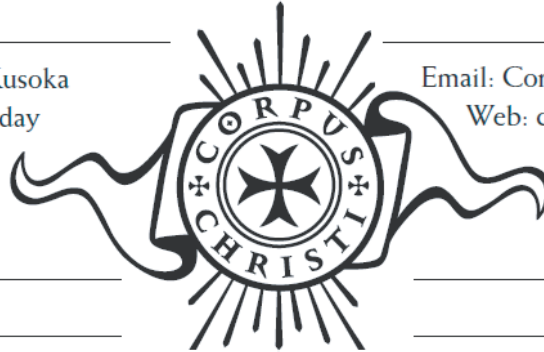


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Epiphany of the Lord



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Intentions
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 Livestreamed Mass
Tues. 9:00 am	January 4	+ Anna Bandera requested by the Bandera family
Wed. 9:00 am	January 5	+ Fr. Maurice Foley requested by Olive Foley
Thurs. 9:00 am	January 6	No Mass Intentions
Fri. 9:00 am	January 7	No Mass Intentions
Sat. 5:00 pm	January 8	For the people of Corpus Christi
Sun. 9:00 am	January 9	For the people of Corpus Christi
Sun. 11:00 am	January 9	+ Colette McGinn requested by John Molloy Livestreamed Mass



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.



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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



Our First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be on January 7, between 9:45 - 11:00am.

We begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and spend some time in silent prayer and conclude with benediction.

Come spend one hour with our Lord and experience a wonderful personal relationship with Him.

O Come let us Adore Him.....



Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Lamps

Blessed Virgin Mary vigil lamps burn this week, from Saturday, January 1st for abandoned animals in the world requested by Anastacia Boyd.

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

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.

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New Years' Message from Fr. Faustino

There is a story of a little boy who asked his father, "Dad, if three frogs were sitting on a limb that hangs over a pool, and one frog decided to jump off into the pool, how many frogs would be left on the limb?" The dad replied, "Two." "No," the son replied. "Here is the question again: There are three frogs and one decides to jump, how many are left?" The dad said, "Oh, I get the point! If one decided to jump, the others would too. So there are none left." The boy said, "No dad, the answer is three. The frog only DECIDED to jump."

Does that sound like our last year's resolutions? Great inspiration and great resolutions, but often times we only decide, and months later we are still on the same limb of do-nothing. We pray that with the Lord's blessings the New Year will be truly different.

My dear sisters and brothers, and friends of Corpus Christi Family, may the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. As we leave behind us the year, 2021 specially looking at its dreadful experiences, and as we prepare to start a New Year, 2022, I hold you in my humble prayers and ask the Lord to keep us under the wings of his infinite love and mercy.

The Scriptures teach us that "God is our Sun and our Shield" (Psalm 84.12). It tells us as well that "the Lord is the Sun of righteousness who brings healing to our souls. He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4.2,6). God calls each one of us to shine in a world challenged by darkness. He humbled himself to help us realize that we don't have light of ourselves to be able to shine. We need, therefore, to receive the light of Jesus to overcome the darkness around us. Just like flowers turn to the sun in order to gain beauty, life and perfection, so we need God's light to help us develop into the likeness of Christ.

With Jesus, "our kingdom is not of this world." We need to be connected to Jesus in order to reign with him, while transforming this world with actions enlightened by God. We are called to pray and work to attain the kingdom of God with its light. We should be aware that the Evil one seems aggressive in stealing the light that God intends for his sons and daughters.

The Emmanuel is born to fulfill the promises of old, that He would not leave us alone. Let's embrace and welcome him and acknowledge that "without him we can do nothing" (John 15.5). We need to expose ourselves to the Sun of righteousness, walk closer to Jesus Christ in the New Year, and we will definitely shine to the glory of God.

Let the first of our resolutions for the New Year be prayer and closeness to Jesus Christ. Like the three frogs of the little boy's story, let us not stop at the simple decisions. We need actions! But, let every action start and finish with prayers. This is the way we connect with the Emmanuel. We can talk to him any time and at any place through our everyday lives. We can be close to him by reading his holy Scriptures which are the secret of wisdom to navigate any stormy sea of our life.

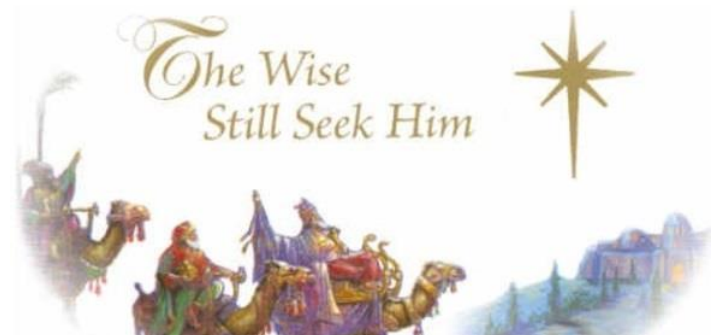
The Father has given us his only begotten Son. All He wants from us is that we know him, love him and serve him through our neighbor. My wishes, as God's servant at Corpus Christi, are that in this 2022 we spend more time with Jesus, and whatever happens and wherever we go He will be on our boat to ease the storms of our sea of life. Jesus commands us, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5, 16).

May the Holy Spirit be upon all of you and your dear ones all the days of the 2022; may He be praised for being with us during and through the joys and trials of the 2021; and we hope that the love of Christ shines in each and every day of this 2022.

May God bless you all, and have a Happy New Year!

Fr. Faustino Kusoka

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