A central illustration of the Nativity scene, showing Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus in a manger. The scene is framed by a decorative gold border with two angels blowing trumpets in the corners. The text is centered over the illustration.

To you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11

*Merry Christmas*

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### 2. PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERING PROGRAM

(POP) - using your bank account or credit

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### 3. CANADA HELPS

[Click here to donate online using](#)

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### 4. DONATION ENVELOPES

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at [www.corpuschristi-edm.ca](http://www.corpuschristi-edm.ca)

*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



## 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
- Sobelys/Safeway/Freshco/IGA
- Save On Foods
- The Ultimate Dining Card
- Co-op
- Salisbury Greenhouse
- Boston Pizza
- Tim Hortons
- Pizza 73



## 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.

Reminder: Weekly sessions start Jan 7.

### 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.

## RCIA

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?

All are welcome to register!

**Thursdays at 7:00 pm Sessions have begun!**

Contact **Deacon Gem** at the parish office for more information, or to register.



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 Catholic Fraternity

1.9M members worldwide



Are you looking 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.



## Catholic Women's League of Canada

General meetings are held monthly on the first Monday (unless it falls on a holiday). **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!

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presents  
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COUNTDOWN TO  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
2024

STARTS AT  
**8PM**  
UNTIL 1 AM

SUNDAY  
**31**  
DECEMBER

TICKET  
**\$30**  
10 YEARS  
OLD AND  
UNDER \$10

WEAR WHITE OR NEON  
DINNER DANCE RAFFLES GAMES KARAOKE

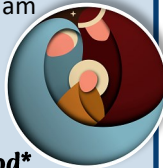
DINNER MENU: PANCIT, SPRING ROLLS, BAKED CHICKEN, PORK MENUDO, BAKED LASAGNA,  
MIXED VEGGIES, CEASAR SALAD, RICE, DESSERT AND MORE!

Tickets are available after weekend Masses, or  
weekdays at the parish office (Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm).

**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**

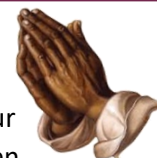
- ✦ **Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God\***  
9:30 am & 11:30 am \*Holy Day of Obligation

**Respect for Life ...**



*We pray that all who are pregnant and afraid may welcome the life within them, and draw strength from the Angel Gabriel's words to Mary, "Do not fear."*

**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 Benjamin Caballo, Vickie Watchel, Eduardo Adriosula, Sheila Cashion, Gliceria Gaborro, Romy Evasco, and Baby Kaleene Nenaria. *May they rejoice in the kingdom of God.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 23-24		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
Sat Dec 23		<b>No Children's Liturgy</b> —Sessions will resume <b>Jan 6</b>	
	7:00 pm	<b>9th and Final Simbang Gabi Mass for this Season</b> —with Fr Shimit Abraham	Church Nave
Sun Dec 24		<b>No Sunday Catechism</b> —Sessions will resume <b>Jan 7</b>	
Mon Dec 25		<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> *Office Closed / Church closed after Morning Masses	
Tue Dec 26		<b>BOXING DAY</b> *Office Closed / Church closed after Morning Mass	
Wed Dec 27		<b>No Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)</b> - Sessions will resume <b>Wed, Jan 10</b>	
Thu Dec 28		<b>No Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</b> All are welcome. Contact Deacon Gem to register. Sessions will resume <b>Thu, Jan 11</b>	
Sun Dec 31	8:00 pm	<b>Glow in the Dark—New Year's Eve Party</b>	Parish Hall
Mon Jan 1		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> *Office Closed / Church closed after Morning Masses	
Sat Jan 6	4:30 pm	<b>Children's Liturgy Resumes!</b>	FMT Rm
Sun Jan 7	10:30 am	<b>Sunday Catechism Resumes!</b>	Upstairs
Wed Jan 10	7:00 pm	<b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)</b>	FMT Rm
Thu Jan 11	7:00 pm	<b>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</b> All are welcome. Contact Deacon Gem to register.	FMT Rm

**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.**

Thank you so much for supporting our work and the people we serve.

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

# A Christmas Message

from our Permanent Deacon,  
Deacon Arden Playford

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,**

When the first Sunday of Advent comes around, I am reminded of all of the preparations we go through to prepare our houses, our yards, our workplaces for the coming of Christmas. This also brings me to the stark reality that I may have forgotten to prepare the most important place of all. My heart.

John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness “Prepare the way of the Lord”, but he wasn’t telling us to widen the highways or sweep the sidewalks, he was telling us to open our hearts to the message of the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Prepare **your way** to the Lord.

On behalf of my wife Jackie, our family; Tyler, Evan & Alyssa and all the Grand Pets, we wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**God Bless you all.**

**Deacon Arden Playford**

A word of

**Thank**  
from our Pastor...

I extend my gratitude to all parishioners for their generous contributions of time and skills that have made this parish such a vibrant, religiously-filled community, especially the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Liturgy Committee and Sunday Catechism Team.

Additionally, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who put in a lot of effort to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. We are grateful to everyone who helped decorate our church to prepare it for our various liturgies, Dada Mella, Father Paul, Marites Woolner, Tessa, Thelma, Jackie

Playford, Felicia Agwo, Jaimon Pazhanganad, and Simi Sibi. We would especially like to thank the amazing people who made up each of the many choirs that comprised our music ministry. We are grateful to all those who helped out, including the ushers, adult and junior servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, AV, point of entry, and greeters. Many thanks for that. I personally want to thank you for your gifts and prayers.

On behalf of Fr. Paul, Associate Pastor, Deacon Gem, Deacon Arden, the Parish Staff – Sr. Lilia, Ingrid, Mike, Giselle, Payal, Joshy, and Dave, and Volunteers – Stan, Marites, Meola, Lucy, Adora, Dada, Velda, Anna Truong, Shernett and Jillian, **we pray that God abundantly blesses you and your families with His peace and joy this blessed season and in the New Year.**

**Fr. Shimit, Pastor**

