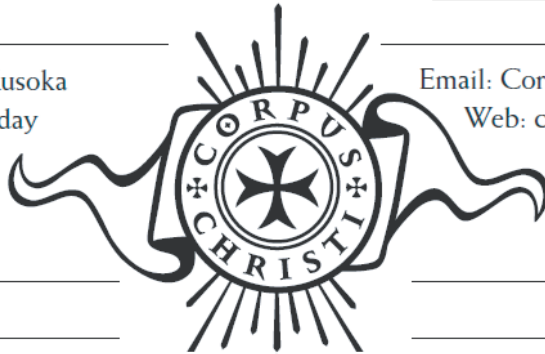


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*Feast of the Holy Family*



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 11:00 am	December 25	Refer to Christmas Schedule
Sun. 9:00 am	December 26	For the people of Corpus Christi
Sun. 11:00 am	December 26	+ Brian Hamill requested by Gary & Kathy Ruffo <b>Livestreamed Mass</b>
Tues. 9:00 am	December 28	+ Joe Drum requested by the Drum family
Wed. 9:00 am	December 29	+ Walton Narcis
Thurs. 9:00 am	December 30	+ Brian Hamill requested by Marie O'Brien
Fri. 5:00 pm	December 31	NO MORNING MASS Refer to the New Year Schedule
Sat. 11:00 am	January 1	Refer to the New Year Schedule
Sun. 9:00 am	January 2	For the people of Corpus Christi
Sun. 11:00 am	January 2	+ Brian Hamill requested by Mario Beno <b>Livestreamed Mass</b>

## Christmas & New year Mass Schedule



### Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am – Christmas Day

*Note: There is NO evening mass this day (i.e. 5pm)*

### Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 am – Sunday Mass

11:00 am – Sunday Mass

### Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### Mary Mother of God, New Year's Eve

5:00 pm – Vigil Mass

*Day of Obligation in Canada*

*(Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2020 & 2021 & their families)*

### Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

11:00 am – New Year's Day

*Day of Obligation in Canada*

*Note: There is NO evening mass this day (i.e. 5pm)*

### Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Epiphany of Our Lord

9:00 am – Sunday Mass

11:00 am – Sunday Mass

**The office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> (Noon), 25<sup>th</sup>, 26, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28 and 31<sup>st</sup> (Noon)**



The donation envelopes for 2022 are available in the vestibule for pick up. They are arranged alphabetically by the last name.

Anyone interested in getting a new box of envelopes may please contact the parish office.

**Register On Eventbrite**

For the purpose of contact tracing, we request that you register for Masses via Eventbrite. One ticket for an individual, or one ticket for a family/social bubble of up to 7 persons (<https://corpuschristimasses.eventbrite.ca>).

There are slight changes made to the seating arrangements in the Church. A volunteer will usher you to your seat.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

We welcome all those who are interested in learning about, or joining, our faith community. Our RCIA Program is intended for those who have never been baptized, or baptized in a Christian church that is not Catholic, or even baptized Roman Catholics but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation, the Eucharist or Reconciliation.

For registrations, please contact our Parish Office 416-694-0382; [corpuschristito@archtoronto.org](mailto:corpuschristito@archtoronto.org).

### Interfaith Luncheon



Our interfaith Luncheon programme is distributing bagged lunch at the northern exit on Lockwood on Mondays from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Our volunteers are relying on donations of food and financial contributions from our parishioners.

To ensure a successful programme they require the following items: tubs of Becel or another margarine, sandwich bags, 1.8L Mayonnaise, 925 g containers of ground coffee and cases of bottled water. **They do not require pasta or tuna fish as they have stock of it.**

Financial donations can be made by cheque through the office as long as "Interfaith Lunch Program" is indicated in the memo of the cheque.

### Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Lamps



Blessed Virgin Mary vigil lamps burn this week, from Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

for the repose of the souls of

**Mateo & Lucia De Leon**

requested by Isabel De Leon.

*The suggested donation to light two 5-day candles for your intention is \$20.*

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

The last two years have been a great trial for each one of us. Undeniably, some have suffered more than others. Yet, the *Covid-19* crisis has brought the entire world to unprecedented moments of desperation, shameful segregations, loss of dear ones, loss of jobs and livelihood. Worry, fear and anxiety has often taken over and disrupted the spiritual, psycho, social and environmental aspects of our lives. In the midst of all these frightful events, God's voice assures us that our pain and struggles will never have the last word. *"Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."* (Lk.2.10-12). God always shows up at the right time, in disguise yet again *"forced"* to use a mask. Perhaps, we are not ready to see Him unmasked.

Amid these challenges, our Christian Faith teaches us to hold on filled with hope and confident that *"this, too, shall pass."* Faith, hope and Love will always prevail. The Lord comes as a fulfilment of that promise. He is our *"Rock and Refuge,"* an *"Everlasting Rock"* (Is. 26.4; Psalm 18.2). As Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary says, *"The blessings are here put before the curses. God is slow to anger, but swift to show mercy. It is his delight to bless. It is better that we should be drawn to what is good by a child-like hope of God's favor, than that we be frightened to it by a slavish fear of his wrath"* (Neh. 9.17). In today's context of uncertainty and apprehension, God's Angel announces to us, *"Do not be afraid!"*

*"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone... For a Child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"* (Is. 9.2-5).

As we celebrate this Christmas 2021, I would love to express my deepest gratitude to all and each one of you dear parishioners and friends of Corpus Christi. Your faith, your courage and great generosity in keeping our parish Community re-energized are all signs of the love you have for Jesus and the affection you hold for me, your poor parish priest.

In prayer with Pope St. John Paul II, *"May Mother Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfilment, who holds the secret of Christmas, make us all able to recognize in the Child she holds in her arms the heralded Saviour, who brings hope and peace to all. With Mary we worship Jesus and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of mankind,*

*you who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!"*

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Faustino Kusoka (Parish Administrator)

*We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas & a Happy Feast of the Holy Family*



#### **Donating Securities to the Archdiocese of Toronto**

Donation of securities is one of the easiest and smartest ways to donate in Canada. When you donate securities to the Archdiocese of Toronto, you put stock in knowing that you are creating the greatest impact on the church and those we serve. Consider making a gift of securities to your parish or any one of our archdiocesan charities. With a gift of securities, you can receive an immediate donation receipt for the fair market value of the security. In addition, there is no capital gains tax applied to any benefit received from the sale of these securities. Listed securities include, stocks, bonds and mutual funds. To donate listed securities, you can obtain our form, the letter of direction, by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/GiftofSecurities>.

For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416-934-3400 ext. 561/519 or [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).

#### **Bereavement Ministry Training – Registration Now Open**

The next bereavement ministry training will be offered online on Tuesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This training is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions and complete pre-homework to receive full training. There is no cost to attend, but register early as capacity is limited. REGISTER BY JANUARY 14, 2022:

<https://bit.ly/BT-RegisterJanFeb2022>

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