

Corpus Christi Parish

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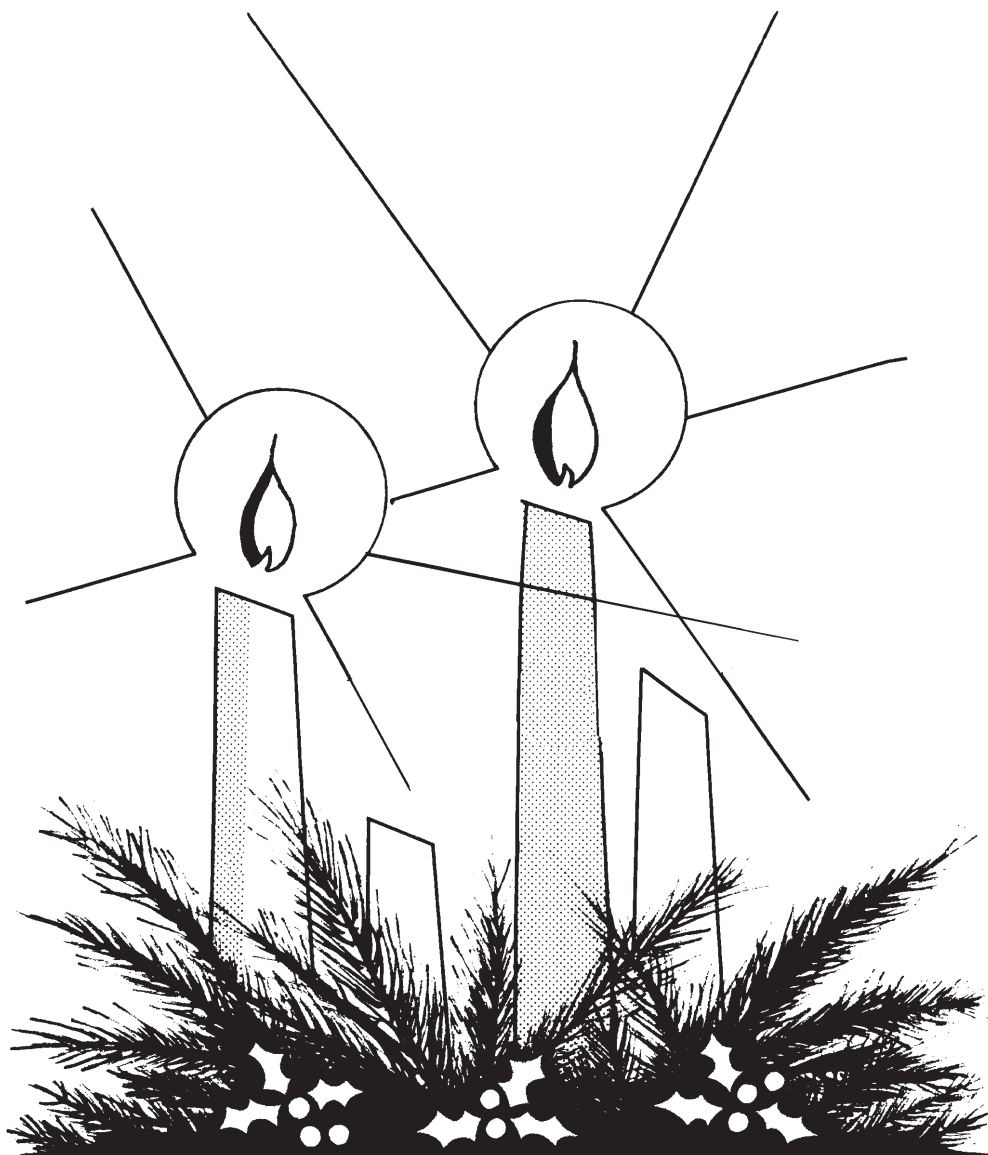
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Advent

December 9 and 10, 2017 - Second Sunday of Advent



The Collection on December 2 and 3, 2017 was \$1,662.70.

The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 9	Mary Treacy requested by Hugh and Gerdie; Hugh and Sandy Doherty
Sun. 9:30am	December 10	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 10	+Irene Gavin requested by Theresa Gavin
Tues. 9:00am	December 12	+Mary Treacy requested by the Nora Family
Wed. 9:00am	December 13 Advent Reconciliation Day	+Irene Gavin requested by Theresa Gavin
Thurs. 9:00am	December 14	No Mass Intention
Fri. 9:00am	December 15	+Robert Thomson requested by Mary Marrocco

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 January 7, 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 (January 2018) will take place on January 21, Sunday, at 12 noon, right after the 11:00 am Mass.

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

Join your fellow parishioners in the upcoming last two sessions of our Advent Bible Study; tomorrow/today December 10, and next Sunday Dec.17 after the 11 a.m. Mass, from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Last Supper Room. 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.

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

We are hosting a Children's Christmas Party this Sunday, December 10. Please join us in the church hall right after the 11:00 Mass to light the advent wreath, listen to the nativity narratives, crafts, caroling and enjoy a light lunch. There may even be a surprise guest...

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, clothing and transportation assistance to our neighbours in need throughout the year.

The need is especially great at Christmas:

To help us meet these needs we are holding a **Christmas Raffle on Dec 9th and 10th**. The draw will be held on Dec 10th in the parish hall after the 11am mass. 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 8 amazing baskets up for grabs! Tickets are available in the vestibule. 1 for \$4 or 3 for \$10.

We are also looking for **donations of presents toward the Christmas "Angel" Tree** program to bring Christmas celebrations to the children of our neighbours in need. Presents to be returned to the church **by Dec 17th**

Lastly, there will be a **second collection next weekend Dec 16th- 17th** for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Envelopes will be in the pews.

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 & 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 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.

Christmas Flowers



Help us refresh the Church this coming Christmas. We are hoping that we can count on you for any amount of donation that will go towards the lights and flowers, and other decorations that will brighten our Church. Envelopes are in the pews. Corpus Christi thank you for your support and consideration.

2018 Envelopes

The Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick up at the back of the Church from this weekend. If you are picking up envelopes for your relatives, friends, or neighbours, please fill out the sheets provided in the folder next to the boxes.

Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG) is the most viable way to support the parish. At this time of the year, we encourage you to consider changing from the use of envelopes to the PAG. The sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or you can pick it up from the office during the office hours.

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