

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.

-- Romans 5:8



Daily Mass

Week of March 9th – 13th

- Monday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+
- Tuesday: 8:00 Frank & Eva Diamantine+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Patricia Boglio+
- Thursday: 8:00 Florence L. Strong+
- Friday: 8:00 Marilyn Kahn+



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 March 1 st	\$12,061.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,957.00

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!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection will be next weekend, March 14th and 15th. This collection supports Catholic church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war and natural disasters as well as development projects to improve the living conditions of the poor. Thank You for your help!

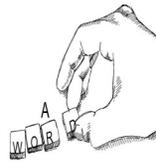
RICE BOWL



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Operation Rice Bowl!

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!



from Fr. Basil

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in the middle of Lent, and this nation is at war. Pope Leo has appealed for peaceful, diplomatic dialogue but his words find no place with those who are bent on slaughter and revenge.

Psalm 95 in today's liturgy prays, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Do we hear his voice, all of us? Do the men in power hear his voice? No, they have hardened their hearts beyond recall.

That makes it all the more incumbent upon us to listen carefully to the Word of God and take it deep into our hearts at this time of Lent. We go about our daily lives protected by two oceans and the biggest military machine in history. Meanwhile, people are dying daily. We must not forget or ignore the suffering that is rampant in the world.

Lent is our opportunity to share in our hearts and our prayer for those who are suffering and dying. Our prayer must also demand that those who have wantonly unleashed this terrible calamity may be called before the bar of justice.

As St. Paul urgently reminds us, "All have sinned and need the glory of God." May his glory be revealed in our peace and love.

Fr. Basil



Harden Not Your Hearts

Today's Readings

First Reading -- When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the Lord heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel -- Ask and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

Repentance!

Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

-- Thomas Carlye

St. Patrick's Day Potluck!

The Hospitality Committee and the Men's Club cordially invite all members and friends to a festive and flavorful St. Patrick's Day Potluck Celebration. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. The festivities will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

We'll be setting the perfect mood with classic Irish hospitality, offering glasses of authentic Guinness and warming Irish coffee as you mingle. Following this spirited welcome, prepare for an evening filled with delicious food and wonderful company. This is a community potluck and we warmly encourage everyone to bring their favorite dish to share. A free-will donation can be dropped into our special "Pot of Gold." Hope to see you there!

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!

Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry!

Come out and enjoy a family-style dinner with the Corpus Christi community on Friday, March 27th. The menu will be fish & chip dinner with fish, tater tots, salad and a dessert. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Gibson Center doors open at 6:00 p.m.; dinner and Stations of the Cross to follow.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors; children under 5 and students are free. The NCAA March Madness Tournament will be on the large screen. Hope to see you there!



**Readings For The Week
March 9th -- 14th**

- Monday: First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15b;
Psalm 42; 43;
Gospel Luke 4:24-30
- Tuesday: First Reading Daniel 3:25, 34-43;
Psalm 25;
Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
- Wednesday: First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9;
Psalm 147;
Gospel Matthew 5:17-19
- Thursday: First Reading Jeremiah 7:23-28;
Psalm 95;
Gospel Luke 11:14-23
- Friday: First Reading Hosea 14:2-10;
Psalm 81;
Gospel Mark 12:28-34
- Saturday: First Reading Hosea 6:1-6;
Psalm 51;
Gospel Luke 18:9-14

Feast of Faith!

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs -- poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy -- in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading and sometimes even comments on it.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

