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





Feast of Christ the King

Nov 21-22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David. *Mark 11.9, 10*

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 15 2026	REGULAR COLLECTION	$4,853.00
	BUILDING FUND	$4,058.60
	LOOSE/NO TAX RECEIPT	$2,322.85
	SAMOSA SUNDAY	$748.00



Gratitude & Appreciation to Deacon Gem & Dada Mella

I wish to share some important news that will affect all of us here at Corpus Christi.

Our very own Deacon Gem Mella has been appointed to a full-time staff position with the Archdiocese of Edmonton by Archbishop Stephen Hero. Deacon Gem will be responsible for the Permanent Deaconate Formation Program, as well as the Clergy Education portfolio. Both files are large responsibilities that will require much of his available time and attention.

On behalf of our entire Corpus Christi parish, I congratulate Deacon Gem, as he embarks on this new appointment and mission within the Church, and we wish him every success. We take this change in responsibilities as an opportunity to thank Deacon Gem and his wife Dada, for their selfless faithful service to the many ministries where they have volunteered their time and talent, for the benefit and growth of Corpus Christi Parish.

Long before Corpus Christi was built Deacon Gem, filled a major role in the fundraising for, and building of Corpus Christi parish. Deacon Gem and his family have long been a big part of the heart and soul of our parish community.

Deacon Gem has been actively involved in all areas of our parish community. Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Parish Pastoral Priorities. He has been a leader in our many fund-raising activities, which have significantly paid down the mortgage over the last ten years.

He has been active in preparing our children and our adults for the various sacraments, as well as administering the sacraments to our families.

He has assisted with the Holy Mass and many other liturgical activities. He has been involved in school visits, hospital visits, leading different apostolates in our community.

From the very beginning of Corpus Christi Parish, Deacon Gem's wife Dada has been a stellar volunteer, helping at Allen Grey, our summer camps, RCIA, First Holy communion, environment and decoration, and our religious store. Dada also serves as a greeter, usher, and Eucharistic minister. The Mella family have and continue to contribute much to our parish community.

To be clear, we are not saying goodbye, we are saying thank you to Deacon Gem and Dada for their selfless service to our parish community. Deacon Gem will continue to be active in Corpus Christi pastoral ministries as his time allows him. He will assist at Mass and with other duties as delegated by the pastor. **We as a parish and parishioners need to acknowledge and respect that Deacon Gem's available time for parish ministry will be much reduced, because of this major change to his Archdiocesan responsibilities.**

On behalf of Corpus Christi parish Deacon Gem, I thank you for your selfless and generous service to our parish community. We do understand that you need to step back from your involvement here in the parish, but we know that you will continue to serve your Diaconal ministry in the parish when and where you are able.

Thank you for your service to our Corpus Christi community Deacon Gem. We pray God's blessings on you, your family, and your new assignment with the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Fr Benoj Makkollil CMI, Pastor

From our Pastor...

CHRIST THE KING—Today is the last Sunday in this liturgical year A. Next Sunday we begin a new liturgical year (year B) with the season of Advent. On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ The King of the Universe.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in the encyclical Quas Primas on 11 December 1925, in response to the growth of secularism. The Pope was writing after the First World War, when many societies were turning away from the public worship of God.

He taught that true peace would come only when individuals, families and states acknowledged the kingship of Christ, and turns our eyes to the Lord's coming in glory, which Advent, beginning next Sunday, teaches us to await.

The three readings for today, show us Christ as King, Shepherd and Judge. Ezekiel (Ezek. 34:11-12, 15-17), promises that the Lord himself will shepherd his scattered flock, seeking the lost and healing the injured.

The first reading shows us at once what kind of king he is. In the ancient world a king was called a shepherd, and the title expressed his duty to protect and feed his people. So the Lord declares that he himself will take up the task: "I myself will search for my sheep." He seeks. He rescues. He gathers. He brings back. He binds up the crippled and strengthens the weak. In the Lord's hands, kingship is care for the lost, the injured and the weak, and it has no show about it.

The reading ends with a word of judgement, for the Lord will "judge between sheep and sheep." The shepherd who seeks the lost is the same shepherd who defends the weak, and these two works of love belong together.

St Augustine reminded the pastors of the Church that they feed the flock of Christ and not their own (Sermon 46). **St Gregory the Great** taught that the true shepherd does not flee when the flock is in danger, unlike the hireling who cares nothing for the sheep (Homilies on the Gospels 14).

Those of us who are called to shepherd God's people should hear both words with humility.

Paul (1 Cor. 15:20-26, 28), proclaims that Christ, risen as the first fruits, reigns until death is destroyed and God is all in all. Paul teaches that Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, reigns until death itself is destroyed and God is all in all.

Christ has been raised, and his resurrection is the beginning of a harvest. He calls Christ the "first fruits," the first portion of the crop offered to God as a pledge that the rest would follow.

Paul sets Adam and Christ side by side. Death entered the world through one man, and through one man comes the resurrection of the dead. All who belong to Adam share his mortality, and all who belong to Christ will be made alive. Then comes the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having put every hostile power under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The final verse is often misunderstood. Paul says that the Son himself will be subjected to the one who put all things under him, so that God may be all in all. This is no claim that the Son is subordinate or inferior to the Father. It portrays a king who lays the fruits of his victory at the Father's feet, so that all creation may find its rest in God. Christ's reign is one of service, and its measure is the defeat of death.

St Augustine explained that the Son hands over the kingdom by bringing believers to the contemplation of the Father, and he does not give up his rule in doing so (On the Trinity 1.10). **St Gregory of Nyssa** taught that the subjection of the Son signifies the subjection of all humanity united to him (On "Then the Son Himself Will Be Subjected").

This reading speaks to everyone who fears death, whether through illness, old age or the loss of someone dear. Paul names death as the last enemy and tells us that it has already been defeated in principle by the one who rose. The Christian can therefore grieve without despair and serve without fear, because in Christ's kingdom death does not have the last word.

St. Matthew (Matt. 25:31-46), shows the king who judges the nations by their mercy to the least of his brethren: the hungry, the sick and the stranger. To proclaim Christ as King, then, is to recognise that his reign is already at work wherever the hungry are fed, the sick are visited, the stranger is welcomed and the needy are cared for. We are citizens of this Kingdom, and we are called to make its values visible in our daily lives. One day the King will ask each of us what we have done for those in need. Let us begin to answer that question today, with our own hands.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and King, seek out the lost, heal the wounded, and strengthen us with the hope of your resurrection. Teach us to recognise you in the hungry, the sick, the stranger and all who are in need, and to serve them with generous hearts. May we remain faithful citizens of your Kingdom until death is conquered and you reign with the Father for ever. 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 to 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.

In the Spirit of Giving

The Jesse Tree

Last day to donate is Sunday, Nov 22.

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.

In 2025, our parishioners contributed $6,553 towards Jesse Tree project, and K of C topped it up with $1,772, totalling $8,325. This year, we hope to increase the participation/contribution level of our parishioners to help these children 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.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday, Dec 4



Adoration 6 to 7 pm
Mass 7 pm

CWL Bake Sale Saturday & Sunday

Dec 5 & 6, after all Masses

Calling CWL Bakers!

And others wishing to contribute!
Accepting baked goods, packaged to sell.

Drop off baked goods—Friday, Dec 4 at the parish office before 5 pm, or
—Saturday or Sunday, Dec 5 & 6 at the Bake Sale tables before Mass. ***No pricing needed. Volunteers will handle it!***

Advent Penitential

Tuesday, Dec 8 at 7:00 pm

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

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

Sponsor a Poinsettia

to Adorn the Altar this Christmas, with your intention or dedication. —Cash or cheque

- **$18/ small plant**
- **$25/ large plant**

Contact the parish office, weekdays.

Corpus Christi Charitable Commitment Campaign

Status—Nov 20, 2026

Total Families Committed:	419
Percent of total 2217 families:	18.90%
Total Commitment Amount to Date:	$2,328,392.60
Monthly Mortgage Commitment to the Archdiocese:	$70,000.00
Monthly Commitments to date:	$38,927.19

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.

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!

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.

Annual Christmas Year-End Appeal

This time of year, many families 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! If by the Grace of God, you find you have a surplus this year, I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing your surplus with your parish. Pink Annual Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews soon. An annual appeal letter will be sent as an attachment by email this year. If you have not updated your contact details with the parish, please pick the annual appeal request form from the parish.

Respect for Life

Lord Jesus, You are our King. Continue to extend Your victory over death through the works of Your disciples.

~ Pro-life Reflections for Every Day

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

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!

Stewardship Corner

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbours, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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—Cash or Etransfer only**	
	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
	6:30 pm	**Legion of Mary**— Our Lady Gate of Heaven (Adult)	Fr Corrigan Rm
Wed Nov 25	1:30 pm	**Bible Study—A Biblical Walk through the Mass**	Pope Francis Rm
Fri Nov 27	9:30 am	**Seniors' (50+) Monthly Coffee Fellowship**—after morning Mass; every last Friday. Drop in!	Parish Hall
	7:00 pm	**Mass of Remembrance**	Church Nave
Sat Nov 28-Sun Nov 29	**First Sunday of Advent** ➢ CWL Christmas Crèche Display—Come visit this display of nativity scenes at all weekend Masses in the Parish Hall; a good way to kick off the season of Advent! Bring an item for the Food Bank. All are welcome! Free admission.		
Sat Nov 28	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 Nov 29	10:30 am	**Sunday Catechism**	Upstairs
Sat Dec 05	9:30 am	**Ministry Training: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**—Call the parish office to register.	FMT Rm

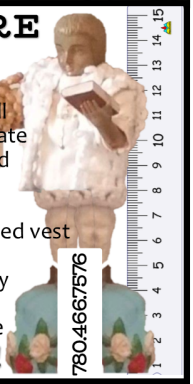
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Sto Niño was lent to someone who sadly passed away; was accidentally dropped off at Goodwill. If found, please contact **RHODA** through the parish office. **Thank you!**
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