

## 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

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## PARISH RECEPTION

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Collection	FUND	AMOUNT
DEC 07 2025	REGULAR COLLECTION	\$4,787.50
	BUILDING FUND	\$3,798.10
	TOGETHER WE SERVE	\$1,605.05
	LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT	\$2,221.01
	ANNUAL APPEAL	\$2,214.85

## DECEMBER 13 - 14, 2025 JESUS PRAISES 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]*

### ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE STEPHEN HERO

**Video Message—Dec 9, 2025**

Click the image below to play, or  
scan this QR code.



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

**SIMBANG GABI** is a tradition that began in the Philippines as a Novena in Preparation for Christmas Day. It typically runs from December 16 to December 24 with an early morning (usually sometime between 2:30 am and 5 am) Mass, but some communities in North America have adopted some changes with the novena starting on December 15 going until December 23 in the evenings. Though this tradition began in Philippines, this is a nice spiritual practice, which every one can follow, as immediate preparation towards Christmas.

In Corpus Christi Parish, we have Simbang Gabi (Adoration, Prayers, and Holy Mass for nine days) starting on Monday, 15th December. Adoration begins at 6pm each day (except on Sunday, 21st ) followed by Holy Mass. All are most welcome to take part this novena in preparation for Christmas Day.

### ONE FAMILY ONE MEAL

Secondly, I also appeal to each family to donate during this Christmas season, at least one full meal to a poor and needy, less privileged family. As we enjoy Christmas and New Year with sumptuous food, let us also look towards the poor families in our parish, in our neighbourhood, in our schools, among our friends.

Discuss in your families about this duty of ours, let your children know about it, and help others to celebrate this Christmas season in a blessed way.

You May also donate to the Vincent de Paul food bank by items, cash, or gift cards. Let us become a blessing for the poor, needy and less privileged families. May God bless us all with a fruitful season of advent.

I express my gratitude for you all, who supported the Jesse Tree project in the parish by the CWL. God bless you all.

### PARISH CENSUS—renewal of your parish membership

We read Luke 2:1-4. - In those days Caesar

*Come receive the message of Hope this Jubilee year at this special presentation.*

### JUBILEE ADVENT CHORAL PRESENTATION

**SAT DEC 13 AT 3:00 PM**

This production will be highlighting...

- ★ Meaning of Simbang Gabi Masses in this Jubilee year of Hope
- ★ Joy of walking together in the context of Corpus Christi's Pastoral Priorities
- ★ Celebration of Life where 'Unity in Diversity' flourishes.

*A devotional series of nine night-time Masses leading up to Christmas:*

**SIMBANG GABI MASSES  
MON DEC 15 - TUE DEC 23  
7:00 PM**

Presiding priests include:

- Dec 15—Fr Joselito Cantal
- Dec 16—Fr Martin Carroll
- Dec 17—Fr Joseph Aipe Vadakedath
- Dec 18—Fr Chad Miciak
- Dec 19—Fr Jake Mullin
- Dec 20—Fr Nilo Macapinlac
- Dec 21—Fr Paul Kavanagh
- Dec 22—Fr Jim Corrigan
- Dec 23—Fr Benoj Makkollil CMI

Contact Deacon Gem if your group or family is interested in sponsoring this event.



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### BAPTISM

For infants and children up to the age of 6.

#### Baptism Preparation

6:30 pm, on the **4th Tuesday**

- Jan 27, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Jul 28...

#### Baptism Celebrations

1:00 pm, on the **2nd & 3rd Sundays**

- Jan 11, 18, Feb 8, 15, Apr 12, 19, May 3...

Contact Sister Delia at the parish office for an appointment to register your child.

**NO BAPTISMS DURING ADVENT & LENT**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

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**Registration is open for Spring 2026.**

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(Grade 6+) Offered once/year.

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### MARRIAGE

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

### RCIC

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

Offered once/year, sessions will begin

**December 3, 2025, held weekly on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm.**

Contact Sister Delia at the parish office for more info, and to register.



Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or are you Catholic, but have not received your First Communion or Confirmation?

Thursdays at 7:00-8:00 pm

Contact Sister Delia at the parish office for more information.

## GROCERY, GAS & GIFT CARDS

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### 3. E-TRANSFER

to [CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca](mailto:CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca)  
**Important instructions are available here.**

### 4. CANADA HELPS

—See info on our website  
*Thank you for being a good steward of the Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi.*

## NEW ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES PROTOCOLS FOR CLERGY HOSPITAL VISITS

Due to FOIP related protocol amendments with Alberta Health Services (AHS), patients in hospital must be **registered as Catholic** and have **digitally signed consent** to receive visits from their faith community coordinated by Spiritual Health Practitioners. If the patient is unable to sign, a family member may do so on their behalf. Without signed consent, the in-hospital Spiritual Health Practitioner cannot contact the clergy on-call.

Regardless of the new AHS protocols, patients and families may still make private arrangements for a priest/deacon to visit.

This information is now available on our website for future reference here:  
[corpuschristi-edm.ca/about-us/contact-us](http://corpuschristi-edm.ca/about-us/contact-us)

Help our parish 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.

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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!*

Meets Every 4th Sunday

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

➔ **Sun, Dec 28**—Join us at the 5:00 pm

Mass, followed by our **Christmas Social!** Scan this QR code and sign up for email updates.



(Continued from front page) Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. As Corpus Christi Parish celebrates its ten years of existence, parish wants to re-assess the total membership of the parish. We have been making announcements towards parish Census, and showing videos, about the ten year photo directory souvenir.

I request with all our regular parishioners and new parishioners to register or to re-register you and your family with the new Parish Census Form.

For easy and better understanding, please register, re-register, or renew your membership with the parish. And check the box, if you want to be participating the photo directory souvenir.

**Total census forms received to date: 146**

## CHRISTMAS EVE

### ★ Vigil of the Nativity Mass

Wednesday, Dec 24—Office closed at 12 pm.

**Mass at 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm**

*Incense at all Christmas Eve Masses.*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

### ★ Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, Dec 25—Office closed

**Mass at 9:30 am, 11:30 am (No 5 pm Mass)**

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

### ★ Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary

Wednesday, Dec 31

**Mass at 7:00 pm—with incense**

**Adoration** in the church until midnight.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

### ★ Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Thursday, Jan 1

**Mass at 9:30 am, 11:30 am (No 5 pm Mass)**

*Starting this weekend in the Gathering Space...*

## PHOTO DIRECTORY SITTING SIGN UP

Visit the table in the Gathering Space to sign up to be included in our 10th Anniversary Photo Directory! \$25 sitting fee. Sittings will start Thursday, Jan 8, 2026.

## WE PRAY FOR...

... those who suffer with illness, especially Bishop Greg Bittman. *May they receive the peace and healing of the Lord.*

... the repose of the souls of those who have died, especially Adalia Nicholas Punzalan, Kyle Malacapo, Rose Mission, Salvacion Portuguese, Ange Liena Kenguruka, Helen Kong, Ken Wannamaker, Daniel Quinita, and Crisanta Alcoriza. *May they rejoice in God's kingdom.*



## RESPECT FOR LIFE

Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome You by welcoming all human life.

*Dec. 4 Pro-life Reflections for Every Day*

## RESPECT FOR LIFE MEETS...

*1st Monday (or 2nd Monday if stat holiday)*

**Next meeting: Monday, Jan 5 at 7:30 pm at the K of C Hall, 2947 66 Street NW**

## SUNDAY CATECHISM

† Prayers † Bible Study † Marian Devotion

† Church History, Teachings & Traditions

➡ **Sundays 10:30 to 11:30 am**

Contact: Lisa, Program Director, at

[corpuschristi.cat@caedm.ca](mailto:corpuschristi.cat@caedm.ca)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children in Kindergarten to Grade 3 Drop-in Saturdays, at the 4:30 pm Mass.

**Children's Liturgy is breaking for the Christmas holidays, and will return Jan 3, 2026, after Christmas break.**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST DEC 14

Second Sunday of the Month after both morning Masses—Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, coffee & juice. \$8/single, \$15/couple, \$25/family (4+ immediate members) *Provided by the Knights of Columbus & Catholic Women's League.*

## SAMOSA SUNDAY—DEC 21

Third Sunday of the Month after morning Masses—3 for \$5 / 7 for \$10

Save yourself the disappointment of being sold out, *come early for Mass to **pre-order***, and your samosas are guaranteed to be ready for you when you come out of Mass. Pre-order sales will be closed 10 minutes before Mass starts. *Provided by the Little Stewards.*

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ST THERESA & CORPUS CHRISTI CONFERENCE FOOD BANK CORNER

Thank you for your support of our food bank. This week, we are in need of:

**PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, JAM, juice, CRACKERS & SOUP CRACKERS, TEA, OATMEAL, sugar, SALT, COFFEE, peanut butter, PASTA (not spaghetti).**

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**JESUS LOVES YOU.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Reminder to all individuals and families: Please fill out a Parish Census form!**

**Annual Christmas Year-End Appeal—until Wednesday, Dec 31**

Sat Dec 13 - Sun Dec 14	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>		
Sat Dec 13	10:30 am	<b>Junior Legion of Mary</b> —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	3:00 pm	<b>Special Presentation: Jubilee Advent Choral</b> —Preceding the 4:30 pm Youth Mass, this production will be highlighting ★ the Meaning of Simbang Gabi Masses in this Jubilee year of Hope, ★ the Joy of walking together in the context of Corpus Christi's Pastoral Priorities, and ★ the Celebration of Life where 'Unity in Diversity' flourishes.	Church Nave
	4:30 pm	<b>Youth Mass</b>	Church Nave
	<b>No Children's Liturgy</b> —To resume Jan 3, 2026		
Sun Dec 14	10:30 am	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> —\$8/single, \$15/couple, \$25/family of 4 or more immediate members	Parish Hall
	5:00 pm	<b>Youth Mass</b>	Church Nave
	6:00 pm	<b>Catechism Christmas Celebration</b>	Parish Hall
Mon Dec 15	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 1—Celebrant: Fr Joselito Cantal	Church Nave
Tue Dec 16	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 2—Celebrant: Fr Martin Carroll	Church Nave
	7:00 pm	<b>Legion of Mary</b> —Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Wed Dec 17	<b>No RCIC Session</b> Rite of Christian Initiation of Children—To resume Jan 7, 2026		
	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 3—Celebrant: Fr Joseph Aipe Vadakedath	Church Nave
Thu Dec 18	<b>No RCIA Session</b> Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—To resume Jan 8, 2026		
	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 4—Celebrant: Fr Chad Miciak	Church Nave
Fri Dec 19	5:30 pm	<b>Third Friday Rosary</b> —hosted by the Knights of Columbus—Enter by the chapel exit.	Adoration Chapel
	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 5—Celebrant: Fr Jake Mullin	Church Nave
Sat Dec 20 - Sun Dec 21	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		
Sat Dec 20	10:30 am	<b>Junior Legion of Mary</b> —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 6—Celebrant: Fr Nilo Macapinlac	Church Nave
Sun Dec 21	10:30 am	<b>Samosa Sunday</b> —3 for \$5 / 7 for \$10 After morning Masses. Arrive early to preorder.	Gathering Space
	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 7—Celebrant: Fr Paul Kavanagh	Church Nave
Mon Dec 22	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 8—Celebrant: Fr Jim Corrigan	Church Nave
Tue Dec 23	7:00 pm	<b>Simbang Gabi</b> —Day 9—Celebrant: Fr Benoj Makkollil CMI	Church Nave

*Would you have time to offer?*

### HELP NEEDED:

### WEEKDAY VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Organizing pew pockets
- ◆ Event hospitality
- ◆ Cleaning crew / vacuuming

If you have availability, please call the parish office at 780.466.7576.

### YOUTH MASSES

**Every weekend of the 2nd Sunday.**

➡ **Sat, Dec 13, 4:30 pm & Sun, Dec 14, 5 pm**

Youth are encouraged to fill the ministries of *Readers, Collection helpers & Choir members.*

Training is provided. Please contact the parish office to get involved!

*The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents...*

### ADVENT VIDEO SERIES

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The Catholic  
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# Catholics Urged to Take Immediate Action on Bill C-9

DECEMBER 4, 2025



The Archdiocese of Edmonton is calling on Catholics across Alberta and Canada to take **immediate action** as concerns intensify over the federal government's proposed **Bill C-9 – the Combating Hate Act** – and its potential impact on religious freedom.

The **Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB)** issued an open letter Dec. 4 to Prime Minister Mark Carney urging the government to halt its plan to remove the long-standing *religious-text exemption* from Canada's hate-speech laws. The letter was also sent to key federal officials. Catholic leaders warn that eliminating this protection could place legitimate religious teaching and pastoral ministry at risk.

## ***Why This Matters:***

The proposed amendment would repeal Criminal Code clause **319(3)(b)**, which currently ensures that individuals cannot be convicted of hate-speech offences for expressing, *in good faith*, opinions rooted in Scripture or religious belief.

Multiple faith communities—Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and others—have expressed unified alarm. They caution that removing this defence could chill ordinary religious speech and create uncertainty for homilies, catechesis, pastoral counselling, marriage preparation, youth ministry, and online evangelization.

More than 6,000 Canadians have already signed petitions calling on the government to preserve the exemption.

The Archdiocese of Edmonton is urging Catholics not to wait for others to speak up. **Your action is essential.**



# *What You Can Do Right Now?*

## Contact Your Member of Parliament—Today

Tell your MP you oppose removing the religious-text exemption in Bill C-9. Share your concerns about how the amendment could affect preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and the Church's public witness.

Even a brief message makes a difference. Constituency offices track every call and email.

## Read & Share the Canadian Bishops' Letter to Prime Minister:



**English letter** (PDF): <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-EN.pdf>

**French letter** (PDF): <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-12-04-Letter-to-PM-Religious-Freedom-FR.pdf>

Share it widely through your parish networks, ministries, and social media.

## Stay Informed—and Inform Others

Parishes, schools, lay leaders, and Catholic organizations are encouraged to help the faithful understand the potential implications of Bill C-9. Accurate information dispels confusion and strengthens our collective voice.

## Stand with Other Faith Communities

Many religious traditions are united in their concern. Collaborate with other communities committed to safeguarding freedom of belief and expression.

## Participate Peacefully and Constructively

Sign petitions, write letters, join community discussions, and engage respectfully in democratic processes. These peaceful actions remain vital in defending constitutional freedoms.

**Sign up for The WINDOW**, the weekly electronic bulletin with news from the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

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Sto Niño was lent to someone who sadly passed away; was accidentally dropped off at Goodwill. If found, please contact RHODA through the parish office. **Thank you!**

780.466.7576

**ACTIVE KIDS ACADEMY** New Daycare Location in Mill Woods

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**Praesidium Academy:**

**Volunteer Management / Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention Program for Adults in Ministry**

Since March 2025, Called to Protect has been replaced with online courses through Praesidium Academy.

All new volunteers must complete the [Volunteer Application](#) and [Covenant of Care](#) forms. Adult volunteers will then receive an emailed invitation to the Praesidium Academy site to complete the required Safe Environment Program courses.

**Thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent.**

**SAFE ENVIRONMENTS & ABUSE PREVENTION**

**Attention All Volunteer Ministers:**

Please check your email for an invitation from **Praesidium Academy** (email address: [DoNotReply@Praesidiuminc.com](mailto:DoNotReply@Praesidiuminc.com))

This is the platform the Archdiocese of Edmonton is using to administrate the Volunteer Management Program. Active volunteers will now have direct access to the Program to complete online abuse prevention training.

1. Accept the invitation, sent out to volunteers by email.
2. You will be prompted to reset your login and create a password.
3. Complete the required courses.

If you didn't receive a message or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 780.466.7576 or [CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca](mailto:CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca)

For more information, click this link: <https://praesidium.lpages.co/academy2021/>

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