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Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Christ Jesus ... destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

-- 2 Timothy 1:10b



Daily Mass

Week of March 2nd – 6th

- Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions: Loel Miller
- Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions: Barbara Elsenius
- Wednesday: 8:00 Luda Komceva+
- Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Friday: 8:00 Lorraine Heinemann+



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	
Plate February 15 th	\$10,524.00
Plate February 22 nd	\$8,125.00

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!

Set Clocks Ahead



Saturday night!

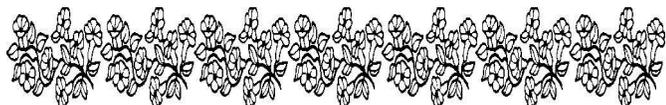
Day Light Savings Time Begins Next Weekend!

It's hard to believe that we will be "springing forward" next Saturday evening, March 7th! So, don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep next

Spring!

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

-- Henry Van Dyke



My Brothers and Sisters,

The first two readings from last week's Liturgy of the Word offers us excellent material for reflection as we begin the Season of Lent.

The passage from the Book of Genesis describes Adam and Eve's fall from grace. Their story is our story. Like our allegorical parents, we too are susceptible to sin. What is there about you and me that make us vulnerable to temptation? I believe that there is a fundamental brokenness in all of us, which predisposes you and me to sin: it is FEAR!

The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes God's response to our sinfulness. Although Paul's explanation is somewhat convoluted, it is none the less profound. Paul writes:

"But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."

In plain speak, the grace of God, which comes to us through the sacrificial love of Jesus, supersedes the harm that sin causes us. Our sinfulness is no match for God's love.

There is a line from the *Exsultet*, which is sung at the Easter Vigil that says it all:

"O happy Fault, O necessary sin of Adam, which gained for us so great a Redeemer!"

Love, Fr. Leo

Operation Rice Bowl!

RICE BOWL



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Ash Wednesday, marked 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 8th, 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!

Living Our Faith Meeting!

Please join the Living Our Faith group for its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center. The meeting will be followed by a Prayer Vigil in the Church from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will gather in prayer, song and reflection to discern our response to the poor and vulnerable in our midst. If you would like more information, please contact Nancy Midlin at: midlin.nancy@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Living Our Faith Book Club!

As part of the Lenten exploration, the Living Our Faith Book Club invites you to join in discussing Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te*, To All Christians on Love for the Poor. We will be meeting on Sunday, March 15th, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Family Chapel. You can find the text by searching the internet for, "Pope Leo's Exhortation," or "*Dilexi te*." Contact Marie if you have questions at: marie.reich@gmail.com. Please join us!

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

Nearly 35 people from Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Theresa joined us on Thursday, February 19th, at the Faithful Witness Discussion. The group agreed: we need to continue the discussion! We were inspired to share our reflections of what we are witnessing in our country. All are welcome (whether you came to the first discussion or not). Please RSVP by emailing to: gameliel.genesisca@gmail.com.

Today's Readings



First Reading -- The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a).

Psalm -- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel -- Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

**Readings For The Week
March 2nd -- 7th**

- Monday: First Reading Daniel 9:4b-10;
Psalm 79;
Gospel Luke 6:36-38
- Tuesday: First Reading Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;
Psalm 50;
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12
- Wednesday: First Reading Jeremiah 18:18-20;
Psalm 31;
Gospel Matthew 20:17-28
- Thursday: First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10;
Psalm 1;
Gospel Luke 16:219-31
- Friday: First Reading Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;
Psalm 105;
Gospel Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: First Reading Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;
Psalm 103;
Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Feast of Faith -- The First Reading!



Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the Introduction to the Lectionary. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources -- historical books like Judges, Kings and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts; but, these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

