



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord.

-- Psalm 27:14



Daily Mass

Week of January 26th – 30th

Monday: 8:00 Helene Plotken+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions: Janet De Vor
 Thursday: 8:00 William "Bill" Murphy+
 Friday: 8:00 Maria Tsiagkas+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Linda Peng, Georgia Ponto-niere, Dan McDonald, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now that you are familiar with my style of preaching, I'm sure you recognize that, over time, certain themes reoccur in my homilies. One subject that I return to frequently is the nature of God and how he works in our lives. Acknowledging that we will never fully understand God, there are a few observations that can still be made about his nature. In the first letter of John, the evangelist writes that God is love. The virtue of love is God's first quality. It best describes who God is and what motivates his actions. Starting with this premise, we can also assume that mercy is an expression of God's love. In the Bible, we often read about the justice of God. But, justice is not God's first quality; he only exercises his justice when we refuse to avail ourselves to his mercy. Only we can determine whether or not we will be exposed to his justice. The choice is ours.

Love, Fr. Leo

Seeking the Light!

In today's readings, we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into a relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes, "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light... on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death... light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

2025 Contributions

The 2025 contribution records will be available at the end of this month. They are scheduled to be mailed to parishioners who contributed \$250.00 or more during 2025. If you did not contribute \$250.00 and would like to receive a statement, please call the Parish Office and request a copy. Thank You!

Today's Readings

First Reading -- God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 -- 9:3).

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel -- After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

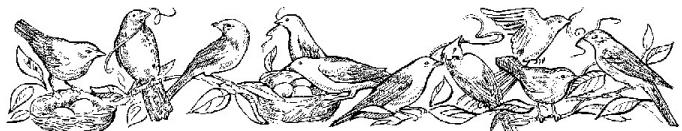
Saints & Special Observances!

Monday, January 26th: Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Tuesday, January 27th: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Wednesday, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Saturday, January 31st: St. John Bosco, Priest



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!

The Corpus Christi Men's Club is partnering with Fred De Palm Private Rides to provide safe transportation to and from this year's Crab Feed. The fee is a flat fee of \$25.00 within the Oakland Hills/Piedmont area. Fifty percent of the proceeds benefit the School and Parish. Reserve this service by texting 510-717-1958 or visit: www.depalmblackcar.com. (Mention Crab Feed.)

Upcoming Silent Retreat!

Former RCIA Director Ann Naffziger will be co-leading a silent retreat at San Damiano Retreat House in Danville from February 15th to 18th entitled, "A Journey Into Contemplative Practice." There will be introductions to various contemplative practices, many (optional) prayer sessions, plus music by a world-renowned Celtic harpist, as well as optional meetings with a spiritual director. The entire retreat will be in full silence and you will have freedom to have as much time and space by yourself as desired. Go to: <https://sandaniano.org/events/silent-retreat-a-journey-into-contemplative-practice/> for more information or to register, contact Ann at: ann@pastoral.center with any questions.

Division!

It is a situation that plays itself out in more and less significant ways: Christians divided.

A CYO basketball game between two neighboring parishes. Parents of the young players scream insults and threats at one another and assert their "superiority."

A Protestant and a Catholic church sit on adjoining properties. Each is vigilant about having parking violators removed from its own "private" parking lot.

An old pastor retires but continues to reside at the parish. A new pastor arrives and quickly finds his faith "community" choosing sides against him.

Saint Paul addresses similar disagreements in the early church at Corinth. He encourages the church there to make up their differences and to be united again in their belief and practice.

Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of a people weighed down by the yoke of sin and darkness. Certainly the bickering and differences among us can be classified as such. The Gospel tells of the beginning ministry of Jesus. The Light has come, encouraging us to "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Readings For The Week
January 26th -- 31st

Monday: First Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-8;
Psalm 96;
Gospel Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19;
Psalm 24;
Gospel Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: First Reading 2 Samuel 7:4-17;
Psalm 89;
Gospel Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: First Reading 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29;
Psalm 132;
Gospel Mark 4:21-25

Friday: First Reading 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: First Reading 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Mark 4:35-41

Treasures From Our Tradition!

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being "clothed in Christ," and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called "Sunday in Albis," because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes.

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's, 30 Mandalay Blvd. in Oakland. Contact Dee McDonough at: deesigns@comcast.net.

Please Note!

Corpus Christi School is continuing to update their Family, Friends and Alumni information. Please send your current contact information, including email address, to: development@corpuschristischool.com. Thank you.