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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week

Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	December 28	+ Agnes Yee Tiam requested by Tony Yee Tiam
Sun. 9:30am	December 29	For the people
Sun. 11:00am	December 29	+ Joe Drum requested by Joan Drum and family
Thurs. 9:00am	January 2 <i>St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>	+ Virgilio, Felisa, Alberto, Antonio and Lillian de Villa
Fri. 9:00am	January 3 <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	+ Anna Bandera requested by the Bandera family
Sat. 5:00pm	January 4	For the people
Sun. 9:30am	January 5	+ Patricia Rogers requested by Ted Rogers and family
Sun. 11:00am	January 5	+ Francesca Franzo requested by Sam, Mary Jo Meilhac and family

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.

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

New Year Mass Schedule

Dec. 31, Tuesday 5:00 pm

Vigil of Mary Mother of God, New Year's Eve

Day of Obligation in Canada

Mass for all the Faithful Departed for 2019 and their families

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

Day of Obligation in Canada

Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



Our First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be on January 3, soon after the 9:00 am Mass.

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

We encourage everyone to spend one hour with our Lord and experience a wonderful personal

relationship with Him.

Come let us Adore Him.....

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of the soul of

Kenneth O'Neill

requested by Nancy O'Neill

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.

2020 Envelopes

The 2020 Envelopes are available in the vestibule. They are alphabetically arranged by the last name, please pick up your box. Please make note that some of the envelope numbers have changed. Sign-up sheets are provided for the parishioners who are picking envelopes for their families, friends or neighbours. Those who have requested for new box of envelopes may also may also collect them from the back of the Church. Anyone interested in getting a new box of envelopes please contact the parish office.

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.

December 28 & 29, 2019 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Ministry Recognition Weekend

As part of our parish commitment to stewardship, we will recognize one of our parish ministries on the first Sunday of each month. We want to acknowledge the commitment to service that people in our parish share with us in such a variety of ways. Each month, we will highlight a ministry with a bulletin announcement, a brief description of the work of the ministry and a blessing/commissioning for the people involved.

Each of us has been blessed with gifts from God, and we will celebrate the way that so many in our parish share those gifts with us. This will also provide an opportunity for each ministry to invite fellow parishioners to ask how they can become more involved in our parish life.

In the New Year, on the first weekend in January 2020 we take a moment to appreciate the efforts of our Sacramental Preparation Teams and recognize their committed service to the parish of Corpus Christi.

Preparing people to receive sacraments is a time-honoured practice of the Church. Faith formation is a lifelong process. Sacraments are milestones – signposts – along this faith journey. They are like road signs that guide us on the way to holiness, continually point us towards Christ, and ultimately lead us to our final destination which is heaven. We encounter Jesus through the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We have three Sacramental Preparation Teams in our parish, Baptism: Frank O'Neill, First Reconciliation and First Communion: Andrea Sisca, Christy Cousineau and Lourdes DaCosta, Confirmation Benjamin Turland and Sara Andino. We conduct Baptism Preparations on the first weekend of each month and we invite new parents to attend this preparatory session to equip themselves in forming their children in the light of faith. First Reconciliation and First Communion and Confirmation preparation starts in the fall with the parents meeting and we hold eight to ten sessions for the children and parents are involved in few sessions. The members of these teams are so committed to the faith formation of our children and young families.

Coming Up

Dec 28/29	: Second collection - Maintenance Fund
Jan 3	: First Friday Adoration
Jan 4	: Ministry Recognition Weekend
Jan 12	: Rite of Inscription @ 11:00 am Mass for the First Communion Candidates
Jan 21	: Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 – 8:00 pm)
Jan 25/26	: Visit of Msgr. Joe Shiels, Former Pastor
Jan 31	: Seniors' Luncheon

My dear brothers and Sisters,

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. All of us have our own dreams and hopes for the year ahead, and the fulfillment of different aspirations will make different people happy in the year ahead. I think that a prayer that we come to know God better and worship Him in a meaningful way should be our foremost hope for the year ahead.

It is a very special year for all of us as we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our parish. Our existence in the east end of Toronto for the last 100 years have touched the hearts of many. We started our jubilee celebrations at the Corpus Christi Feast in June 2019. In this Jubilee Year we are taking part in various activities to enrich our parish life and to reach out to the people in our community. The Open House we did in September, the Food Drive for October and November, Our Ecumenical Christmas Concert in December and all other event that we have planned for the New Year are again uniting us under one faith and a community feeling. Former clergy returning to our parish for a weekend celebration and to cherish memories is a great experience to meet and greet both for the priests and parishioners and it also helps the newer parishioners to learn about the contributions of our former clergy to the Corpus Christi Parish Family. We are all excited and looking forward to the visit of our Cardinal Thomas Collins to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi at our 100th Anniversary Mass on Sunday June 14, 2020 at 10:30 am. A big thanks to the members of our Jubilee Committee and all other committees and ministers working hard sharing their time and talents to the parish in many ways.

In this year of celebration let us be united under one faith and in our parish family spirit. All our efforts to mark the celebration in a meaningful way may be guided by the Holy Spirit and everyone who comes through our doors may experience the abundant blessings of the Lord, who is present in the Eucharist.

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 2020 may bring us good health, happiness and joy.

Fr. Prasanth George CMI

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