

Corpus Christi Parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Masses	
Tues - Fri	9:00 AM
Sat Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Devotions - After the 9:00 AM Mass	
Wed Rosary	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tues - Fri after the 9:00 mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat	4:00 - 4:30 PM
<i>Other times upon request</i>	

Exposition - 1st Friday of every month	
Fri	After the 9:00 AM Mass

School Chaplaincy	
St. Denis Catholic School	

Sacraments
For more information regarding baptisms, marriages and any other sacraments 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 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 our Lay Pastoral Team to visit and bring communion.

St. Vincent de Paul Help - 416-698-8930
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Welcome to Corpus Christi! - To register as a new parishioner please contact the office.

December 2 and 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent



Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 2 First Sunday of Advent	Intentions of Linda and Tony Taylor requested by Hugh and Gerdie Doherty
Sun. 9:30am	December 3	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 3	Intentions of Joseph Lough requested by Hugh and Gerdie Doherty
Tues. 9:00am	December 5	No Mass Intention
Wed. 9:00am	December 6	No Mass Intention
Thurs. 9:00am	December 7	No Mass Intention
Fri. 9:00am	December 8	+Antonio, Jose and Maria Carvalho requested by Ana Carvalho

The Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent. – From the Catholic Online.

Bible Study

Please join your fellow parishioners during this Advent Season for the last 3 sessions, December 3, 10 and 17 after the 11 a.m. Mass, from 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Each week we will reflect together on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us in this faith-sharing whenever you are able.

The Collection on November 25 and 26, 2017, was \$2,398.55.

The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.
PAG donations for the month of November was \$4,818.58

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Please consider donating through PAG - Pre – Authorized Giving. You can set-up your PAG donations on a weekly or monthly basis. PAG Cards are available at the vestibule of the church to be used instead of the regular envelopes during the offertory collection.

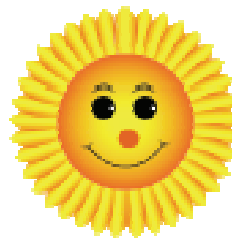
Also **please seal your donation envelopes**. When some envelopes are not sealed, your donation tends to slip out of the envelopes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Sacramental Calendar

Please submit the baptismal forms four weeks before the baptismal date. This will allow the office to gather all information necessary for the baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Course for parents intending to have their infants get baptized is being offered every first Sunday of each month. Next Baptismal Preparation Course will take place on December 3, Sunday, at 12 noon, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. If you are not registered, please pick up forms at the Parish Office. Baptism next month will take place on December 17, Sunday, at 12 noon, right after the 11:00 am Mass.

Christmas Craft Fair 2017



The Christmas Craft Fair was a big success. We commend each and every one of you who worked tirelessly towards the accomplishment of our goal. Every effort taken by all volunteers is a manifestation of your desire to better serve the community through your exemplary deeds. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the craft fair committee members, café crew, Santa, donors of baked goods, raffle gifts, vendors, and many more hands who contributed their time and talents.

The total proceeds of \$ 3,417.05 will help the parish to meet its various needs.

December 2 and 3, 2017 - First Sunday of Advent

Advent Reconciliation

The Advent Reconciliation at our parish will be celebrated on Wednesday 13, December from 9:30 am to 10:30am and from 6:30 onwards. Please make use of this opportunity to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ.



Come to listen, Come to prepare, Come to celebrate:

December 10th is Corpus Christi's Children's Christmas Party.

After the 11:00 Mass, please join us in the church hall to light the advent wreath, listen to the nativity narratives, enjoy a light lunch, crafts, and caroling. There may even be a surprise guest...

We ask that you sign-up for this event in advance and offer a small donation to help cover the cost of the lunch. Call the Parish office at [416-694-0382](tel:416-694-0382) or add your name to the sign-up sheet after one of the Masses.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



There is no better time than the Christmas season to live Christ's message "*The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*" (Mt. 25.40)

Your weekly donations to the Corpus Christi Society of Saint Vincent de Paul poor boxes, help us provide emergency food and transportation assistance to our neighbours in need throughout the year. Your donations of gently used winter clothing on **Bundle Up Sunday (Dec 2nd -3rd)** help to clothe the less fortunate; and your presents toward the **Christmas Tree Angel program (starting Dec 2nd)** helps ensure that Christmas is celebrated by many who may otherwise not be able to afford it. The need is truly great.

To help us meet these needs we are holding a **Christmas Raffle on Dec 2nd - 3rd and 9th - 10th**. 100% of the proceeds from the raffle will go to buying food vouchers, tokens and value village vouchers for our neighbours in need, while giving you the chance to do your own Christmas shopping if you win one of the 5 amazing baskets up for grabs! Tickets are 1 for \$4 or 3 for \$10.

Development and Peace - May Peace be with Her

On November 25/26, parishioners across the archdiocese were invited to sign action cards asking the Canadian government to support women and women's organizations giving them the resources they need to be at the heart of peace. On behalf of all the women who build peace in their communities, Development and Peace thanks you for your continued commitment. We can make a difference!

If you have not yet signed a postcard, you still can. Find an action card at the back of the church and you may leave it with an usher.

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Dec. 24, Sunday 5:00pm - Christmas Eve

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Midnight Mass

Dec. 25, Monday 11:00am - Christmas Day

Dec. 31, Sunday 5:00pm – New year's Eve

Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2017 and their families

Jan.01, Monday 11.00 am – Mary mother of God

Day of Obligation in Canada

Christmas for the Homebound

It is that time of year again when all of us here at Corpus Christi are asked to remember our people who are unable to attend the Christmas celebrations due to ill health or other reasons.

We ask for your generous donations for us to deliver personally to show that we have not forgotten them. A few suggestions: notebooks, pens, socks, soaps, toiletries, hand towels, word puzzles, jams, cookies, candies, hot chocolates in small packets, tea, mugs, or anything you think a senior, male or female, would like. Please bring your gifts to the Rectory until December 20th 2017 and we will gift bag them. Thanking in advance, The Elves.

Christmas Tree



We are very grateful to David, Derek, Pete and Steve who run the Beaches Lion Club Christmas tree lot – they are once again donating a tree to our parish. For 25 years these men have been delivering a Christmas tree to us so, please drop by and help support them and say thank you. Their lot is on the Lakeshore at the foot of Woodbine just west of the Olympic Pool.

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