

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

Matthew 21:28-32

The First Son:

"I Won't Go."

...But Later
He Obeyed.

The Second Son:

"I'll Go, Sir!"

...But He
Didn't Go.

— Who Did the Father's Will? —

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEP 26-27, 2026

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

*My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me. John 10.27*

PARISH RECEPTION

Open Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm

Closed over the lunch hour; 12 to 1 pm.

Closed weekends/holidays:

**National Day of Healing &
Reconciliation—Wed, September 30**

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FROM OUR PASTOR

The readings this Sunday call us to authentic repentance and obedient action.

The prophet Ezekiel (Ezek. 18:25-28): Ezekiel addresses a complaint that arose among the Israelites during their exile in Babylon, deported from their homeland and convinced that they were suffering for the sins of their ancestors. They complained that God's ways were not just, that they were suffering unfairly for what their forebears had done. The prophet responds by insisting that each person bears responsibility and accountable for their own conduct and that, repentance remains always open, and repentance can reverse judgement. The people were accusing God of tipping the scales against them. But Ezekiel turns the accusation back: it is their ways that are not measured, not God's.

Saint Paul (Philip. 2:1-11):

Paul writes to the church at Philippi, a Roman colony where citizens took pride in their status and where the emperor was publicly acclaimed as lord. The community was experiencing internal friction, and Paul appeals for unity, humility, and mutual regard. He grounds this appeal not in human wisdom but in Christ's example alone, in the self-emptying of Christ, who humbled himself unto death and was exalted by the Father. He calls them to reject selfish ambition and instead embrace humility, counting others more significant than themselves. **This humility is not weakness but strength, modelled after Christ who gave himself for the Church.** The passage reminds us that true joy flows from shared love and harmony, not from personal gain.

The Gospel (Matth. 21:28-32), presents Jesus' parable of the two sons, contrasting the one who refused but later obeyed with the one who promised but did not act.

The word rendered "vineyard" means a planted, fenced plot of vines, the prophetic

image for Israel itself.

The Gospel parable exposes the gap between words and deeds: those who act, however late, enter the kingdom ahead of those who only promise. Gospel exposes the religious leaders' failure to respond to the call of John the Baptist to repentance.

God's justice is merciful, and he takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked but desires that all turn and live. Our task is not merely to say "I go" but to go.

Lord our God, turn our hearts from sin, and grant us grace to repent, return to you, and walk in the way of life. Your Son emptied himself in obedience unto death; teach us to follow him, that our deeds may bear witness to the faith we profess. May our words and actions be one, that we may turn from refusal to obedience, and come to the joy of your Kingdom. Amen.

This weekend, please consider supporting the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation:

WHEELCHAIR DRIVE

This Sunday, is the fourth year that our Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Council has organised a Wheelchair Drive at Corpus Christi Parish supporting the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation.

I thank the Knights, for these initiatives in our parish, introducing the different needs of the people, and opportunities for parishioners to support.

Any donation over \$20 will receive a Tax Receipt from The Canadian Wheelchair Foundation if requested by the donor.

Over the last few years, total funds raised was \$10,173.70 (\$1,173.10 in 2023, \$3,284.60 in 2024, and \$5,716.00 in 2025). **Each wheelchair costs \$195; our parishioners have provided 52 wheelchairs for those in need around the world!**

I request and encourage parishioners to support this cause. **Let us become blessings for the poor and needy.**

Fr Benoj Makkollil, Pastor

Collection	FUND	AMOUNT
SEP 20 2026	REGULAR COLLECTION	\$5,872.80
	BUILDING FUND	\$5,021.40
	LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT	\$2,241.80
	SAMOSA SUNDAY	\$790.00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR RIJO!



**BLESSING OF THE PETS
SATURDAY, OCT 3
AT 2:30 PM**

the Feast of St Francis
Join us in the East parking lot.
Feathered? Furry?
Scaly? Slimy?
We bless them all!

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: 1266

**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
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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
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COMMITMENT
CAMPAIGN**

STATUS—SEP 25, 2026

Total Families Committed: 401
Percent of total 2217 families: 18.08%
Total Commitment Amount to Date: \$2,252,042.60

Monthly Mortgage Commitment to the Archdiocese: \$70,000.00
Monthly Commitments to date: \$37,654.69

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



**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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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.

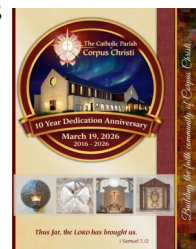
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**10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
MEMORY BOOKS**

Books can be picked up from the parish office during weekday office hours.

Copies are available to purchase for \$15.00
(Cash, Debit, MC, Visa)

For all parishioners had photo sittings, the cost of your memory book is **included** in your sitting fee. Please be sure to pick up your copy!



- Join us for a special evening Liturgy of the Word as we gather to recognize
- NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION**
- WEDNESDAY, SEP 30—7-9:30 PM**
- ① **Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, 10821 96 Street NW, Edmonton, AB**

As the National Indigenous Parish in Canada, we will

take this time to **Listen, Learn, Act, and Honour** together.

- A service in the church including reflections from three guest speakers,
- Sharing perspectives on our past, our present, and the journey forward.
- Fellowship to Follow in the St Kateri Hall.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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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 OLG room at St Theresa's Parish. **(Oct 20)** 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.

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or by scanning this QR code:

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

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that he first, second, and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat Sep 26 - Sun Sep 27	Knights of Columbus—Wheelchair Drive Weekend Donations of \$20 and higher will receive a tax receipt. Every \$195 raised buys a wheelchair for someone in need.		Gathering Space
	Marriage Preparation Program this weekend		Parish Hall
Sat Sep 26	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary—Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	4:30 pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word	FMT Rm
Sun Sep 27	10:30 am	Crêpe Breakfast—After both morning Masses. <i>Sweet or Savoury!</i>	Parish Hall
	10:30 am	Sunday Catechism	Upstairs
	5:00 pm	Young Adults Ministry Monthly Fellowship	Parish Hall
Tue Sep 29	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary—Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Wed Sep 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—Office Closed Rosary at 8:30 am; Mass at 9:00 am. The Church will be closed following Mass.		
Fri Oct 02	6:00 pm	First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Adoration Mass	Church Nave
	7:00 pm		
Sat Oct 03	10:30 am	Junior Legion of Mary—Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	4:30 pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word	FMT Rm
Sun Oct 04	10:30 am	Sunday Catechism	Upstairs
Tue Oct 06	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary—Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm

YOUTH MASSES

Every weekend of the 2nd Sunday.

➡ **Sat, Oct 10, 4:30 pm & Sun, Oct 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!

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 Sean Paul Arceta, Leonard Tonge, Florentino Giraldez, Aida Hermoso, Maria Long, Andrea Nicolas Estanislao, and Maria Coco. *May they rejoice in God's kingdom.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For children in Kindergarten to Grade 3
Drop-in Saturdays, at the 4:30 pm Mass, Sep through Jun. Resumes this week!

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ****

In support of the parish building fund...

HARVEST DINNER & DANCE

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.

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

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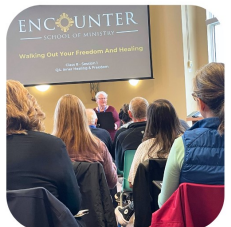
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