# **Corpus Christi Parish**

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Feast of the Holy Family

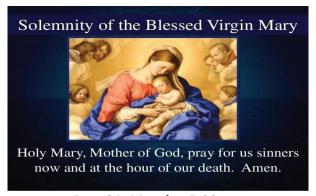


Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 29	+ Agnes Yee Tiam requested by Tony Yee Tiam
Sun. 9:30am	December 30	People of the Parish
Sun. 11:00am	December 30	+ Joe Drum requested by Joan Drum
Wed. 9:00am	January 2 St. Basil the Great L St. Gregory Nazianzen, Doctors of the Church	No Mass Intention
Thurs. 9:00am	January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	+ Anna Bandera requested by the Bandera family
Fri. 9:00am	January 4	No Mass Intention
Sat. 5:00pm	January 5	+ Gerdie & Danny Doherty requested by the Doherty family
Sun. 9:30am	January 6	+ Vi & John White requested by the White family
Sun. 11:00am	January 6	People of the Parish

The Collection on December 15 & 16, 2018 was \$1,771.80

Last years collection December 16 and 17, 2017 was \$2,330.15

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



#### Dec. 31, Monday 5:00 pm Mary Mother of God, New Year's Eve

Day of Obligation in Canada Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2018 and their families

Jan.01, Tuesday 11.00 am – Mary Mother of God

Day of Obligation in Canada

## Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1



Our Euchre Night is back again on Saturday, January 12th, at 6:30 pm. For more information please call 416-654-1787.



Parents with children in Grade 7 are requested to register them for Confirmation preparations. Registration forms for Confirmation and Schedule of preparations are available at the back of the church and in the parish office.

Please note: The deadline to submit duly filled form is December 31, 2018 and the mandatory parents meeting is on Saturday January 12, 2019 from 6:15 to 7:30 pm in the parish hall.

#### **Maintenance Collection Update**

The maintenance collection for September, October and November was \$ 6,468.90

As announced, work has begun on the installation of automatic door opener and repairs to the doors at the west entrance to increase accessibility; tuck-pointing, window repairs on the north-west of the building and parking lot repair. Our goal for the fall maintenance collection this year is to raise \$ 20,000.00 to partially cover the cost of these repairs as well as a new sound system in the parish hall.

#### Our next maintenance collection is This Weekend

Thank you for your continued support!

#### 2019 Envelopes

The 2019 Envelopes are available in the vestibule. They are alphabetically arranged by the last name, please pick up your box. Sign-up sheets are provided for the parishioners who are picking boxes for their families, friends or neighbours, and for anyone interested in getting a new box of envelopes.

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 envelops 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.



January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having a "Ministry Weekend Fair" after all the Masses. That weekend you will have an opportunity to see all the Ministries that are active in our parish and we want you to consider signing up for a ministry of your choice. Which Ministry will you choose?

# DECEMBER 29 & 30, 2018 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We welcome the New Year with excitement and with lots hopes. I pray that the New Year 2019 be a great one for all of us. On this Sunday as we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and let us dedicate our families to the special care and protection of the Holy Family. In the coming days we will also celebrate the solemnity of Mary Mother of God and Epiphany of the Lord. January 1, the World Day of Peace and from January 18 to 25 the Week of Prayer for Cristian Unity are also important days for us to remember and pray for.

In the liturgical calendar of the Church, the first day of the New Year is dedicated to the Solemnity of the Mother of God, which commemorates Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. The feast of Mary, the mother of God underscores that this Jesus is one person, truly divine and truly human. In Jesus, God has assumed our humanity. He knows our pains and struggles and temptation. He is the throne of mercy to which we can turn to as He is our Leader in salvation. Hence, the ushering of the New Year should not just be focused on merriment and festivity but as Catholics, the New Year should be rich with spiritual meaning for us; one that gives us much gratitude and thankfulness for the past, hope and courage to face the future ahead. We face the future not alone but with Jesus and the assistance of our Blessed Mother. The Solemnity of the Epiphany reminds us that he young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. There are three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana.

We make our prayers for a peaceful world, on January 1, special day dedicated for that, and also every day. The world we live in now needs it, as we see lots tragedies, calamities, wars and so on everywhere. So as the Week of Prayer for the Christian Unity, we pray to God that "all shall one" so that we may share the freedom and joy of the children of God.

I also would like express my gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed your time, talents and treasure to make our Christmas celebrations a grand one. All the families who lit the advent wreath at various Masses, everyone worked hard to make our parish Christmas celebration a huge success, those who came out to decorate the church, to make it look really beautiful with Christmas decorations, different ministries and ministers who helped in all the liturgical celebrations and much more. Please accept my sincere thanks, all your efforts made a difference and it added charm to our celebrations.

On a personal note, I also want to thank those who send me greetings and prayers, Christmas Cards, gifts and for all your love and care towards me.

All these celebrations may bring joy and happiness to our minds and minds of everyone in the world. I wish and pray that the New Year 2019 may bring us good health, happiness and joy.

Fr. Prasanth George CMI

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday, or in thanksgiving for special blessings that we received. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the Parish Office at 416-694-0382 or drop by the office during regular office hours.

#### **Daily Readings online**

Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto can now find the Canadian daily readings on their Archdiocesan and parish websites. Securing access to these online readings for the day – including the First Reading, Second Reading (when appropriate), Psalm and Gospel Reading.

The Daily Readings tab can be found under the "Our Catholic Faith" drop-down menu on the archdiocesan/parish websites.

Please visit our parish website:

https://corpuschristito.archtoronto.org

#### <u>Sanctuary Candles,</u> <u>Candles at Mother Mary's Altar and Altar Flowers</u>

Beginning from January 2019 we are requesting the parishioners to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle (\$20.00) or Candles at Mother Mary's Altar (\$15.00) or Altar Flowers (\$50.00), for your intentions or in memory of a deceased loved one. For more information or to place your request please contact the parish office @ 416 694 0382.

The names of people who wish to light the candles or to donate the Altar flowers for a week will be announced in the bulletin.

#### The Feast of St. Brother Andre Bessette, CSC

Join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Brother Andre, the first Saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross, at St. Ann Parish (120 First Avenue, Toronto) on Saturday, January 5, 2019 – 5 p.m. We will have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by the Sacrament of the Sick and blessing of Holy Oils. All are welcome. For more information, contact us at stannparishtoronto@gmail.com or 416-466-2127.



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