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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
and what has not entered the human heart,  
what God has prepared for those who love him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

-- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



### Daily Mass

Week of February 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions: St. Jude  
Tuesday: 8:00 Barbara Schurhoff+  
Wednesday: 8:00 **Ash Wednesday**  
Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions: St. Anthony  
Friday: 8:00 Jonathan Hernandez+



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

| Weekly Collections             |             |
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| Plate February 1 <sup>st</sup> | \$10,586.00 |

#### 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!

#### Please Note!

Tomorrow, is President's Day. The Parish Office will be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>!

#### **Ash Wednesday & Lenten Observances!**

The Lenten fast begins with Ash Wednesday. On this day, we are signed with a cross for we live under that sign and in that sign. Lent in a very special way points out that we are pilgrims. For seven weeks, we walk with Christ in response to his invitation, "Let us go up to Jerusalem." The penances, the fasting and all the other aspects of Lent are the hardships of the journey. The Church gives us the cross of ashes on Ash Wednesday to show that we have pledged ourselves to walk with Christ during Lent. On Ash Wednesday, Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the 7:00 p.m. Mass and also during the School Mass at 10:30 a.m. Don't forget, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat and meat products. This law obliges everyone who is fourteen (14) years of age and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (one full meal, two lesser meals, no meat, no eating between meals). The law on fasting obliges all persons who are between the ages of eighteen (18) and fifty-nine (59).

My Brothers and Sisters,



Saying goodbye to Claire Chaix is truly bittersweet, because Claire is not simply someone who served our music ministry, she is *one of ours!*

Claire grew up here at Corpus Christi Church. She attended our Parish School and throughout her high school years, she generously shared her remarkable gifts as the primary piano accompanist for so many of our weekend liturgies. After graduating from college, she returned home to us once again, continuing to enrich our worship as both accompanist and Assistant Director of Music. Her faithfulness, humility and love for this Parish have been a blessing beyond words. We will deeply miss the beautiful way Claire played the piano and the wonder of her pitch-perfect singing voice. But more than that, we will miss our *Claire-Claire*, her presence, her quiet dedication and the joy she brought to our Parish Family.

As a community, we are immensely proud of her as she steps into her new role as Music Director at St. John Vianney Church in Walnut Creek. While her departure is a necessary hurt, it hurts all the same. Yet we accept it with gratitude and love, knowing she is being called to spread her wings and share her many gifts with others.

Claire will always belong to our Corpus Christi Family, and she will always have our love, our prayers and our heartfelt support.

We love you *Claire-Claire!* Go with our blessing and know that you will always have a home here.

Love, Fr. Leo



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#### **Operation Rice Bowl!**

Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of our Parish's involvement in **Operation Rice Bowl**, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and the Diocese of Oakland. All families are asked to take home a cardboard Rice Bowl, available at the entrances to the Church and at the Parish Office. At the end of Lent, families will be asked to bring the filled bowls back to our Parish. Proceeds will be sent to CRS. Thank you for your involvement!

### Grief Support Meeting!

The Grief Support Ministry invites you to a gathering on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center to provide support during times of sorrow, whether from a recent loss of any kind, or one that continues to cause heartache. It will be an opportunity to share stories in a safe environment, offer comfort to one another and provide ways to cope. All parishioners and friends are welcome!

### Catholic Faithful Witness on ICE! (Genesis, the Social Justice Ministry partner of Corpus Christi)

Many of us are witnessing the fear and violence in Minnesota and throughout the country. This Faithful Witness Discussion on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center will reflect on what we as Catholics should do. Juan Soto, Chair of the National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, will be a guest speaker. We plan on reviewing how the Catholic Bishops are speaking strongly in favor of compassion and fairness for immigrants. All are welcome! Please RSVP to: [gamel.genesisca@gmail.com](mailto:gamel.genesisca@gmail.com).

### Lenten Prayer

Good and Gracious God,  
You who are full of compassion,  
help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.  
During this Holy Season we:  
pray that we may be transformed,  
fast in solidarity with those who are hungry,  
learn to live with less,  
and give so that others may live.  
May we join in solidarity as one human family  
and love one another as you love each of us. Amen.

### 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](http://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](http://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).

### Readings For The Week February 16<sup>th</sup> -- 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday: First Reading James 1:1-11;  
Psalm 119;  
Gospel Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: First Reading James 1:12-18;  
Psalm 94;  
Gospel Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: First Reading Joel 2:12-18;  
Psalm 51;  
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2;  
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

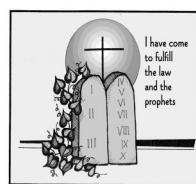
Thursday: First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20;  
Psalm 1;  
Gospel Luke 9:22-25

Friday: First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a;  
Psalm 51;  
Gospel Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14;  
Psalm 86;  
Gospel Luke 5:27-32

### Choice!

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “had set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15-16). This is the great mystery; God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries. In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior. Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.



### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalm** -- Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** -- God’s wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** -- Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).