

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 8:15—8:45 am

Saturday 3:30—4:15 pm

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BULLETIN



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUG 22-23, 2026

PETER'S DECLARATION ABOUT JESUS

*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church;
the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. Matthew 16.18*

PARISH RECEPTION

Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm

Closed over the lunch hour; 12 to 1 pm.

Closed weekends/holidays:

Labour Day—Monday, September 7

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FROM OUR PASTOR...

The three readings on this Sunday, remind us that God's ways cannot be reduced to human plans or calculations. They invite us to surrender our desire to control, to recognise the limits of our understanding, and to place our trust in the God who remains faithful.

The first reading presents Shebna, the "master of the palace," in the royal court of Judah, under King Hezekiah. He used his position as "master of the palace" to seek personal honour and glory. Shebna had carved out a magnificent tomb for himself, as though his chief concern were his own name rather than the people he served. He had forgotten that the position was never his to begin with; it had been given for the sake of the king and the people, not as a monument to himself.

Then comes the image the key of the house of David. Whoever carries it has charge over the household; he opens, and no one shuts; he shuts, and no one opens. It would be easy to hear this and think only of power.

But the key does not belong to the one who carries it—it belongs to the king. Eliakim's authority is real, yet never his own; he exercises it in the king's name, for the king's household. Authority is a trust, exercised for others and never for oneself.

In the second reading, Paul, after a long and careful argument, acknowledges that God's wisdom surpasses human understanding and responds with humble praise. Paul shows us that before the wisdom of God, the right posture is not mastery but humility and trust. God's judgements, he says, are unsearchable, his ways past tracing out. Paul recognises that God's wisdom is a mystery meant to be adored, not mastered. For every believer, Paul reminds us that when God's ways are hard to understand, what is asked of us is not

an explanation, but trust.

Paul does not conclude with a theory; he ends on his knees, "To him be glory for ever, Amen," showing that recognising the limits of our own wisdom is not despair but an invitation to trust God more deeply.

And in the Gospel, Peter, at Caesarea Philippi, makes the confession on which the whole Church still stands. Peter's confession is not the fruit of his own cleverness; it is a gift from the Father.

Faith, at its root, is always something we receive before it is ever something we achieve. Church stands on the confession of faith in Jesus Christ, and that whatever authority is exercised within it flows from Him alone.

Then comes the promise of the keys, and here the connection with our first reading becomes unmistakable. The key given to Eliakim in the house of David finds its fulfilment in the keys given to Peter in the household of God. Peter receives real authority, to bind and to loose, to guide the community. But exactly as with Eliakim, this authority is not self-generated. It comes from Christ and is exercised "in heaven," under God's own judgement, never above it or apart from it.

And above all, Peter's confession remains the ground on which we all stand. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God; every office, every ministry, every act of service in His Church is built on that one confession, and finds its meaning nowhere else.

Lord Jesus Christ, keep us faithful to whatever trust you have placed in our hands, and free us from ever mistaking it for a possession of our own. Teach us to bow before your wisdom when we cannot see the way ahead, and to say with Peter, from the heart, that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, the one foundation on which we stand.

Fr Benoj Makkollil, Pastor

Collection	FUND	AMOUNT
AUG 16 2026	REGULAR COLLECTION	\$4,761.25
	BUILDING FUND	\$4,572.40
	LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT	\$2,525.90

"OUR DEVOTION TO THE UNDERSTANDING, TEACHING, PROMOTION AND LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST"

For all couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, not Catholics alone:

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

The parish will be hosting a Marriage Preparation Seminar—open to all engaged couples, and couples seeking Convalidation.

Saturday & Sunday, September 26-27

\$250/couple—For info/to register:

www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/sacraments#text-2822962



Calling All Catholics TO BE COUNTED!

PARISH CENSUS

If Corpus Christi is your home parish, or if you are Catholic and live south of the Whitemud and east of 50 Street, please complete a Census form. This includes all our previously registered parishioners! **There is still time to 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 website at www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/about-us/parish-registration

Total received to date: 1247

RESPECT FOR LIFE

We pray that the Church, against which the gates of Hades will not prevail, will work with confidence to eradicate the injustices of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MEETS

on the 1st Monday of the month (2nd Monday if statutory holiday).

Kevin D. - 780.462.9232 or kdevlin@telus.net

Helping to 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!

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



CORPUS CHRISTI CHARITABLE COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN

STATUS—AUG 21, 2026

Total Families Committed: 391
Percent of total 2217 families: 17.64%
Total Commitment Amount to Date: \$2,283,931.80

Monthly Mortgage Commitment to the Archdiocese: \$70,000.00
Monthly Commitments to date: \$38,065.53

We're already half way to projecting a mortgage-free parish in 5 years!

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO IT!!!

4 WAYS TO DONATE

For full details, please visit our website 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.

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

Meeting Every 4th Sunday

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

➔ In August, we are planning for a change in our usual fellowship.

Scan this QR code to sign up for email updates.



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

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Registration is OPEN for Fall 2026.

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CONFIRMATION

(Grade 6+) Offered once/year.

Registration is OPEN for 2027.

Visit our website for detailed information.

MARRIAGE

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

Visit the [Sacraments](#) page on our website for information about our upcoming

Marriage Preparation Seminar (Sep 26-27).

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.

➤ **RCIC meets on Wednesdays, 6-7:00 pm Starts—Dec 2, 2026**

➤ **RCIA meets on Thursdays, 7-8:00 pm Starts—Sep 24, 2026**

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

In support of the parish building fund...

HARVEST DINNER SATURDAY, OCT 24

\$55/person

5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner

in the Parish Hall. Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses in the gathering space, or by scanning this QR code.

This event is sponsored by the CWL and Knights of Columbus.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS FRIDAY, SEP 4

Adoration 6 to 7 pm

Mass 7 pm



Calling Faith-Filled Stewards of Christ...

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

in bringing the Word to our children

➔ Catechism Program—Teacher

➔ Catechism Program—Helper

➔ Children's Liturgy—Teacher

➔ Children's Liturgy—Helper

Please contact the parish office.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

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

The number of requests for food has exploded again. Our food bank is in need of: **INDIVIDUAL toothbrushes for children; JAM, CRACKERS, Pancake SYRUP, COOKIES, JUICE, GRANOLA BARS, CANNED FISH, PEANUT BUTTER.**

Thank you so much for your support.

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Maria 780-940-9010, maria1lup@gmail.com



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the OLCG room at St Theresa's Parish. **(Tue, Sep 15.)** Find out how you can help and be part of this group of volunteers who assist people in need. Inquiries, call or text Juanita (780.965.0843) or Jeffrey (780.257.5639).

WE PRAY FOR...

... those who suffer with illness, especially Bishop Greg Bittman. *May they receive the peace and healing of the Lord, and may those who are dedicated to their care, be guided with wisdom and compassion.*

... the repose of the souls of those who have died, especially Maria Olivia Jepas, Oscar Quintos, Baby Angel Agtarap, Felina Natividad, Mirna Mena, Liberato Lerit, Mary Malloy, and Evelyn Peralta. *May they rejoice in God's kingdom.*

YOUTH MASSES

Every weekend of the 2nd Sunday.

☞ **Sat, Sep 12, 4:30 pm & Sun, Sep 13, 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!

DONATIONS OF FLOWERS

Flower donations for adorning the church are welcome! Please contact Jackie, Arts & Environment Lead, through the parish office to coordinate your offering. 780.466.7576

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder to all individuals and families: Please fill out a PARISH CENSUS form.

Sat Aug 22	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Sun Aug 23	5:00 pm	Archbishop Susai Jesu OMI will be the main celebrant at this Mass	Church Nave
Young Adults Ministry Fellowship will be held outside the parish this month. Sign up using the QR code on the preceding page in order to receive emailed updates.			
Tue Aug 25	6:30 pm	Baptism Preparation Seminar	St Joseph Rm
	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary —Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Fri Aug 28	No Seniors' (50+) Monthly Coffee Fellowship this month. Resumes Sep 25.		
Sat Aug 29	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Tue Sep 01	8:30 am	ECSD School Opening Mass Celebrant: Fr Glenn McDonald, Division Chaplain <i>There will be no Adoration preceding Mass today.</i>	Church Nave
	8:55 am	➤ Rosary	
	9:00 am	➤ Introduction	
	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary —Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Fri Sep 04	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus ➤ Adoration ➤ Mass	Church Nave
Sat Sep 05	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Mon Sep 07	Labour Day —Office Closed; Rosary at 8:30 am; Mass at 9:00 am; Church closed following morning Mass. (Note: No Adoration today.)		
Mon Sep 14	6:45 pm	Catholic Women's League —Meetings resume!	FMT Rm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ****

Laying the foundations for our Youth...

SUNDAY CATECHISM

For Youth, Grades 1 to 12

Sundays 10:30 to 11:30 am, Sep through Jun

Resumes September 13

Walk with Jesus | Our Catholic Prayers | Bible Study | Devotion to Our Lady | Church History & Teachings | Traditions

Register online at

<https://forms.gle/NhYhZvBqntxgBnjh6>

or by using this QR code:

For more information, contact Lisa, Program Director, at CorpusChristi.Cat@caedm.ca

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ****



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Sunday Catechism resumes Sep 13, with the 9:30 am Mass celebration. We request and encourage parents to use this opportunity provided by the parish to form our children in faith. Please register your children for Sunday Catechism, with the leaders and teachers in the gathering space after all Masses this weekend.

The leaders of Sunday Catechism need more helping hands. I encourage our parishioners who have received sacraments in the Catholic Church, according to their state of life, to come forward to support this need in the church.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude towards all those leaders of this program and teachers, who plan regularly and guide the program. God bless you all.

Fr Benoj Makkollil, Pastor

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4. Complete the required courses.

Problems/Questions? Parish office: 780.466.7576 CorpusChristi.Edm@caedm.ca

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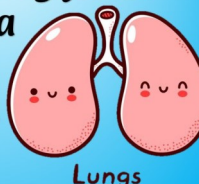
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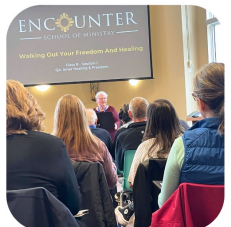
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