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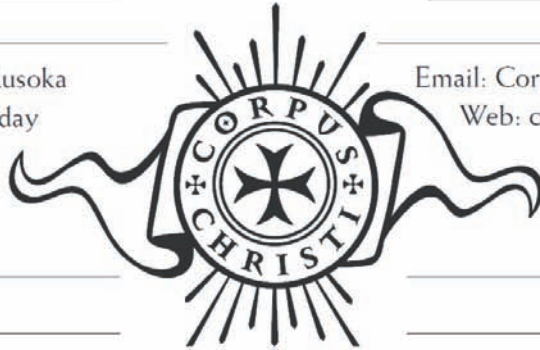
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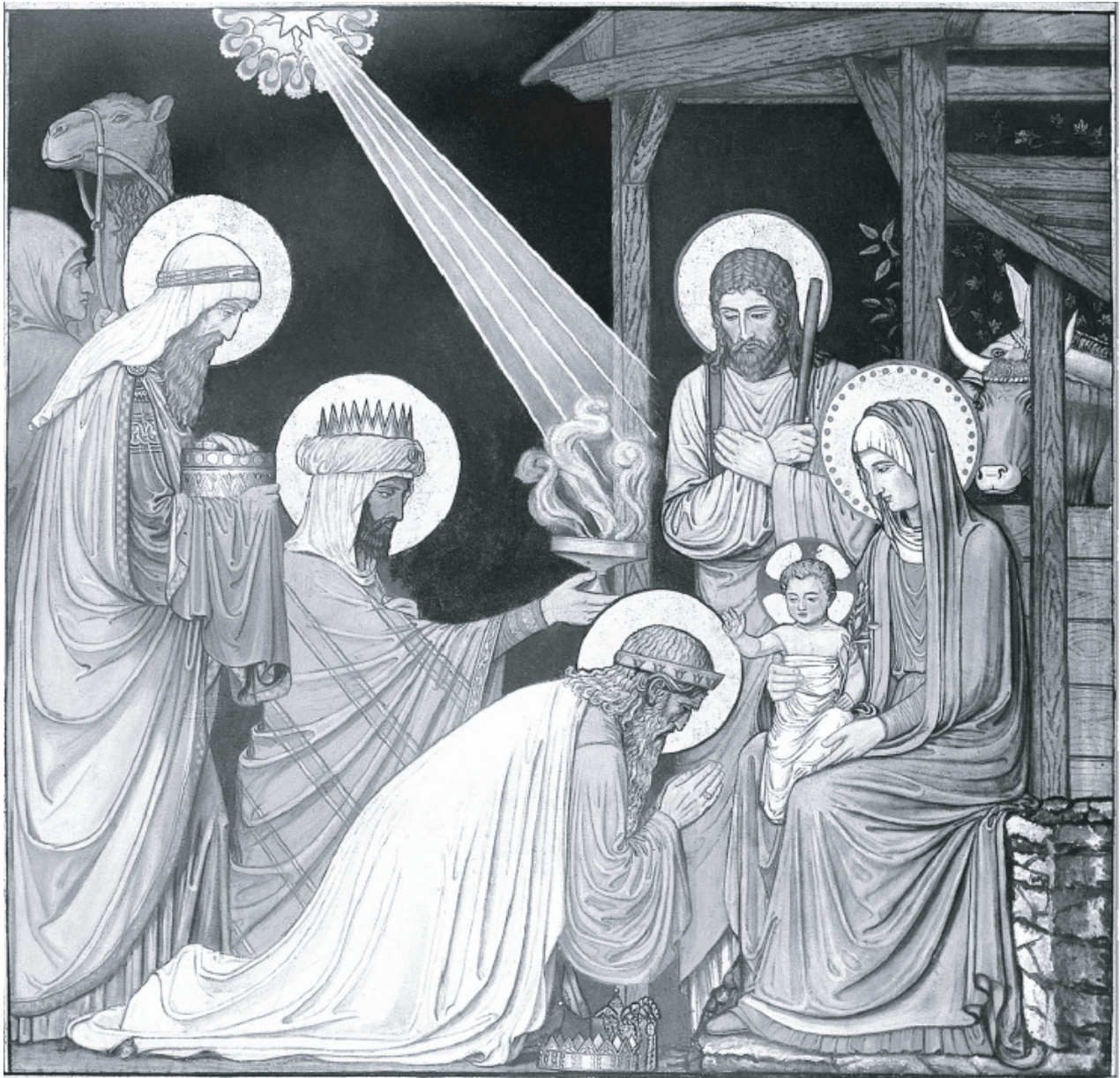
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Feast of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00 pm	December 28	+ Gerdie, Hugh & Danny Doherty requested by the Doherty family
Sun. 9:00 am	December 29	"Pro Populo"
Sun. 11:00 am	December 29	"Pro Populo"
Tues. 5:00 pm	December 31	New Year's Eve
Wed. 11:00 am	January 1	New Year's Day
Thurs. 9:00 am	January 2	+ Christopher Paul Harris requested by Edward, Joy Driver & family
Fri. 9:00 am	January 3	+ Augusta & Francesca Matus requested by Rafaela Mairena
Sat. 5:00 pm	January 4	Intentions of the Fonseca, Barrett & Andrade families
Sun. 9:00 am	January 5	"Pro Populo"
Sun. 11:00 am	January 5	"Pro Populo"

Christmas & New Year Message

As we approach Christmas and New Year, I would love to share with our Corpus Christi Family the beautiful story of a generous and welcoming child.

Nine-year-old Wally was in second grade when most children his age were fourth-graders. He was big for his years, a clumsy fellow, a slow learner. But Wally was a hopeful, willing, smiling lad, a natural defender of the underdog, and he was well-liked by his classmates. His parents encouraged him to audition for the annual parish Christmas play. Wally wanted to be a shepherd. Instead, he was given the role of the innkeeper. The director reasoned that Wally's size would lend extra force to the innkeeper's refusal of lodging to Joseph. During rehearsals, Wally was instructed to be firm with Joseph. When the play opened, no one was more caught up in the action than Wally. And when Joseph knocked on the door of the inn, Wally was ready. He flung the door open and asked menacingly, "What do you want?" "We seek lodging," Joseph replied. "Seek it elsewhere," Wally said in a firm voice. "There's no room in the inn." "Please, good innkeeper," Joseph pleaded, "this is my wife, Mary. She is with child and is very tired. She needs a place to rest." There was a long pause as Wally looked down at Mary. The prompter whispered Wally's next line: "No! Be gone!" Wally remained silent. Then the forlorn couple turned and began to slowly move away. Seeing this, Wally's brow creased with concern. Tears welled up in his eyes. Suddenly, he called out, "Don't go! You can have my room."

Just like lovely Wally, let us welcome Jesus, Mary and Joseph in our hearts and homes. Even in the middle of great difficulties in the lives of many of us, please, do not let Joseph and Mary "be gone". They can have our own rooms. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Blessed 2025!

Fr. Faustino

The Collection on December 14 & 15 was \$2,324.10
Monthly PAG for November is \$4,500
Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration



Our First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will be on January 3rd, between 9:45 - 11:00am.

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

Come spend one hour with our Lord and experience a wonderful personal relationship with Him.

O Come let us Adore Him.....



New Year Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31

9:00 am – Regular Mass
 5:00 pm – New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, January 1

11:00 am – New Year's Day Mass
Day of Obligation in Canada

The Parish office will be closed on:

Tuesday, December 31 – At noon
 Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Pope's Monthly Intention for December



For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



The donation envelopes for 2025 are available in the vestibule for pick up. They are arranged by the last name.

Everyone interested in getting a new box of envelopes or joining the Pre-Authorized Giving may please contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation



Registration is now open for registered parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation. Parents are requested to contact the office to meet the Pastor before the registration.

First Holy Communion

Registration closes on Friday, January 3rd, 2025. The Rite of Enrolment is on Sunday, January 5th at the 9:00 am Mass, and the first class starts soon after the Mass for an hour from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

Parents with children in Grade 2 and up are requested to register them for First Holy Communion preparation.

A mandatory Parent's Catechism meeting will be held on Sunday, January 5 from 10:00 – 11:00 am in the parish hall.

Confirmation

Registration closes on Friday, January 24, 2025 and the Rite of Inscription is on Sunday February 2, 2025 at the 9:00 am Mass.

Parents with children in Grade 7 and up are requested to register them for Confirmation preparation.

A mandatory Parent's Catechism meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd from 10:00 – 11:00 am in the parish hall.

SL ShareLife

ShareLife is grateful for your generous hearts this 2024!

NEW: Your gift will double in value! From November 1 until year end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

If you've shared your blessings through ShareLife in 2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbor is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife.

There's still time to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2024 tax receipt**.

Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Advertisements for our Church Bulletin

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2025

November 11, 2024 - January 13, 2025

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

High school students aged 13 to 19 from the Catholic School Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event, which honours the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity taking place from January 18 to 25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2025 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo>. Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service 2025 Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m. EST

Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.) 377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, L4L 2V7.

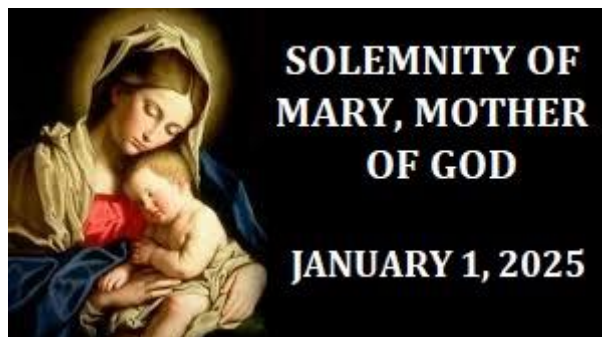
Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

Jubilee Year 2025

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass taking place on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited to join in this special celebration. Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to the Eucharist from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.





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