

Corpus Christi Parish

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



Masses

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

Devotions - After the 9:00 AM Mass

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| Wed Rosary | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tues - Fri after the 9:00 mass |
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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| Sat | 4:00 - 4:30 PM |
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Other times upon request

Exposition - 1st Friday of every month

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| Fri | After the 9:00 AM Mass |
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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

Welcome to Corpus Christi! - To register as a new parishioner please contact the office.

March 17 and 18, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



| Day/Time | Date | Intentions |
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| Sat. 5:00pm | Mar. 17 | + Gerdie Doherty requested by the McKee Girls in memory of Marilyn McCue |
| Sun. 9:30am | Mar. 18 | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 11:00am | Mar. 18 | People of the Parish |
| Tues. 9:00am | Mar. 20 | No Mass Intention |
| Wed. 9:00 am | Mar. 21 | No Mass Intention |
| Thurs. 9:00am | Mar. 22 | No Mass Intention |
| Fri. 9:00am | Mar. 23 Stations of the Cross After the mass. | No Mass Intention |

The Collection on March 10 and 11, was \$1,209.25

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

The second collection this weekend is the first among the three ShareLife collections this year. Please donate generously and support those in need.

The second collection next weekend is for the Maintenance Fund.

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 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, April 8, Sunday, at 12 noon, at Corpus Christi Parish Hall. If you are not registered, please pick up forms at the Parish Office. Baptism this month will take place Sunday, March 18, at 12 noon right after the 11:00 am Mass.

Sacramental Preparation

Parents who have signed up their children for the Sacramental Preparations are requested to follow the schedule for the entire sessions.



Corpus Christi Women's Lenten Reflection

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 will be the date for this year's Women's Lenten Reflection night, tickets will be sold after all masses and the cost is \$20 each including dinner. This year's speaker is Dr. Anna Boyagoda. Anna directs the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for the Archdiocese of Toronto and serves as a Level 1 & Level 2 catechist at Corpus Christi Parish in Toronto. She and her husband Randy have four children, who have given her ample opportunity for the "observation" of children that is so essential to the Montessori method. Her topic is "Unless you change and become like children". What children can teach us about our relationships with God?

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a spiritual exercise to remind us about our Lord's Passion and Death. All his suffering was to save us from the bondage of sin. Here at our parish the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated after the 9:00 am mass on Fridays during Lent.



**Living the Gospel
locally and around the world**

**Archdiocesan Goal: \$ 13.6 Million
Our Parish Goal: \$ 44,000. 00**

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**"

-Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

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Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent - 2018

"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24:12)

What are we to do?.....

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God Himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of His children. If through me God helps someone today, will He not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God. [6]

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

The Fire of Easter

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the "24 Hours for the Lord" initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, "With you is forgiveness", this will take

place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", [7] and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.
The end.

Come & See Weekend at St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend for single Catholic men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday, March 23 (6:30 p.m.) to Sunday March 25 (1:30 p.m.) 2018, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

For more information, Please contact the Office of Vocations email: vocations@archtoronto.org
or call at: 416 968 0997;
Registrations can be done online
at www.vocationstoronto.ca

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29 - Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm
Adoration until 9:30

March 30 - Good Friday
Good Friday Service - 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm

March 31 - Holy Saturday
Solemn Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

April -1 Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord - 9:30am and 11:00am



We are inviting everyone to sponsor Easter flowers for the sanctuary. Envelopes are in the pews. Corpus Christi would like to thank you for your support and consideration.



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