

### Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

-- Isaiah 35:10a



Daily Mass

Week of December 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Elizabeth Boothman+  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Lucille Gonsior+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 John Beam+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions: Peggy Delson-Rini  
 Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions: James Cormier



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Judy Hilgert, Linda Peng, Georgia Pontoniere, Maria Corrales, Dan McDonald, Lorraine Heine-mann, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

#### Weekly Collections

December 7, 2025	\$10,764.000
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,033.00

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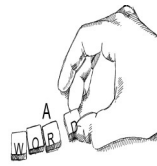
Remember to make **all checks** payable to Corpus Christi Church. And, indicate in the Memo line what the check is for. Thank you for your cooperation!

#### Christmas Services 2025!

Christmas Eve — Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 5:00 p.m. — Family Mass  
 9:00 p.m. — Christmas Carols  
 9:30 p.m. — Mass

Christmas Day — Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. — Mass

New Year's Day — Thursday, January 1, 2025  
 9:00 a.m.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Rejoice!, the man says: Rejoice? Over what? In a world full of corruption and cruelty, here and abroad, it is hard to say that word with any degree of conviction. Innocent people are captured on the street by masked men; war rages on at least three continents; the poor everywhere are deprived of the basic necessities of life.

And yet, and yet. Think of the story of the prodigal son. The elder son complains bitterly to his father: I have worked my fingers to the bone for you and you never threw a big party for me; but when your son (not my brother) who has wasted his inheritance on prostitutes, you show him this favor. But the father: my son, you are always with me and I love you, but this, *your brother* has returned, and we have to rejoice.

And so with us. We have to rejoice because somewhere, and in our own lives, there is goodness and generosity and love. As has been said: walk on air despite your better judgment, and, keep hope alive.

Advent is the time of hope and longing for the light to come despite the darkness. In a very short time, the days will get longer and the Light of the world will come. Come, Lord Jesus. And we know he will come.

Fr. Basil

#### Religious Retirement Collection!

This weekend, December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal. Almost 33,000 religious women and more than 5,500 religious men are past the age of 70. Though they may withdraw from compensated, full-time ministry, the religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children, and volunteer in parishes and among refugee populations.

#### 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars today for Corpus Christi's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feed and Auction on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>! The event brings the School and Parish together for food, friends and fundraising, including a seated, all you can eat crab dinner, plus a live and silent auction, drinks and dancing. Funds raised will support Corpus Christi School and our Parish. Get ready to "Paint the Town Red" at the red-themed event! Purchase your early bird tickets for \$100.00 per person at: [www.cccfeed.org](http://www.cccfeed.org). This ticket price will only last through Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, so purchase yours today!



### 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 15<sup>th</sup>.** Remember as Fr. Leo reminds us often that we are our brother's/sister's keeper. Let's ensure they have a joyous Christmas!

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

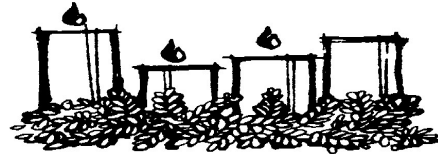
Are you thinking about joining our school community? Do you know someone who is looking for a new school? Tell your friends and neighbors that our application for the 2026-2027 school year is now available on our website at: [corpuschristischool.com](http://corpuschristischool.com). Our first round of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

### Reason to Rejoice!

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing. Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised and the poor have good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

### 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.



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### Readings For The Week December 15<sup>th</sup> -- 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday: First Reading Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a;  
Psalm 25;  
Gospel Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: First Reading Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13;  
Psalm 34;  
Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: First Reading Genesis 49:2, 8-10;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday: First Reading Jeremiah 2:5-8;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Friday: First Reading Judges 13:2-7 24-25a;  
Psalm 71;  
Gospel Luke 1:5-25

Saturday: First Reading Isaiah 7:10-14;  
Psalm 24;  
Gospel Luke 1:26-38



### An Evening of Caroling!

Bring the family back to the Church for the Annual Christmas Caroling Extravaganza on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. This has always been a fun event for the entire family and features Fr. Leo's (in)famous "Twelve Days of Christmas." Following the Caroling, there will be a festive after party in the Gibson Center, jointly hosted by the Men's Club and Parish Hospitality. Hope to see you there!



### Today's Readings

First Reading -- The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6, 10).

Psalm -- Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading -- Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel -- Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).