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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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ADVENT



prepare the way...



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 **Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am., on Saturdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment during the week.**

Confessions will be held at the Last Supper Room on Tuesdays and Fridays and at Parish Office, 16 Lockwood Road, on other timings. More than 10 people are not allowed at a time.

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat.	December 19	For the People
Sun. 10:00 am	December 20	For the People Livestreamed Mass
Mon.	December 21	No Mass Intentions
Tues.	December 22	+ Charles King; Requested by Dave, Sophie & Kelly Baker
Wed.	December 23	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory.
Thurs.	December 24	No Mass Intentions
Fri.	December 25	No Mass Intentions
Sat.	December 26	+ Agnes Yee Tiam Requested by Tony Yee Tiam
Sun. 10:00 am	December 27	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>

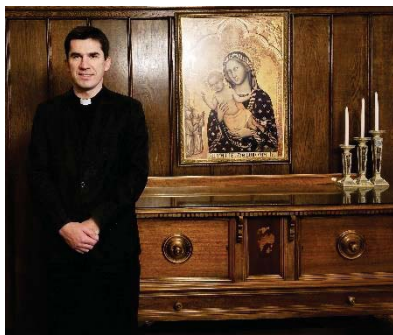
Thank you for your ongoing generosity & constant support to our parish.

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.

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.

Fourth 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 Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent comes from Luke 1:26-

38. What do you hear about Jesus when you listen to what the angel announced to Mary? What do you discover about Mary? Does learning about one help you to learn about the other? What prophecies to you hear being fulfilled? Mary was asked by God to help Him and she said, "Yes!" with her whole heart. In what way might He be asking you to help Him today? What will your response be? – CGS USA

There are four different Gospel passages you might hear at the Christmas liturgy; one that we also hear in the Atrium comes from Luke 2. Reading this Scripture can help us to prepare to celebrate the first moment when the long-awaited Great Light was finally able to be seen with human eyes and held with human arms. Let us glorify and praise God for such a great gift! What might this tell us about the moment when we, too, will see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). – CGS USA

Thanks, from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Many thanks to Fr. Prasanth, Patience and all our parishioners for your tremendous support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

This year in spite of the lockdowns and closures and difficulties so many are experiencing, you still kept our neighbours in need in your hearts, and helped bring Christmas to their homes.

We provided gift cards for Groceries, Shopper's Drug Mart and Tim Horton's, and a ham to 58 families; as well as \$25 gift cards to 33 children.

Thank you ever so much from your Vincentian team.

We are always looking for new members so please consider joining our team. We can be reached at 416-698-8930

"She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

This year the season of Advent and the celebration of Christmas are totally different than we ever experienced, we will not forget this. And we believe that God is still standing by us, granting his strength when we need it the most.

Christmas tells us the love story of God and his incredible gift, Jesus himself, to us - his people. It is the story of hope, peace and joy. It is a story of a baby born to a young mother, Mary Mother of God, and this baby was given to the custody of a young father Joseph. The parents were reassured that this was the baby the prophets had called the ***Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5)***. He may not have been the gift the world was expecting, but believe it, his birth is the best news the world has ever known.

This year, we may see some changes from our familiar Christmas celebrations. We may not be able attend the Christmas Mass, not many parties or gift exchanges as we usefully have.... So, we may need to find new ways to connect with our family and friends, to celebrate the birth of our Lord. And during this pandemic, it may feel like we have been walking in darkness, but we hear the prophecy of the great prophet Isaiah, ***"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on the inhabitants of a country in shadow dark as death light has blazed forth."*** (Isaiah 9:1)

May this light, from our Lord, fill our hearts with his peace, joy and love. Jesus' light will shine and we will know that our God is always constant, unwavering and faithful. May the baby, born in Bethlehem, bless you and your loved ones.



Along with the parish staff I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Fr. Prasnath Geroge

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