All ages are welcome and refreshments will be served after the concert. Admission is free; donations will be gratefully accepted.

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 Rectory Dining Room. 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.

The Giving Tree!

'Tis the Season...the Giving Tree is back! Ornaments will be available on the Giving Tree in the Gibson Center starting this weekend. There is an ornament customized for 400 members of the Oakland Catholic Worker (OCW) and St. Mary's Center communities. We ask that you purchase one \$25 gift card per ornament to Target (OCW) or Safeway (St. Mary's Center). You can purchase the gift card(s) yourself, attach them to the ornament and return them to either a member of the Living Our Faith Ministry (by the tree after all the Masses each weekend) or drop them off at the Parish Office by 2:00 p.m. (there is also a mail slot by the front door on the side of the building). If you prefer, we can purchase the gift cards for you. Please see the flyers at the entrances of the Church. Using this option, you can write a check to the Parish or donate online through your bank. **All checks, Zelle payments and/or gift cards must be received by Monday, December 15th.** Remember as Fr. Leo reminds us often that we are our brother's/sister's keeper. Let's ensure these families/clients have a joyous Christmas!



Readings For The Week December 1st -- 6th

Monday: First Reading Isaiah 4:2-6;
Psalm 122;
Gospel Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10;
Psalm 72;
Gospel Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10a;
Psalm 23;
Gospel Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday: First Reading Isaiah 26:1-6;
Psalm 118;
Gospel Matthew 7:21, 24-27

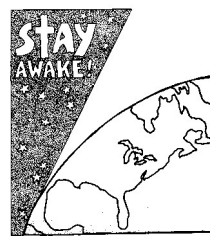
Friday: First Reading Isaiah 29:17-24;
Psalm 27;
Gospel Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday: First Reading Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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. Please contact Marie at: marie.reich@gmail.com for any further questions.

Today's Readings



First Reading -- All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm -- Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading -- It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel -- Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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.