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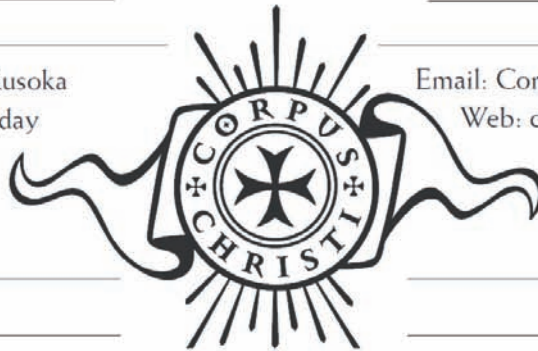
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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00 & 11:30 pm	December 24	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 9:00 am	December 25	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 11:00 am	December 25	Refer to the Schedule
Tues. 9:00 am	December 27	No Mass Intentions
Wed. 9:00 am	December 28	+ Fr. Maurice Foley requested by Olive Foley
Thurs. 9:00 am	December 29	+ Joe Drum requested by Peter Drum
Fri. 9:00 am	December 30	+ Raymond Bedard requested by Loretta Deneault
Sat. 5:00 pm	December 31	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 9:00 am	January 1	Refer to the Schedule
Sun. 11:00 am	January 1	Refer to the Schedule

Christmas Message from Corpus Christi Parish

With St. John Paul the II teachings (*Urbi et Orbe*, 1998) we sing today, *"Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord"*. We have the grace to repeat the Angels song echoing God's visitation to all humanity. We all thirst for God, the fullness of life, to free us from evil and fulfil our need for true life and happiness.

God's promise of salvation, entrusted to the children of Abraham, from the time of the Exodus from Egypt (*Ex 3:6-8*), has echoed down the centuries as a cry of hope on the lips of Israel's Prophets, who time and again reminded the people: *"The Lord is near; come let us adore him!"*. Come to adore the God who does not forsake those who seek him with a sincere heart and strive to keep his law. Heed his message which strengthens hearts broken and confused.

Yes, his promise, which nourished the trusting expectation of countless believers, has become a gift in Bethlehem, in the heart of the Holy Night in which, the Liturgy reminds us that *"Today you will know that the Lord comes: at daybreak you will see his glory"* proclaimed by the joyful singing of the angels; we have adored the King, the Lord of the universe, together with the shepherds keeping watch over their flock. With the eyes of faith we too have seen, placed in a manger, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, and beside him the Virgin Mother in silent adoration.

Today we join the angelic host and the shepherds singing in exultation: *"Christ is born for us: come, let us adore him"*. From the night of Bethlehem until today, the Birth of the Lord continues to inspire hymns of joy which express the tenderness of God, sown in the hearts of men and women.

May the proclamation of Christmas be a source of encouragement to all those who work to bring relief to our tormented world, particularly in Western Europe, in the Middle East, in Africa, the Central and South America by working for peace, respect and human dignity. May Christmas help to strengthen and renew, throughout the world, the consensus concerning the need for urgent and adequate measures to halt the production and sale of arms, to defend human life, to free children and adolescents from all forms of exploitation, to restrain the bloodied hand of those responsible for genocide and crimes of war, to give environmental issues, the indispensable attention which they deserve for the protection of creation.

For each of us the divine message of Bethlehem resounds: *"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"* (*Lk 2:10-11*).

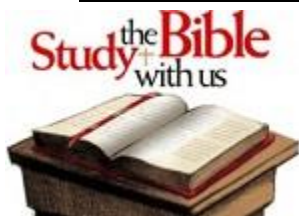
Merry Christmas to you and your dear ones!

Fr. Faustino Kusoka

The Collection on December 10 & 11 was \$1,716.35
The Sunday Offertory Collection and PAG are our only viable source of income.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Wednesday and Sunday Bible Study



The Bible Study sessions on **Wednesdays**, have been paused for the season and will resume again on *Wednesday, January 11th*

from 7 – 8:30 pm.

The **Sunday** Bible study will not have their sessions on *December 25th and January 1st* only.

SENIOR LUNCHEON



We the people of **Corpus Christi Parish** invite all Seniors in our parish to lunch on

Friday, January 6th between 11:30 and 1:30 pm at the parish hall.

Christmas & New year Mass Schedule

December 24, Saturday

5:00 pm – Christmas Eve

11:30 pm – Christmas Carols & Midnight Mass

December 25, Sunday

9:00 am – Christmas Day

11:00 am – Christmas Day

December 31, Saturday

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 2022 & their families)*

January 1, Sunday

9:00 am – New Year's Day

11:00 am – New Year's Day

Day of Obligation in Canada

**The Parish office will be closed on December
23rd (Noon), 24th, 25th, 26, 27th and 30th
(Noon)**



21st Annual Friars' Student Writing Contest 2023 – October 4 to January 16, 2023

Theme: "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17)

High School Students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2023 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to consult the resources at <https://bit.ly/3AgBy5J> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3KXgu8m>.

Contact ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (ext. 527) for more information or questions.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service

WEEK of
PRAYER
for CHRISTIAN UNITY
2023



Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian

leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

Marriage Sunday 2023



As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://youtu.be/EBvFgH4a1n4>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration is open.



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Can you help?

You Are Loved Toronto (YAL) is a group in our parish whose mission is to help restore the dignity of those living on the streets of downtown Toronto. Meals and other items are prepared and delivered every Sunday afternoon to about 100 marginalized people who live in shelters or on the streets.

YAL relies solely on donations to operate its mission.

As the weather gets colder the need for warm clothing is great. We are asking for donations of **Men's WARM socks, hats, scarves, gloves or mittens.** We also accept **Used clean MEN'S warm coats, boots, hoodies or track pants.** Check your closets! (Please no children's clothes). Bring the items to Mass and place in the boxes at the front. Thank you for your generosity!

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