

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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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUG 29-30, 2026

JESUS FORTHELLS HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might know the hope to which we are called. Ephesians 1.17-18*

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 readings this week remind us that faithful discipleship is a call from God, requires surrender, transformation, and a willingness to suffer for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. Authentic fidelity to God is costly, counter-intuitive, and makes sense only within a total, sacrificial surrender of self.

Prophet Jeremiah discovers within himself a divine call, a vocation, which he cannot resist and cannot suppress, bearing mockery and an inner fire that will not be silenced.

Saint Augustine understood this dynamic of interior compulsion as the transforming power of grace that works irresistibly from within the will (Confessions, Book 8, Chapter 7). Saint Jerome, for his part, took the burning word in the prophet's heart as proof that once the truth is received, it cannot be contained by human weakness (Commentary on Jeremiah).

In the second reading (Rom. 12:1-2), Saint Paul, having spent eleven chapters expounding God's mercy, justification, and the inclusion of the Gentiles, he now turns to the practical implications of that grace. The mercies of God, which he has just described so fully, demand a corresponding offering from those who have received them, and so he urges his readers to present their bodies as a living sacrifice, and to be transformed by the renewal of our minds, resisting conformity to worldly patterns.

Saint John Chrysostom explains that the sacrifice Paul envisions is not the offering of irrational animals (sacrifice of the old) but the rational self-offering of those made alive in Christ.

In the Gospel, Jesus reveals that his mission is that of a suffering servant, and it involves suffering, death, and resurrection. His Messiahship means suffering not

triumph. Jesus rebukes Peter (stumbling block) for measuring divine purpose by human expectation. The same person who receives revelation can become an obstacle the moment he judges God's purpose by human standards.

From his own vocation, Jesus turns to ours. "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Self-denial does not mean the destruction of personality but the surrender of self-sovereignty, so that self-preservation and self-interest cease to be the ultimate criteria for our decisions.

To carry one's cross meant to accept the consequences of following Jesus, including the possibility of public shame and death. Saint Jerome understood taking up the cross as bearing the adversities of this life with patience, crucifying the flesh with its vices and desires.

And then comes the paradox that overturns all our ordinary calculations: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." No worldly gain, Jesus tells us, using the language of exchange and ransom, can compensate for the loss of one's true self.

God bless all of us and help us, to become authentic disciples in the Church.

Fr Benoj Makkollil, Pastor

All are encouraged to attend...

PRESENTATION: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

THURSDAY, SEP 24, 7:00 PM

in the Parish Hall. Presented by Jenn Wood, dedicated to raising awareness in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery—an issue, even in our own back yard. Hosted by Corpus Christi Catholic Women's League.

Collection	FUND	AMOUNT
AUG 23 2026	REGULAR COLLECTION	\$6,020.70
	BUILDING FUND	\$3,612.60
	LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT	\$2,312.35

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! **Be counted among the community of Catholics we serve here at Corpus Christi.** Forms are available at the reception counter, kiosk counter and at www.corpuschristi-edm.ca/about-us/parish-registration

Total received to date: 1250

RESPECT FOR LIFE

We pray that those who defend and promote abortion may be transformed by the renewal of their minds to discern what is the will of God, and always defend the right of every person to life.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MEETS

on the 1st Monday of the month (2nd Monday if statutory holiday) at Knights of Columbus Hall-2947 66 Street NW, Edm 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 28, 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

➔ **September 27**, join us for fellowship following 5 pm Mass.

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.

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Registration is OPEN for Fall 2026.

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CONFIRMATION

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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. **Online Donations & Sponsorship Opportunities:**

Scan QR code for information. *This event is hosted 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.



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

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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Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

Meetings are held on the 3rd

Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the OLGC room at St Theresa's Parish. **(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).

TREASURER NEEDED

St. Theresa's SSVF conference is currently seeking a volunteer for the position of Treasurer. Duties include:

- Keep accurate and appropriate records of funds and depositing them at the financial institution chosen by the council
- Ensuring that invoices /statements are obtained before disbursements are
- Ensure that all payments are signed by 2 persons authorized by the council
- Prepare a financial statement prior to every meeting (3rd Tuesday every month)
- Prepare annual budget and financial report
- Conducting annual review of account books
- Preparing and sending income tax receipts to donors and submitting an annual Canada Revenue Agency Charity Tax Return
- Monitoring and making recommendations to the executive committee, management committees, board of directors regarding property and capital expenditures, lines of credit, and investments

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Juanita (780) 968-0843 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 Faye Williamson, Linda D'Souza, Angelita Cuizon Cuhit, Walthur Javellana, Efren Cruz de Jesus, Maria Olivia Jepas, Oscar Quintos, and Baby Angel Agtarap. *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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat Aug 29	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Tue Sep 01	8:30 am 8:55 am 9:00 am	ECSD School Opening Mass Celebrant: Fr Glenn McDonald, Division Chaplain <i>There will be no Adoration preceding Mass today.</i> ➤ Rosary ➤ Introduction ➤ Mass starts	Church Nave
	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. <i>(Note: No Adoration today.)</i>		
Tue Sep 8	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary —Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Thu Sep 10	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Assembly Monthly Meeting	St Joseph Rm
Sat Sep 12	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary —Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	4:30 pm	Youth Mass	Church Nave
Sun Sep 13	10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast —after morning Masses	Parish Hall
	10:30 am	Sunday Catechism Resumes!	Upstairs
	1:00 pm	Baptism Celebration	Church Nave
	5:00 pm	Youth Mass	Church Nave
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, Sep through Jun. Resumes September 19
**** 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/NhYhZvBqntxgBnjik6>

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

Couples for Christ invites you to this journey of faith, friendship and fun...

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

6:30 pm Fridays, Sep 11 - Oct 16

Register with this QR code:



LEGION OF MARY—36TH ANNUAL JUNIOR RETREAT SATURDAY, SEP 19 8 AM TO 3 PM

in the Parish Hall / Ages 5-17 yrs

Free Admission / Scan this QR code to register before Saturday, Sep 12.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the Resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain times we live in, what crosses do we bear in order to reveal God's glory?

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Mary, Annual Praesidium Celebration
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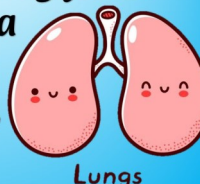
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