

63rd Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars today for Corpus Christi's 63rd Annual Crab Feed and Auction on Saturday, January 31st! 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!

Women in God's Spirit (WINGS)!

WINGS is a group of women from many parishes who seek to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. Gatherings are held on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. in the Meeting Rooms at St. Theresa Parish, 30 Mandalay Blvd. in Oakland. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dee McDonough at: deesigns@comcast.net.



Today's Readings

First Reading -- The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm -- Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading -- All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

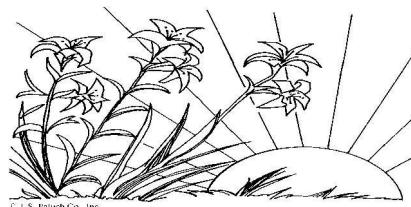
Gospel -- John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

Called to be Holy!

With this Sunday, we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6). But, we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

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.



Readings For The Week

January 19th -- 24th

Monday: First Reading 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50; Gospel Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89; Gospel Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37; Psalm 144; Gospel Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: First Reading 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56; Gospel Mark 3:7-12

Friday: First Reading 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57; Gospel Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: First Reading 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19; Psalm 80; Gospel Mark 3:20-21

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the "emergency" adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments. The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

Unity!

Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.

-- Henry Adams