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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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MASSES


Tuesday-Friday	9:00 am
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:30 am & 11:00 am

DEVOTIONS

Wednesday	Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday-Friday	Rosary

All devotions held after the 9:00 am mass.

RECONCILIATION

 *The Sacrament of Reconciliation*
Saturday | 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
or any time by appointment.

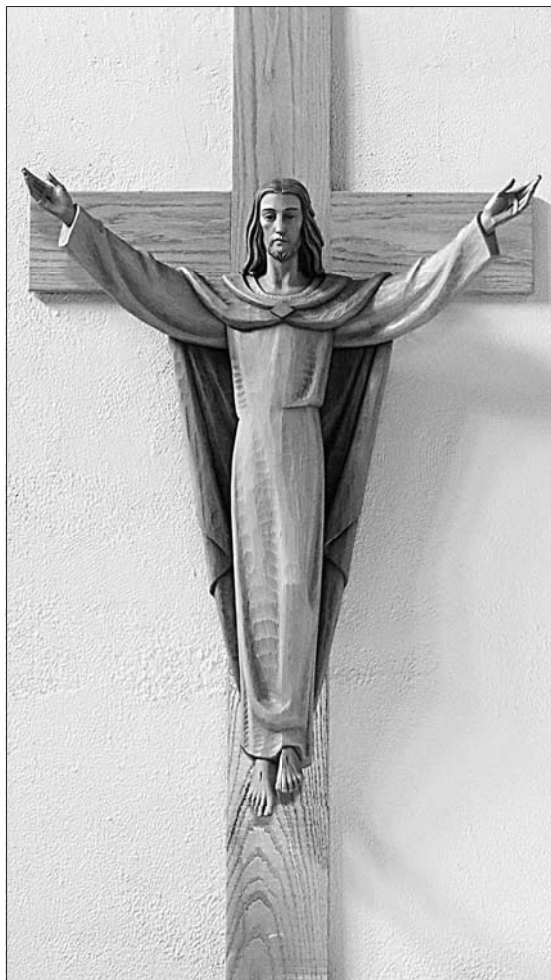
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of every month.
After the 9:00 am mass.

Third Tuesday of every month.
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Saint Denis Catholic School



SACRAMENTS

For information regarding baptism, marriage or any other sacrament, please contact the office.

MINISTRIES

Corpus Christi is an active and vibrant parish. We have a variety of groups and many opportunities to be of service alongside our dedicated volunteers.

If you are looking for a greater sense of community in you and your family's life and are seeking spiritual growth or if you would like to become more involved, we welcome you to contact the office for further information.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Call the office to arrange for a Priest or our Lay Pastoral Team to visit and bring communion.

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St. Vincent de Paul help: 416-698-8930

Welcome

NEW PARISHIONERS

To register please contact the office.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Letter from our Regional Bishop
Most Rev. Robert Kasun CSB

Dear Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish,

I wish to thank Fr. Prasanth George CMI for the impressive work he has done at Corpus Christi Parish. Fr. Prasanth was transferred to Corpus Christi to help address a serious crisis in your parish. He worked hard, with parishioners, to bring about a transformation in the parish community. His work, and your work, has been, and continues to be, effective in the transformative process. I thank Fr. Prasanth and all who have been dedicated to the renewal. With the leadership that Fr. Prasanth has offered you, perhaps most visibly in the development of Stewardship Spirituality at Corpus Christi, but in other respects as well, I trust you as a parish community will be able to continue that good work of ongoing renewal and I thank you for it.

Fr. Prasanth is being transferred to Orillia, much to the sadness and disappointment of parishioners, for the same reason that he was brought to Corpus Christi: to work with parishioners in addressing a serious problem in the Orillia cluster of four parishes and one mission. May all of us pray for him and support him as he undertakes new and heavy responsibilities.

It is not usual to transfer priests in mid-year, as in January. You can imagine the pressing issues which would precipitate such an action. The transfer decision was not made lightly. The Priests' Personnel Department, Cardinal Collins and all the Auxiliary Bishops saw in Fr. George the ability to address these challenging pastoral issues in a competent way.

I apologize for the short notice of the transfer. The announcement needs to be made in both parishes at the same time. If it isn't, serious and harmful gossip can result. It was not wise or prudent for the "other" pastor to announce his transfer at an earlier time.

Although not all parishioners will accept the thought process that led to the decision, I believe that "transparency," wherever possible and prudent, is an important way for bishops to respect and honour the people of God.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Robert Kasun CSB
Auxiliary Bishop Central Region

Advent Confession

Confessions will be held on **Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment during the week.**

Confessions will be held at the Parish Office, 16 Lockwood Road. More than 10 people are not allowed at a time.

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat.	December 12	+ Tish Hogan Vitelli; Requested by the Mary Anthony and family
Sun. 10:00 am	December 13	For the People Livestreamed Mass
Tues.	December 15	Intentions and speedy recovery for Walton Narcis
Wed.	December 16	+ Vi & John White; Requested by the White family.
Thurs.	December 17	No Mass Intentions
Fri.	December 18	+ James Patrick Baker; Requested by Mary Kirlianis.
Sat.	December 19	For the People
Sun. 10:00 am	December 20	For the People Livestreamed Mass

Join the Live streamed Mass from our parish at:

<https://corpuschristito.archtoronto.org/>
on Sundays at 10:00 am.

The recorded Mass will be available at:

<https://rec.boltwave.com/scr/dir/cctp/v1.mp4>

Donation Envelopes for 2021

Donation Envelopes are now available for pick up from the parish office. Please call 416-261-7498 or email the parish office to book an appointment to pick up your donation envelope.

Preauthorized Giving (PAG)

We request - if you are able - to prayerfully consider supporting the financial needs of the parish during these unique times and enroll to the **PREAUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)**. Please email the parish office for details or download the PAG Enrollment Form

<https://corpuschristito.archtoronto.org/About-Us/registrations-forms/parish-registration-form>

*Thank you for your ongoing generosity
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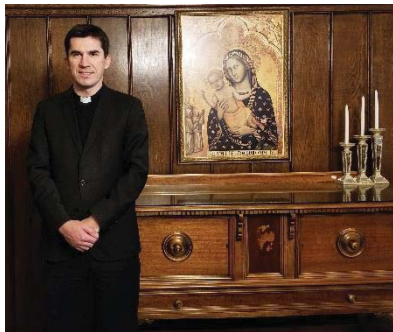
After a long delay, a Celebration!



Although we were all disappointed that we didn't have the chance to celebrate our centennial on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last June, we've now received the good news that His Eminence Cardinal Collins will be able to preside over a special Mass with us on the feast next year, which will be celebrated on *Sunday, June 6th, 2021*. We sincerely hope and pray that this will give us the chance to gather and mark this important milestone, a little late but no less enthusiastically, as a parish community.

December 12 & 13, 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We Welcome our new Pastor Fr. Marijan Sisko



Fr. Marijan Sisko, our new Pastor, will join our parish family and assume his office at Corpus Christi Parish on the 6th of January 2021. He comes from St. Mark's Parish

Stouffville, ON and was ordained on May 10, 2014 by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. We offer Fr. Sisko a warm welcome and prayerful best wishes as he begins his ministry at our parish.

Third Sunday of Advent

Pondering the Incarnation with your children:



The Scripture passages read during the Advent and Christmas liturgies allow us all to ponder truths which captivate elementary-aged children. Take a few moments to reflect with your child on what they have heard.

The Third Sunday of Advent uses the Magnificat, Mary's song of praise to God, in place of the Responsorial Psalm. Luke 1:46-55 begins, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Our souls also rejoice in God! If you were to write a prayer of praise, what good gifts would you thank God for? What good works has He accomplished in, through, and around you? As you ponder, perhaps you would like to think also about the day when there will be only goodness and joy surrounding all who are united with Him. – CGS USA

Journey through Advent

The CCCB has produced a series of videos entitled *Journey Through Advent*, which includes an introduction to the liturgical Season and reflections on the Gospel readings of each Sunday in Advent.

During these difficult times, Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., and Bishop Pierre Goudreault had prepared and recorded some spiritual and pastoral reflections which will be a source of deep spiritual solace and insightful pastoral preparation for those who are looking for meaningful ways to welcome the Lord Jesus at Christmas.

Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released and available on the CCCB website. [Click here to access the video series in English.](#)

Stewardship Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

The Testimony of John the Baptist

Choosing Joy

"Rejoice always!" These are the words that St. Paul writes in the second reading this Gaudete Sunday. He exhorts all of us to always rejoice. It is important to note that he doesn't say to always be happy, but to rejoice always. Happiness, by definition, is utterly circumstantial. We are happy when we are experiencing something good, like eating ice cream on a hot day. However, when the ice cream melts, or it begins to rain our happiness quickly ceases because that good thing we were experiencing is fleeting.

Joy on the other hand is radically different. To experience joy is to remain happy despite the circumstances. This everlasting joy springs solely from recognizing that we are beloved children of God and being aware that we are living in the smiling gaze of Christ. But how do we live in joy? St. James in his letter says, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy," To experience joy is to intentionally call to mind God's love in the midst of our trials.

As stewards, let us not keep this practice of joy to ourselves. One way we can help people rejoice in suffering is by not partaking in complaining about our difficult situations. The next time we are in a tough moment and people around us begin to complain, let us strive to steer the conversation into one of gratitude for the good things the Lord is doing in our lives. This slow adjustment of choosing joy in our trials will begin to revitalize our parishes and communities, and the entire world.

Summary

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Vocation Seeds

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

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