

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

Light shines through the darkness
for the upright.

-- Psalm 112:4



Week of February 9th – 13th

Monday: 8:00 Bob Hunka+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Luda Korneeva+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Friday: 8:00 Damian Miguel O'Shea+



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.

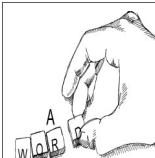
Weekly Collections	
Plate January 25 th	\$10,974.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,400.00

Please Note:

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!

God's Call!

The person who has been “saved,” who has “heard the good news of salvation,” still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today’s readings outline how the disciple is present in the world. The outline begins with Isaiah: “Share your bread... shelter the oppressed... clothe the naked” (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them in the “weakness and fear” of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3). Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God’s light shine through their good deeds. We disciples don’t save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God’s presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.



Brothers and Sisters,

There is a famous American novel, *An American Tragedy*. It has nothing to do with politics but the title can easily remind us of the idea that runs through today’s Bible readings. The prophet demands that we pay attention to the hungry, the oppressed and the homeless, not simply by identifying them but by concrete action to relieve their suffering. Jesus declares that if we fail in this we are like salt that has lost its savor, good for nothing but to trample underfoot.

What have we become as a society if we take food out of the mouths of the hungry, if we allow people to live on the streets, if our most basic values are trampled underfoot by unscrupulous politicians? This is a tragedy of enormous proportions and we allow it to happen to our hurt and to the detriment of our children and grandchildren.

God is not mocked, as St. Paul tells us. Mercy and compassion are essential parts of the justice of God as Jesus and the prophet proclaim. We pray today that the light of Christ may shine out through our deeds and give glory to God.

Fr. Basil

Today's Readings

First Reading -- If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalm -- The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).

Second Reading -- My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel -- You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).



Please Note!

All contribution letters for 2025 have now gone out to everyone registered in the Parish. If you did not receive one, please call the Parish Office.

Valentine's Potluck!

The Hospitality Committee and the Men's Club are joining forces once again to host a Valentine-themed Potluck. Please go ahead and mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 14th**! We will be kicking things off right after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. It's always such a fun opportunity to connect and share some amazing homemade dishes.

So, feel free to bring along your favorite culinary creation to add to the spread. There will also be a free-will donation basket for those who don't have the time to cook. Hope to see you there!

Special Thank You!

The Living Our Faith group would like to thank you for your extremely generous response to our Christmas Giving Tree Drive, and the food and monetary donations to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

In mid-December, we were able to give the Oakland Catholic Worker 375, \$25.00 gift cards (25 more cards than our goal); and we were able to give St. Mary's Senior Center 100, \$25.00 gift cards (50 more cards than our goal).

There were Giving Tree donations that came in after the December 17th closing date, totaling approximately \$500.00. This surplus will be donated to the Oakland Catholic Worker families, the St. Mary's Center seniors and those who depend on the Food Bank.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity!

Corpus Christi Crab Feed Photos!

The photos from the Crab Feed last Saturday evening are available online at: <https://www.dennism-pics.com/Parish/Crab-Feed/2026-Crab-Feed>. Alternatively, just go to the website: dennism-pics.com, click on the "**Parish**" folder. Inside, there is a "**Crab Feed**" folder. Click on this folder and you will find the 2026 Crab Feed gallery. In either case, you will need to provide the password which is: **frleo** (all lower case, no spaces). In the gallery, you can download any photo for free by clicking on the down arrow in the lower right-hand corner of the selected photo. Only click on the "**Buy**" button if you wish to purchase a print or other item with your photo on it. Proceeds from any purchase through March will go to the Corpus Christi Men's Club which supports both the Parish and School.

Note: Within the dennism-pics.com website are two folders with many other photos of Corpus Christi Parish events. One is the CCMC folder and the other is the "**Parish**" folder. For anyone interested in Bishop O'Dowd photos, there are two folders that go back over ten years. The password for both of the Bishop O'Dowd folders is: **dragons** (all lower case).

In all of the above, any photo is available for free download.

Readings For The Week February 9th -- 14th

Monday: First Reading 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13;
Psalm 132;
Gospel Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: First Reading 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30;
Psalm 84;
Gospel Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: First Reading 1 Kings 10:1-10;
Psalm 37;
Gospel Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: First Reading 1 Kings 11:4-13;
Psalm 106;
Gospel Mark 7:24-30

Friday: First Reading 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19;
Psalm 81;
Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: First Reading 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34;
Psalm 106;
Gospel Mark 8:1-10

Living Our Faith Meeting!

The next Living Our Faith group meeting will take place on Thursday, February 12th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Please join us for faith-sharing, and a discussion of how to best support our Corpus Christi family and our community. If you have any questions, please contact: Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Feast of Faith -- The Gloria (1)!

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria, we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope -- and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly.

The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.