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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ONLINE BULLETIN





33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 14-15, 2026

The Parable Of The Talents

Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit. John 15.4, 5

Parish Reception

Open Monday to Friday
9 am to 4 pm
Closed over the lunch hour; 12-1 pm
Closed weekends/holidays such as:
Remembrance Day—Wed, Nov 11

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Collection	FUND	AMOUNT
NOV 08 2026	REGULAR COLLECTION	$6,743.55
	BUILDING FUND	$3,569.85
	LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT	$2,603.55



10th Annual
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
Sunday, Nov 15

2026 Theme:
The Lord is the refuge of the poor (Ps 14:6)
As we celebrate this 10th World Day of the Poor, the message of Pope Leo XIV invites us to look at the poor through the eyes of the Gospel and to rediscover the call to be a Church that walks with them, recognizing in every person the inviolable dignity of being a daughter or son of God.
The Holy Father poses several questions that invite reflection:

- ◊ Are we a sign of a God who is a refuge for the poor?
- ◊ Are we aware of our own poverty, and do we prefer it to unjust wealth?
- ◊ Do we go where the poor are, sharing in their experience of marginalization?
- ◊ Do we listen to their thoughts and share in their hopes?
- ◊ Do we speak their names with divine tenderness?
- ◊ Does our charity awaken and sustain in them the desire for justice and dignity?

For the full message: vatican.va

In the Spirit of Giving
The Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree Project is a way that we can provide a little something to help the families in need in our Corpus Christi community at Christmas time.
Corpus Christi CWL asks that you please take an envelope from the Jesse Tree in the foyer of the church and contribute what you can.
NOTE: Last day to donate is November 22.

From our Pastor...

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—The readings call us to responsible stewardship in the light of the Lord's coming.

Proverbs praises the woman whose industry and generosity spring from reverence for the Lord. The woman of worth uses her strength for her household and the poor, (Prov. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Paul in his letter (1 Thessal. 5:1-6), calls believers to live as children of light, awake and sober, for the day of the Lord comes unexpectedly. **St. Augustine** used this passage to show that the day of the Lord cannot be calculated, since it comes like a thief (Letter 199). **St. Clement** of Alexandria drew from the call to wakefulness a rule of moderation in sleep, so that the Christian, as a child of the light, remains alert (Paedagogus 2.9).

Matthew's parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), teaches that gifts entrusted by God must be used faithfully and not buried in fear. The Lord will return and ask what we have done with what he entrusted.

St. Chrysostom noted that the servant with two talents receives the same commendation as the servant with five, because the master judges zeal and not the size of the profit (Homilies on Matthew 78). **St. Gregory** the Great understood the talents as the gifts God distributes in different measures, and warned that to leave them unused is to be condemned for the good left undone (Homilies on the Gospels 9).

Lord Jesus, you entrust us with gifts of time, ability and grace, and you call us to use them in love. Keep us awake and faithful, generous to the poor and watchful for your coming. When you return in glory, may you find us ready, and welcome us into your joy. Amen.

From our Pastor, continued...

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Silver Jubilee Year

This year, I enter into the Silver Jubilee year of my priestly ordination. I was ordained on 15th October 2002 . I thank God for His goodness upon me and my ministry all these 25 years. My family celebrated the 80th birthday of my mother and my silver jubilee. We had very warm and fruitful family gatherings and get-togethers.

Pastor is back to office after his holidays.

I thank Fr. Rijo Jose for taking care of the parish and all parishioners, supporting him.

During last two months, the parish organised...

Wheelchair Drive—The wheel chair foundation Canada is pleased to share the information, that through the instrumentality of the K of C in our parish, we have collected from the generosity and kindness of our parishioners and friends of Corpus Christi a grand total of **$10,132.84 ($7.16 short of 52 wheelchairs)**, that's almost double the amount we got last year. I express my sincere gratitude to all our parishioners, who supported this cause.

Other Events During my Absense—The parish had a very successful **Harvest Dinner and Dance** evening, **membership drive by both, K of C and CWL**, and **Development and Peace** week end. I express my gratitude towards all parishioners who supported these events. God bless you all.

Having said these, now I come to new business for the rest of the year 2026...

Advent

Soon we are entering a new liturgical season, Season of Advent. Season of advent is a special season for us to prepare towards Christmas and New year. Opportunity to thank God for His goodness all through the year 2026.

Jesse Tree 2026

Jesse Tree project is an initiative of the CWL in Corpus Christi Parish; we reach out to the poor and needy students and their families with Christmas gifts; this is channelled and achieved through the six Catholic schools under our parish. We encourage you all to donate / contribute towards the Jesse Tree initiatives. Our parishioners contributed $6,553.00 towards Jesse Tree projects last year, and KofC topped it up with $1,772.00. these all helped our parish to donate $8,325.00 during last year 2025 Christmas time.

This year, we are hoping to increase the participation/contribution level of our parishioners towards this project. Please help us to reach out to the poor and needy students and their families of our schools during the upcoming season.

Corpus Christi CWL asks that you please take an envelope from the Jesse Tree in the foyer of the church and contribute what you can. The last day to donate is November 22.

Annual Year End Appeal

for donations and charities for the parish church, towards paying mortgage. This special annual appeal began in 2023 by Fr. Shimit, and I continued it for the good of this parish.

This time of year, many families and individuals are considering their favourite charities to which their Christmas and year end donations will be distributed. We ask that you please consider your parish, Corpus Christi! Please prayerfully consider before deciding how much you can give the parish today. Pink Annual Appeal envelopes soon will be available in the pews. For all donations for the church, Church will provide tax receipts.

After these appeals, the highlights of the Season of Advent in Corpus Christi Parish are the Advent confession on Tuesday 8th December at 7pm, and the Simbang Gabi .

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 the 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 Tuesday, 15th December. Adoration begins at 6pm each day (except on Sunday, 20th) followed by Holy Mass. All are most welcome to take part this novena in preparation for Christmas Day.

God continue to bless all of us and our families. God make us a blessing for others. Amen.

Fr Benoj Makkollil CMI, Pastor

Remembering our Loved Ones this November...

➢ Tree & Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month, you are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have gone before us - on a page in the book and on a card to be placed on a branch of the tree.

➢ Mass of Remembrance Friday, Nov 27, 7:00 pm

Every year, on the last Friday of November, our parish hosts a special Mass where we remember our loved ones lost over the recent year. Those who wish to participate are invited to send the name and photo of their loved one to Giselle at

Giselle.Horne@caedm.ca

by Monday, Nov 23

The photo will be included in our slideshow tribute. Participants are encouraged to extend this invitation to others who knew the departed. Please select one person from your group to come forward during the celebration. Questions can be directed top Giselle at the parish office.



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:* 1295**

A Biblical Walk through the Mass

Wed, 1:30—3:30 pm, Nov 4 to Dec 16

Explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy, what it all means, and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

To register or for more information, call the parish office or email cwlmar9@gmail.com

An Advent Recollection

The Advent of Ageing

Life really begins at 40.
The first half is about building a life.
The second half is about building a meaningful life.~ Carl G Jung

6-7 pm, Tuesdays, Dec 1, 8, 15
in the St Joseph Rm

Register online using this QR code.

The Knights of Columbus St. Peter Council 7070, Fr. Michael Troy Council 15290 & the Corpus Christi Assembly 3924 will be hosting a

Mass for People with Special Needs
Saturday, Dec 12, 2026 at 1:00 pm

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Matthew Hysell

If you have special needs or if you would like to bring a relative or friend with special needs to this Mass, please know that you are invited and encouraged to join.

All are welcome!

Inquiries, contact Deacon Arden Playford, Program Chairman at 780.278.1709

Stewardship Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus delivers the parable of the talents; using the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It is a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply International Catholic Stewardship Council receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns.

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 Dr John Lim, Yvonne Aguié, Liam Gallup, and Jo Picard. *May they rejoice in God's kingdom.*

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!

Corpus Christi Charitable Commitment Campaign

Status—Nov 13, 2026

Total Families Committed:	416
Percent of total 2217 families:	18.76%
Total Commitment Amount to Date:	$2,315,492.60
Monthly Mortgage Commitment to the Archdiocese:	$70,000.00
Monthly Commitments to date:	$38,712.19

We're over 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

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

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 for SPRING 2027 will open in December. (Closing Mar 16, 2027)

Confirmation

(Grade 6+) Offered once/year.
Register for 2027 before Thu, Feb 5, 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. Next **Marriage Preparation Seminar** will be in the Spring 2027 (TBA).

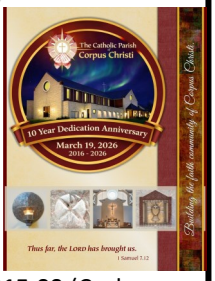
RCIA & RCIC

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 Started—Dec 2, 2026**
- **RCIA meets on Thursdays, 7-8:00 pm Began—Sep 24, 2026**

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

The long wait is over!

10 Year Anniversary Memory Books



Those who had their photo taken for the book can pick up their copy at the parish during weekday office hours. The cost of your book was ***included*** in your sitting fee.

Additional copies are available to purchase for $15.00 (Cash, Debit, MC, Visa)

Marking our 10-Year Anniversary of the Dedication Mass of our beautiful church

Corpus Christi 10th Anniversary Pens

Commemorative pens are still available at the parish office. **$5 each or 3 for $10**



Saint Vincent de Paul St Theresa & Corpus Christi Conference Food Bank Corner

Our SSVP/St. Theresa's Food Bank is in great need of everything.

Juice, cookies, tea, Jell-O, pancake mix & syrup, jam, cereal, crackers, peanut butter, granola bars, oatmeal. CANNED ITEMS: Chef Boyardee, tuna, other fish, ham, vegetables, beans & chickpeas, baked beans, fruit.

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 OLGC room at St Theresa's Parish. 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.

SSVP World Day of the Poor November 15

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters, especially at this uncertain time, by dropping off non-perishable food supplies in the Food Bank bin in the gathering space. In this busy period, we always need volunteers; especially drivers and helpers to move furniture. Financial assistance is always appreciated. You may donate to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Theresa's Conference**.

Laying the foundations for our Youth...

Sunday Catechism

For Youth, Grades 1 to 12
Sundays 10:30 to 11:30 am, Sep - Jun
Walk with Jesus|Our Catholic Prayers|Bible Study|Devotion to Our Lady|Church History & Teachings|Traditions
Register online at
https://forms.gle/NhYhZvBqntxgBnjk6
or by scanning this QR code:
For more information, contact Lisa, Program Director, at CorpusChristi.Cat@caedm.ca

Children's Liturgy

For children in Kindergarten to Grade 3
Drop-in Saturdays, during 4:30 pm Mass, Sep through Jun. Held upstairs in the Father Michael Troy meeting room.
**** VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ****

Youth Masses

Every weekend of the 2nd Sunday.
➲**Sat, Dec 5, 4:30 pm & Sun, Dec 6, 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

Sat Nov 14	9:30 am	**First Holy Eucharist Teaching Session**	Parish Hall
	10:30 am	**Junior Legion of Mary**—Seat of Wisdom (Youth)	Fr Corrigan Rm
	4:30 pm	**Children's Liturgy of the Word**—Drop In	FMT Rm
Sun Nov 15	**10th World Day of the Poor**		
	9:00 am	**Samosa Sunday**—after morning Masses	Gathering Space
	10:30 am	**Sunday Catechism**	Upstairs
	1:00 pm	**Baptism Celebration**	Church Nave
Tue Nov 17	6:30 pm	**Legion of Mary**— Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Wed Nov 18	1:30 pm	**Bible Study—A Biblical Walk through the Mass**	Pope Francis Rm
Fri Nov 20	5:30 pm	**Third Friday Rosary**—Led by the Knights of Columbus; enter by the Adoration Chapel door	Adoration Chapel
Sat Nov 21	4:30 pm	**Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist Celebration**—Please note, Mass will be longer than usual.	Church Nave
	No Children's Liturgy of the Word this week due to First Eucharist Celebration		
Sun Nov 22	**Last Day for Jesse Tree Donations**		
	10:30 am	**Crêpe Breakfast**—after morning Masses	Parish Hall
	10:30 am	**Sunday Catechism**	Upstairs
	11:30 am	**Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist Celebration**—Please note, Mass will be longer than usual.	Church Nave
	5:00 pm	**Young Adults Ministry—Monthly Fellowship**	Parish Hall
Tue Nov 24	6:30 pm	**Baptism Preparation Seminar**	St Joseph Rm

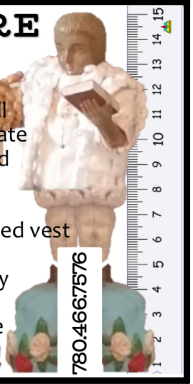
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STO NIÑO FIGURE MISSING!

* Over 40 years old / approx. 15" tall
* Carved, painted wood * Arms rotate at the shoulder * Book in left hand
* Cube-shaped base with rounded corners and carved roses.
* Hand-made suit including crocheted vest

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!**
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