

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

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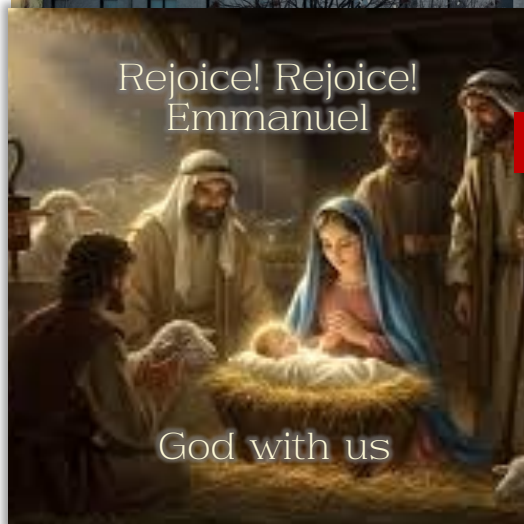
Monday to Saturday 8:30 am
Saturday 3:30 pm

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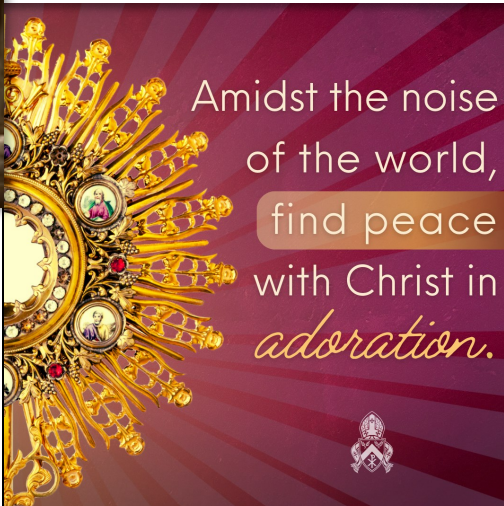


HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27 - 28, 2025

THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Colossians 3.15, 16*



PARISH RECEPTION

Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm
Closed over the lunch hour; 12 to 1 pm.
Closed weekends & holidays.

PARISH TEAM

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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.

(There will be a regular weekday Mass at 9 am)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

★ *Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God*

Thursday, Jan 1 (No 9 am or 5 pm Masses)

Mass at 9:30 am, 11:30 am

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Christmas is the beautiful feast of God becoming man, and hosting "a Divine Party - celebrating His Love and Mercy!"

Am I willing to make my heart a "place of party" to celebrate love and mercy, by accepting the unwanted, the rejected and the lonely? by sharing the precious gifts of God's Mercy and Love to all?

Christmas is the holy and happy day when we celebrate the coming of God's Son into the world - the incarnation of God (Cf. Jn

1:14), celebrating His intense and saving love for us (Cf. Jn 3:16)

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." – Pope Francis.

The Gospel narratives specific to the Birth of Christ remind us that the salvation brought by Jesus isn't just a spiritual concept, but a tangible reality rooted in human experience. The core of Christianity is not a set of teachings, but it is about what God has done for us - our redemption from sins! This is expressed in the very meaning of the name Jesus: JESUS means "God saves!"

Christmas, therefore, comes with the strong message that "every external act of festivity ought to be accompanied by an internal surrender of one's life to Christ, our Saviour!"

The decorations that we do, find authentic meaning, when we allow Christ's Love to glitter our life!

The sweets, cakes and other food we prepare, have real value, when we allow our faith in Christ to nourish and nurture us!

The stars we put up and the carols we sing, find true importance, when we allow Christ's Mercy to radiate and harmonise us!

That is why, the greatest and the truest act in the celebration of Christmas is accepting Jesus as the Saviour of our lives!

All other external expressions ought to flow forth or lead towards this sole requirement: God bless all of us, all our family members, all our parishioners with Peace, Joy, Happiness, Unity, Prosperity, Good Health of Mind and Body.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Fr Benoj Makkollil CMI

| Collection | FUND | AMOUNT |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|
| DEC 21 2025 | REGULAR COLLECTION | \$4,090.50 |
| | BUILDING FUND | \$4,601.80 |
| | LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT | \$1,488.40 |
| | SAMOSA SUNDAY | \$736.00 |
| | ANNUAL APPEAL | \$2,658.25 |

4 WAYS TO DONATE

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www.corpuschristi-edm.ca

- 1. PRE-AUTHORIZED OFFERING PROGRAM (POP)*** using your bank account or credit card. *This is the preferred method.
- 2. DONATION ENVELOPES**—Contact the office if you would like a box of envelopes.
- 3. E-TRANSFER** to CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca
[Important instructions - available here.](#)
- 4. CANADA HELPS**—See info on our website
Thank you for being a good steward of the Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM

For infants and children up to the age of 6.
Baptism Preparation
 6:30 pm, on the **4th Tuesday**
Baptism Celebrations
 1:00 pm, on the **2nd & 3rd Sundays**
 Contact Sister Delia at the parish office for an appointment to register your child.

NO BAPTISMS DURING ADVENT & LENT

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

(Grade 3+) Offered twice/year.
Registration is open for Spring 2026.
 Visit our website for detailed information.

CONFIRMATION

(Grade 6+) Offered once/year.
Registration is open for 2026.
 Visit our website for detailed information.

MARRIAGE

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

RCIA & RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children. RCIC is for unbaptised children 7 to 14 years of age. RCIA is for adults seeking full communion in the Catholic faith. These programs are offered once/year.
 RCIA meets on Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 pm;
 RCIC meets on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm.
 Contact Sister Delia at the parish office for more info, and to register.

GROCERY, GAS & GIFT CARDS

Available for purchase at the parish office,
Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm;
and at the kiosk after weekend Masses.

- Superstore
- Sobeys/Safeway/Freshco
- Save On Foods
- The Ultimate Dining Card
- Co-op
- Salisbury Greenhouse
- Boston Pizza
- Tim Hortons



The blessings of *Peace*.
 The beauty of *Hope*.
 The spirit of *Love*.
 The comfort of *Faith*.

May these be your most treasured gifts this Christmas Season.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

First Monday of each month
 (unless it's a holiday, as in September)

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Next meeting: MONDAY, JAN 5, 6:45 PM

Come and bring a friend, and enjoy fellowship with a wonderful group of ladies!

New members are always welcome.

To find out more, contact Jessica at:
cc.cwlmembership@gmail.com

For more CWL/KofC info: www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/come-get-involved/our-service-groups

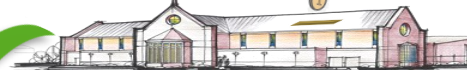
NEW ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES PROTOCOLS FOR CLERGY HOSPITAL VISITS

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

Helping pay off our church 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!

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Fraternity

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Seeking ways to participate in parish activities? New members welcome!

General meetings are held monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7 pm.

TUESDAY, JAN 27, FMT Room upstairs
 Contact us at gk15290@kofc.ab.ca

All are welcome to join us in praying the **Rosary every 3rd Friday, 5:30—6:00 pm** in the Adoration Chapel; next: JAN 16.

Calling All Catholics; even registered parishioners! 2025 PARISH CENSUS

If Corpus Christi is your home parish (or if you live south of the Whitemud and east of 50 Street), please complete a 2025 Census form! **Be counted among the community of Catholics we serve here at Corpus Christi.** Forms are available at the reception counter, kiosk counter and on our Registrations web page at www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/about-us/parish-registration

Total received to date:

418 census forms

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS YEAR-END APPEAL

Pink Annual Appeal envelopes are available in the pews. The last day to give for your donation dollars to count toward your 2025 tax receipt is **December 31**—either by dropping off at the parish, or by postmark at a post office.

Meeting 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.



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ONE FAMILY - ONE MEAL

In the spirit of giving during this Christmas season, our Pastor, Father Ben, appeals to each family to donate at least one full meal to a less privileged family. In his ministry, Father Ben has served very poor communities. Here, although we live in a prosperous society, poverty is still a reality that many in our community face. Father Ben asks that we remember the less fortunate, and act on their needs.

As we enjoy Christmas and New Year celebrations with sumptuous food, let us also be mindful of the families in our parish, neighbourhood, schools, and among our friends who are struggling at this time.

SSVP FOOD BANK BIN

Please remember that we have a box in our Gathering Space for Food Bank donations. Consider what you can bring from home when your family is coming for Mass.

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

Keeping in mind those who have less, remember to bring items for the Food Bank when you come for Mass this Christmas.

Thank you for your support! We need: **PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, JAM, juice, CRACKERS & SOUP CRACKERS, TEA, OATMEAL, sugar, SALT, COFFEE, peanut butter, PASTA (not spaghetti). CANNED (vegetable soup, tomato soup, mushroom soup, BEANS, CHICKPEAS, pasta sauce, FRUIT, fish [SALMON, tuna, SARDINES], chunky soups, baked beans). TOILETRIES SHAMPOO, MEN & LADIES DEODORANT, TOILET PAPER. (\$25 GROCERY GIFT CARDS—eligible for tax receipt when providing your name and address.)**

Serving in hope,
Maria at 780-940-9010 or
maria1lup@gmail.com

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.

Marking our upcoming celebration of 10 years in our beautiful church,

CORPUS CHRISTI PENS

are on sale in the Gathering Space. \$5/pen. Sales from this pen will help offset the cost of various celebratory events in 2026!

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

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| Sat Dec 27 - Sun Dec 28 | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | | |
| Sat Dec 27 | 10:30 am | Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth) | Fr Corrigan Rm |
| | No Children's Liturgy —will resume Jan 3 | | |
| Sun Dec 28 | No Sunday Catechism —will resume Jan 4 | | |
| | 5:00 pm | Young Adults Monthly Fellowship —following Mass. Get updates on this month's fellowship details by scanning the QR code on the preceding page! | Mass: Church Nave; Fellowship @...? |
| Tue Dec 30 | 7:00 pm | Legion of Mary —Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult) | Fr Corrigan Rm |
| Wed Dec 31 | 7:00 pm | Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mass followed by Adoration until Midnight | Church Nave |
| Thu Jan 1 | 9:30 am 11:30 am | Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass Mass No weekday Mass at 9 am; No Mass at 5:00 pm. Office closed; Church closed after 11:30 Mass. | Church Nave |
| Fri Jan 2 | 8:00 am 8:30 am 9:00 am | First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Adoration Rosary, Reconciliation Mass <i>Please note, there will be <u>no First Friday evening Mass this month.</u></i> | Church Nave |
| Sat Jan 3 | 10:30 am | Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth) | Fr Corrigan Rm |
| | 4:30 pm | Children's Liturgy Resumes | FMT Rm |
| Sun Jan 4 | 10:30 am | Sunday Catechism Resumes | Upstairs |
| Mon Jan 5 | 6:45 pm | Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting | FMT Rm |
| Tue Jan 6 | 7:00 pm | Legion of Mary —Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult) | Fr Corrigan Rm |

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 Conrado Fulgueras, George Thekkedath, Alfonso Joven Jr, and Kyle Malacapo. *May they rejoice in God's kingdom.*

RESPECT FOR LIFE

We pray that the family may become ever more the sanctuary of life, where all are welcomed as a gift rather than a burden.

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

☞Sundays 10:30 to 11:30 am

Breaking for Christmas; returning Jan 4.

(Grades 1-12) Contact: Lisa, Program Director, at corpuschristi.cat@caedm.ca

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

Breaking for Christmas; returning Jan 3.

YOUTH MASSES

Every weekend of the 2nd Sunday.
Sat, Jan 10, 4:30 pm & Sun, Jan 11, 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!

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.

Jesus still heals today!

HEALING SERVICE

SATURDAY DEC 27

**AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH,
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- 5:00 pm Optional Mass
- 6:30 pm Opening Praise & Worship
- 7:00 pm Gospel Healing Presentation
- 7:30 pm Corporate Prayer for Healing and Testimonies

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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

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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)

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

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

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