

## MASS TIMES

WEEKEND Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY Monday to Saturday 9:00 am  
First Friday 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Monday to Saturday 8:30 am  
Saturday 3:30 pm

# The Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16 - 17, 2023

### THE TESTIMONY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Luke 4.18 [Isaiah 61.1]*

## SIMBANG GABI

Christmas Novena Masses  
7:00 pm Daily

People of **ALL** cultural backgrounds  
are welcome and invited to attend  
these Mass celebrations!

1. Dec 15 (Fri) Fr Paul Ramachamkudy  
Sponsors: KofC Father Michael Troy Council and Corpus Christi Assembly  
Music: CFC Handmaids in Harmony
2. Dec 16 (Sat) Fr Patrick Baska  
Sponsors: Filipino Senior Citizen Assoc;  
Music: Corpus Christi Children's Choir
3. Dec 17 (Sun) Fr Jim Corrigan  
Sponsors: Triskelion Grand Fraternity. Food by Marsha, CFC, and Lourdes Soriano;  
Music: Voices of Praise
4. Dec 18 (Mon) Fr Paul Kavanagh  
Sponsors: Filipino-Canadian Saranay Assoc, and Save a Life Society of Alberta  
Music: Choir of Angels
5. Dec 19 (Tue) Fr Chad Miciak  
Sponsors: BCBP and the Dulin Family  
Music: CFC Shepherds' Voice
6. Dec 20 (Wed) Fr Joselito Cantal  
Sponsors: CWL, and the Jacinto Family  
Music: Knights of the Altar
7. Dec 21 (Thu) Fr Mario Villaraza  
Sponsors: the Dolojan, de Guzman and Catalan Families; Music: Canticle Choir
8. Dec 22 (Fri) Fr Joseph Vadassery  
Sponsors: the Sumalinog & Cardozo Families  
Music: Koro Filipino
9. Dec 23 (Sat) Fr Shimit Abraham CFIC  
Sponsors: Life of Worship, and the Callangan Family; Music: Life of Worship

## Looking for Families to light the Advent Wreath!

If your family would like to participate at a particular Mass, please call the parish office. Instructions will be provided.



## Poinsettias to Adorn the Altar at Christmas

You are invited to dedicate a plant to a loved one.

\$15-small plants (14 left)  
\$20-large plants (1 left)

Call the parish office 780.466.7576



Prepare  
for the coming  
of our  
Saviour!



## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:30 pm

Sunday, December 24

9:30 am / 11:30 am

No Mass at 5:00 pm.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

4:30 pm\* incense / 7:00 pm / 9:00 pm

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

9:30 am / 11:30 am

Office closed. Church will be closed following the 11:30 am Mass



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

## PARISH TEAM

### Fr. Shimit Abraham CFIC

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
- Or are you Catholic, but have not received your First Communion or Confirmation?
- Or are you searching for a deeper understanding about your own Catholic faith?

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm Sessions have begun!**  
Contact Deacon Gem at the parish office for more information, or to register. Don't delay!  
All are welcome to register!

## Help our parish to pay off our mortgage!



If you spend \$600/month on groceries, buy \$600 each month of grocery gift cards. The church profits about 7% to pay on the mortgage; 7% of \$600 is \$42.

In one year, you could be giving \$42 x 12 months = \$504 to pay the mortgage.

If 1,000 of our parish families did the same, in one year, we would have \$504 x 1,000 = \$504,000

*This benefit to the church creates no additional cost to you, our parishioners!*

## GROCERY, GAS & GIFT CARDS

Available for purchase at the parish office, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm; and at the kiosk after weekend Masses.

- Superstore
- Save On Foods
- Co-op
- Boston Pizza
- Sobey's/Safeway/Freshco/IGA
- The Ultimate Dining Card
- Salisbury Greenhouse
- Tim Hortons
- Pizza 73



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**  
First Monday of each month

**Next meeting: Monday, Jan 8 at 7:00 pm in the Father Michael Troy room.**

New members are welcome! Contact Lil:  
[cc.cwlmembership@gmail.com](mailto:cc.cwlmembership@gmail.com)

**It's that time of year! Renew your membership today. Invite a friend!**

## 4 WAYS TO DONATE

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*Thank you for being a good steward of the Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi.*

## Legion of Mary

CORPUS CHRISTI PRAESIDIA

A lay apostolic association of Catholics who serve, with the sanction of the Church, under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate.

Youth ages 5-17

### Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meet 10:30 am Saturdays  
Lisa—780.257.2794

Adults

### Our Lady Gate of Heaven

Meet 7 pm Tuesdays  
Gold—780.604.8062



Saints Louis & Zélie Martin  
Parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux

## Secular Franciscans

Monthly Meetings:

- ◆ 3rd Wednesday - General Mtg
- ◆ 4th Wednesday - Formation

at 6:30 pm at St Theresa's Parish in the OLGC/FMMG rooms. For more information, contact Isaac at 780.887.2112.

*The Knights of Columbus*  
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*1.9M members worldwide*



*Are you looking to for more ways to participate in various parish activities? Here's your opportunity.*

### New Members Welcome!

General meetings are held monthly on the 4th Tuesday. For information contact us through the parish office, or take a brochure from the gathering space.



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### BAPTISM

For infants and children up to the age of 6.

#### Baptism Preparation

- Sunday, January 7, 1:00 pm

#### Baptism Celebrations

- Sunday, January 14 & 21

To register your child, contact Father Paul for an appointment.

**NO BAPTISMS DURING ADVENT & LENT**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

(Grade 3+) Offered twice/year.

Registration is closed for Fall of 2023.

**Accepting registrations for Spring 2024.**

### CONFIRMATION

(Grade 6+) Offered once/year.

**Registration for 2024 is now closed.**

### MARRIAGE

Six months prior to your wedding date, or sooner, plan to meet with Fr Shimit.

### RCIC (RCIA ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children is for unbaptised children, 7 to 14 years of age, wishing to receive the sacraments.

For more information, contact Sister Lilia.



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COUNTDOWN TO  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
2024

STARTS AT  
**8PM**  
UNTIL 1 AM

SUNDAY  
**31**  
DECEMBER

TICKET  
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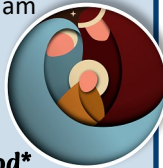
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All proceeds will be donated to the church building fund.  
For more information, please call the parish office at (780) 466-7576.

**NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES**

**December 31, 2023—Sunday**

- ✦ **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
Sat 4:30 pm / Sun at 9:30 am & 11:30 am
- ✦ **New Year's Eve Mass**  
Adoration—6:00 pm; Mass—7:00 pm



**January 1, 2024—Monday**

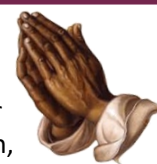
- ✦ **Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God\***  
9:30 am & 11:30 am \*Holy Day of Obligation

**Respect for Life...**

Each one of us is called to proclaim clearly that Jesus Christ is the Lord of Life. John was not willing to take any honour for himself, but he spoke plainly about Jesus' coming. When we proclaim Christ, we must be sure to proclaim all that Christ does as well; we must preach "liberty to captives and release to prisoners;" peace to worried mothers and comfort to the aged and suffering.



**We pray for**



... those who are sick, especially our loved ones, Rico Santos, Francis Chen, Maurice Prefontaine, and those affected by natural disasters and war. *May they receive the peace and healing of the Lord.*

... the repose of the souls of those who have died, especially Sheila Cashion, Gliceria Gaborro, Romy Evasco, Baby Kaleene Nenaria, Raymond LeNeal, and Alejandro Gabi. *May they rejoice in the kingdom of God.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 16-17		Third Sunday of Advent	
Sat Dec 16	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary—Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	4:30 pm	Children's Liturgy	FMT Rm
	7:00 pm	2nd Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Patrick Baska	Church Nave
Sun Dec 17	12:30 pm	Catechism Program—Advent Fellowship Potluck for families of our Catechism students	Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	3rd Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Jim Corrigan	Church Nave
Mon Dec 18	7:00 pm	4th Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Paul Kavanagh	Church Nave
Tue Dec 19	7:00 pm	5th Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Chad Miciak	Church Nave
Wed Dec 20	7:00 pm	6th Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Joselito Cantal	Church Nave
	7:00 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)	FMT Rm
Thu Dec 21	7:00 pm	7th Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Mario Villaraza	Church Nave
	7:00 pm	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	FMT Rm
Fri Dec 22	7:00 pm	8th Simbang Gabi Mass—with Fr Joseph Vadassery	Church Nave
Dec 23-24		Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Sat Dec 23	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary—Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	4:30 pm	Children's Liturgy	FMT Rm
	7:00 pm	9th and Final Simbang Gabi Mass for this Season—with Fr Shimit Abraham	Church Nave

**Saint Vincent de Paul**

**St. Theresa & Corpus Christi Conference**

**Food Bank Corner**



Greetings Corpus Christi Parishioners,  
We have not communicated for a long time. Thank you so much for all the groceries and grocery cards you have always donated to our Conference.

This week our needs are:

**Chef Boyardee, Kraft Dinner, salt, coffee, tea, lentils, pancake syrup, juice (1L), bath soap, toothpaste, adult tooth brushes, deodorant (men & women), diapers size 6.**

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Maria - 780-940-9010 or [maria1lup@gmail.com](mailto:maria1lup@gmail.com)



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If you didn't receive a message or have any questions, please contact the parish office at  
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