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*Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Party 2015*

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2015

## From the Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is such a magical time: memories of childhood, traditions new and old, twinkling lights and fantastic treats.

As we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, we learn to believe in miracles. A simple young woman becomes the Mother of God. Shepherds are sung to by angels. Wise men see a king where others see merely a poor family. Suddenly, God has a human face.


The Baby born in Bethlehem really does reveal the secret of the universe: "I love you." That first Christmas gift was the gift of Love made flesh in the person of Jesus.

Perhaps you have had a moment when you caught a glimpse of God's infinite, unconditional love. Unfortunately, we only experience it for a moment and, before we know it, we are back to our daily routine.

We Catholics gather every Sunday to give thanks for this unconditional love, trying to make sure we never take it for granted.

Through the Eucharist we can each be reassured and nourished by this unconditional love of God present among us. We welcome the God-with-us. We receive the great, "I love you!" and respond with our own, "I love You, too!"

Siempre Adelante!



Monsignor Liam Kidney  
Pastor



## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 21

8:00 a.m. John Doherty, R.I.P.  
5:30 p.m. Edith Overland, R.I.P.

### Tuesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Nod Mulville, R.I.P.  
5:30 p.m. Susan Lavery, R.I.P.

### Wednesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Imee Ersheid, R.I.P.  
5:30 p.m. Phil Nicholson, R.I.P.

### Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Intentions of the Thurston Family  
6:00 p.m. Jan Scalia, R.I.P.  
10:00 p.m. John and Marie Roller, R.I.P.

### Friday, December 25

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Richard F. Cotter, R.I.P.  
9:30 a.m. Linda Lombardo, R.I.P.  
11:30 a.m. Suat and Ephraim, R.I.P.

### Saturday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Fr. Michael J. Brooks, R.I.P.

### Sunday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish  
9:30 a.m. Nod Mulville, R.I.P.  
11:00 a.m. Jamil and Verde Kasar, R.I.P.  
5:30 p.m. Annabelle Strelecki, R.I.P.

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## Next Sunday's Readings

**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

## This Week's Schedule of Events

### Sunday, December 20

*Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**No Sunday School**

### Monday, December 21

*Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

9:00 a.m. Legion of Mary, Conference Room

3:45 p.m. Religious Ed Classes, School

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, Parish Hall

### Tuesday, December 22

*Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

7:00 p.m. Advent Penance Service

7:00 p.m. RCIA Session, Room 13

### Wednesday, December 23

*Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday, December 24

*Mass Schedule: 4 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.*

**Parish Office Closes at Noon**

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

*(School Children Act Out Nativity Scene)*

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

### Friday, December 25

*Mass Schedule: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.*

**Christmas Day**

**Parish Office Closed**

8:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

11:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

### Saturday, December 26

*Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

4:30 p.m. Confessions

### Sunday, December 27

*Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.*

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**No Sunday School**

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Total        \$21,798

Prior Year Total    \$37,446

Weekly Budget       \$31,300

*Percentage of Budget Met: 70%*

### **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection**

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** furnishes immediate financial assistance for the day-to-day care of aging religious and helps their communities implement long-term retirement strategies.

We remember with gratitude the tens of thousands of sisters who spent decades teaching in our Catholic schools, the brothers who taught or served in foreign missions, and the priests from religious orders who dedicated themselves to parish and pastoral ministry.

Please pray for God's blessing on our senior religious and to give to those who have given a lifetime, by donating to this Retirement Fund.

### **For a Year of Mercy Mission!**

Get out those 2016 Calendars and mark off February 14-17 for a parish Mission on the topic of Pope Francis and the Jubilee Year of Mercy! Leading our Mission will be Fr. Frank Desiderio, CSP, formerly of Corpus Christi Parish and Paulist Productions. Fr. Frank will be preaching at all the Masses on the weekend of February 13/14, and then leading a Mission on each night of February 15, 16 and 17. Mark your calendars NOW so you won't miss out.

### *Christmas Table Prayer*



*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Glory to you, God Most High!*

*Shepherds, in wonder, stood still,*

*Hearing the joyful angel-song;*

*~May we take time these days to listen for your voice.*

*Those who were wise looked heavenward,*

*Seeking your radiance in starlight;*

*~Shine on us, so we will always walk in your ways.*

*Grant your peace to us and the world, bless our meal,*

*Keep us strong in your life, light and love.*

*~Bless us all. You are the God born to know our hunger.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Glory to you, God Most High,*

*Grant us your peace,*

*Forever and ever, Amen*

## *Vocation*

*Son of Mary and beloved of Joseph, inspire parents to foster priestly and religious vocations among their children and grandchildren. . . Lord, hear our prayer.*



# Advent Penance Service At Corpus Christi

Tuesday, December 22nd  
7:00 pm

Presiders: Fr. Kidney, Fr. Dennis, Fr. George, Fr. Warren,

At the close of this holy season of Advent,  
join us for spiritual reflection and for  
individual confessions.

*The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast  
off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

*Romans (XIII, v. 12)*

## Fiction Book Group

The Corpus Christi Fiction Book Group will meet on Tuesday, January 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room to discuss Geraldine Brooks' latest book, *"The Secret Chord."* This Pulitzer Prize winning author takes on one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage.

### Corpus Christi Sweatshirts on Sale



Navy blue quarter-zip pullover sweatshirts with the Corpus Christi Logo are now on sale in the parish office. A great way to keep warm and show your *esprit de Corpus*.

## E-Waste Recycling Event

Once you take down the Christmas tree and get your house and workplace back in shape, we hope you will think about getting rid of unnecessary E-Waste. Corpus Christi Parish is pleased to announce that we will hold an E-Waste recycling day here in our parking lot on Saturday, January 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It will be a very easy and convenient drive-thru drop off. Please look for more information, but plan on getting rid of your monitors, keyboards, computers, old cell phones, etc. Essentially, it will be anything electronic or operated with a battery, other than large appliances. Look for more detailed information in the coming weeks.

## Adult Confirmation Classes

We would like to invite those of you who have received the sacraments of baptism and first Holy Communion, but did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation, to join our adult sacramental preparation classes. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Room 13 of the school, and the Sacrament of Confirmation is given during the Easter Season of each year. All are welcome to come and meet other adults preparing for their sacraments. If you would like to discuss this process, please call Jane Richardson at the parish office 310-454-1328 x229 or you may email her [jane@corpuschristichurch.com](mailto:jane@corpuschristichurch.com).

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## Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If you have a family member, neighbor, or friend in our parish who would like a visit or to receive the Eucharist at home or in the hospital, please call Sr. Patricia in the parish office at 310-454-1328 x242. A dedicated and trained minister under the direction of Sr. Patricia McGahan, SSL will make arrangements to schedule a visit at your convenience. Any parishioner desiring to serve in this ministry is welcome. Everyone can be part of this ministry through your prayers for all those who are sick and homebound.

## COMING SOON – CATHOLIC ESTATE AND PERSONAL PLANNING SEMINAR

### Looking for ways to prepare and manage your estate plans?

On January 5, Corpus Christi Parish will offer two informational seminars explaining the process of Catholic estate and personal planning. This seminar will last 90 minutes and refreshments will be served.

**Tuesday, January 5, 2016 10:00 am and 7:00 pm Upstairs in the St. Louis Center**

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be joining us to discuss these important topics:

- Catholic teachings on end of life decisions (advance healthcare directives, proper planning, funerals)
- The importance of individuals and couples to have a Will and other critical documents in place
- Vehicles and tools for charitable giving

Please RSVP to **Carol Dituri** at 310-454-1328 ext. 231, or email [carold@corpuschristichurch.com](mailto:carold@corpuschristichurch.com) to reserve a seat. Thank you for your consideration in attending one of these important seminars.



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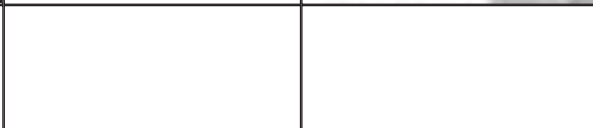
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# CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2015

*"And, lo! the  
star they saw  
in the east  
went before  
them,,...*



*till it came  
and stood  
where the  
young child  
was."*

## Thursday, December 24

- 4:00 pm Children and Family Mass  
*Special Appearance by Santa*
- 6:00 pm Christmas Mass  
*Brass, Organ and Choir*
- 10:00 pm Mass at Night

## Friday, December 25

- 8:00 am Christmas Mass
- 9:30 am Christmas Mass
- 11:30 am Christmas Mass  
*Brass, organ and Choir*