



December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor 主任司鐸
Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton

Assistant 助理司鐸
Fr. Raffaele Salvino

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Parish Office Hours 堂區辦事處時間
Mon—Fri 9:00am - 12:00pm

Sunday Mass 主日彌撒
Saturday Vigil 週六:
5:00 pm (English 英)
Sunday 週日:
9:00 am (English 英)
11:00 am (English 英)
3:00 pm (Cantonese 廣東話)

Weekday Mass 平日彌撒
Monday to Saturday - 8:00 am
Wednesday - 9:00 am (*School Mass when school is in session*)
Holy Hour every Friday - 6:00 pm
First Friday Evening Mass - 7:00 pm
Holidays - 9:00 am

Confession 修和聖事
Monday to Friday - 7:45 – 7:55 am
Friday - 6:00 – 6:45 pm (during Holy Hour)
Saturday - 8:30 am after Mass
Saturday - 3:45 – 4:45 pm
Sunday - 2:30 – 2:55 pm (Cantonese)

Liturgy of the Hours/Devotions
Lauds - 7:30 am on weekdays

Holy Rosary - Monday to Saturday
After morning Mass

Emmaus Adoration Chapel
The Chapel is now open 24/7 and accessible by a code. Please contact the Parish Office for the code.

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4 Core Values of Corpus Christi Parish
Engaged Disciples: Corpus Christi parishioners strive to be fully committed to holiness, mission, community and service. (cf. *Mission of the Redeemer 90, JP11*)



Rooted in Tradition: Corpus Christi parishioners are firmly rooted in the living Tradition of the Church, faithful to the fullness of the teachings of Christ in every aspect of parish life. (cf. *2 Thessalonians 2:15*)



Multiplying Leaders: Corpus Christi parishioners follow Jesus' example of ministry by identifying, recruiting and investing in others to become leaders, and equipping them to do the same. (cf. *2 Timothy 2:2*)



Evangelical Hospitality: Corpus Christi parishioners aim to be generous and evangelical in service and hospitality, providing everyone with opportunities to belong to the parish family. (cf. *Acts 2:44-47*)

PARISH MINISTRIES/GROUPS

Adoration Chapel
Alpha
Altar Servers

Araceli Hinz
Michelle Wong
Fr. Hamilton, Fr. Salvino,
Margie Lacson
Mary Vendencia, Mellysa Lim
(9am/11am), Tina Chan (3pm)

After Mass Socials

Baptism Preparation
Bible Study

Adelia Yiu
Joyce Fung (Tues Morning)
Joseph Chiu (Chinese)

Catholic Women's League
Chinese Community
Choir

Camille Macapanpan
Frank Chan
Kevin Garcia (5pm)
Dominica Chan (9am)
Scholastica Au (11am)
Vincent Lau (3pm)

Church Care
Altar Linens
Church Flowers
Emergency Management
Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion
Hospitality Ministry

Joyce Fung
Agnes Lo
Monica Lau
Serafina Chau

Knights of Columbus
Legion of Mary
Marriage Mentorship
Men's Group
PREP
RCIA

Bill Lam
Annie Dee, Mary Vendencia,
Mellysa Lim (Greeters)
David Robinson
Margie Goebel
David & Connie Robinson
Seamus O'Brien
Veronica Yam
Neila Tong
Joseph Chiu (Chinese)
Thomas Robinson
Irene Goh (Weekend Mass)
Joyce Fung (Weekday Mass)
Karen Tully
Theresa Stewart,
Remedios Yeung
Fr. Hamilton, Fr. Salvino, Schola Au,
Prisca Cheung, Annie Dee, Peter
Lee, Winnie Shiao, Deborah Welsh
Rick Lam

Faith Studies
Readers

Safe Environment
Seniors' Ministry

Senior Leadership Team

Ushers
Youth Ministry

BAPTISM

The Baptism Preparation Classes for parents are held via Zoom every 1st (Part 1) and 3rd (Part 2) Saturdays of the month, 10:30 am to 12 noon, except during the months of July and August. Parents must attend both sessions. Call the Parish Office to pre-register for the class. **Baptism celebrations are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month @ 11:00 am.**

HOLY MATRIMONY

We welcome your wedding celebration at Corpus Christi Church. To arrange the date and begin your preparations, please contact the Parish Office or either one of our priests at least 9 months prior to the proposed wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If your loved one, relative or friend would like to arrange for a priest for the administration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or to visit the sick in a hospital, please phone the Parish Office. Or you may contact the hospital chaplain:

VGH:
604-875-4111
Fr. Gilbert Nunez & Fr. Luis Martin Brian Delgado (Mon., Tue., Fri., Sat. and Sun.)
Fr. Aresene Dutunge (Wed. and Thurs.)

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL:
Fr. Joseph Ha Vinh Tran, OP (Chaplain)
604-876-7826

BURNABY HOSPITAL:
St. Theresa's Parish
604-434-4211 (Chaplain)
604-298-6800 (Parish)

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL:
Fr. Victor Fernandes, OCD
604-682-2344/604-445-9323
(cell)/604-252-4224 (pager)

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Saturday, Dec 21

Vigil Mass

5:00 PM Lonna Ho, RIP

Sunday, Dec 22

Sunday Mass

9:00 AM All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

11:00 AM Josephine & Walinty Dobrzanski, RIP

3:00 PM Maureen Hamilton, RIP

Monday, Dec 23

8:00 AM Fr. Richard Conlin, Intentions

Tuesday, Dec 24

8:00 AM G. De Groot, Birthday

5:00 PM Pedro Vicente, RIP

Christmas Vigil

Wednesday, Dec 25

Christmas Mass

12:00 AM All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

9:00 AM Rose and Angelus Chow & Family, Thanksgiving

11:00 AM Holy Father Pope Francis

3:00 PM Ivy Shuk Man Chow, RIP

Thursday, Dec 26

St. Stephen

9:00 AM The Chan Family, Thanksgiving

Friday, Dec 27

St. John

8:00 AM Nicomedes Elivera, RIP

6:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday, Dec 28

The Holy Innocents

8:00 AM Jayson To, Thanksgiving



WE ARE HIRING!

- Cook / Housekeeper Wanted (Thurs & Fri—8:30am—4:30pm)**
- Office Administrator**

Applications are open. See job postings on the Corpus Christi website.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Winnie at Winnie@ccparish.ca

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Fr. Hamilton, Fr. Salvino and the Corpus Christi Parish Staff wish all parishioners and their families a Blessed Christmas!

May the good Lord be upon you on this joyous occasion.



RELIGIOUS ARTICLES BOOTH

The Religious Articles Booth will be open on Sunday, Dec 22 from 8:45am to 11:15am (closed during Mass)

NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS

Welcome to Corpus Christi Parish. To register, please visit us at the Welcoming Booth in the church vestibule or download from the parish website, www.ccparrish.ca.

Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Join us for Christmas Caroling before Mass.

When: Dec 24 @ 4:30 PM, 11:30 PM & Dec 25 @ 10:30 AM

Come early and enjoy beautiful sounds of carols that prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Christmas Mass. Sing along or simply listen as we share the message of Christmas through music. All are welcome!

"O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

BC CATHOLIC

During the postal strike, the BC Catholic can be accessed for free at <https://bccatholic.ca/>

JUBILEE 2025: SOLEMN OPENING MASS

The Jubilee is a Holy Year that happens every 25 years, and throughout the year, the faithful are invited to participate in pilgrimage, deeper prayer, and restoration of relationship.

This year, the Holy Father has designated the theme of the Jubilee to be "Pilgrims of Hope".

All are welcome to the 11 am Solemn Opening Mass at **Holy Rosary Cathedral on Sunday, Dec 29th.**



Last Weekend's Collection

Sunday Offertory Collection	\$7,327.15
Building Fund	\$405.00
Christmas Offering	
Evangelization of Nations	\$50.00
Healing & Reconciliation	\$20.00
New Year's Day	\$5.00
Peter's Pence	\$40.00
Youth Ministry	\$3,304.60
Total	\$11,326.75
November Online Offertory	\$16,639.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Remembering the Sick In Prayers

Sr. Florchita Bautista Naty Bonus Anthony Centeno Helen Cervo Mavis Chow Francis Claire Joseph Chiu Christianne Depre Heloisa Schuch Durao Honesto Estabillo	Juan Garzon Gerda Heilemann Paul David Matilde Fernandez Norena Gonzales Peter Hinz Sanae Hogan Peter In Yuk King Lai Yen Ting Lin Grace Macapinlac	Maria C. Martinez Cecelia Mulcahy Toma Nitta Maria Pinto Sebastian Pinto Margaret Tai Fred Vendencia Digno Vibat David M. Williams Julia Williams
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Prayers for the sick can be requested. To add the name of your loved one, please drop by or call the Parish Office.

The names listed in the bulletin will remain here unless the office is notified.

2025 ENVELOPES



- By January 1st, please only use the 2025 envelopes. Please recycle all old envelopes used in previous years.
- If you attend Sunday Mass at another parish and you drop your Corpus Christi envelopes at that church, please **DO NOT PUT IN ANY COINS**. Parishes are not allowed to mail envelopes which contain coins for security purposes.
- Please do not use staples and/or scotch tape to seal your envelopes. This causes delay in counting the collection and can sometimes injure the counters with hard-to-remove staples wires.
- If you donate online, you're still encouraged to use the envelopes while attending Sunday mass. Simply check the box that says **"ONLINE DONOR"** and drop it into the collection basket.
- If you wish to have a set of 2025 envelopes, please contact the parish office.



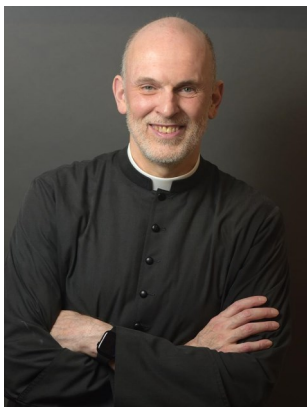
Join us at Alpha!

Every Wednesday @ 6:30 - 8:30PM
January 15, 2025 to March 26, 2025
Venue: Corpus Christi Parish Centre

Cost: FREE

Register by scanning the
QR Code or visit ccparish.ca





pastor's Corner



Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is the last of the Advent season, however Advent will last until Tuesday at the 5pm anticipated Christmas Mass. Why do I say this? Well, it is true, but also we need to (in my estimation and I would say in the Church's as well) live and squeeze out ALL of Advent in order to truly anticipate the unfathomable joy that awaits us in the fulfilment of all the prophecies ... that the Christ child would be born and that God himself, not an emissary of God, but GOD HIMSELF, will be born for us, for you, for me!

We hear from the recounted scenes, take from St Luke, who obviously spoke to Mary about these moments in her life and the life of her Son, that *"she went in haste"* to Elizabeth, the shepherds upon hearing about the Savior *"went in haste"* to see the child...and Mary *"pondered these things in her heart."*

Do you really want to enjoy Christmas and the Christmas season? I mean, do you REALLY want to experience the fullness of joy that this season desires to give you? Then live these next days of Advent with prayer; make time to pray; carve out time to pray; be intentional about making time to pray. Prayer focuses the soul, rejuvenates the heart, lifts up the mind. When we make room for God than only good things can happen in our lives, even if that means we become more resilient to the struggles and difficulties that are part of our lives.

Here is a wonderful list of Advent hymns:
<https://tinyurl.com/music-for-advent>

With the few days remaining there may be someone who would like to, or needs to make a good confession. Here is a link to a very good examination of conscience: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AcvJLNe4dQX5POkSpome74oo73JFv2OJguMv5i5nwIg/edit?tab=t.0>

Christmas, the celebration of Christ-mass... Jesus' birth and the beginning of a long series of his giving and giving and giving of himself. This will culminate on the cross at Calvary. God not only loves us, and loves us more that we can comprehend, but he is also teaching us how to love him and each other.

It is by the giving of ourselves to God and others around us beginning with family, but also extending beyond our family to strangers, being kind to the poor by sometimes simply acknowledging their existence and saying hello.

Let us "ponder these things in our hearts" as Mary did, not just so that we know them, or memorize them, or even feel good about them for a time, but so that they help us to encounter the Infant King of the Jews who has come to rescue us and bring us into the Kingdom of Light!

May God bless all you and your loved ones!

Fr. Hamilton





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將臨期第四主日 本堂神父的話



這主日是將臨期的最後一個主日，然而，將臨期會持續到星期二下午五點的聖誕節提前彌撒。為什麼我這樣說呢？這確實是真的，但我也認為（而且我會說，教會也是如此）我們需要充分地活出，擠榨整個將臨期的意義，這樣我們才能真正地期待那無法言喻的喜樂——所有等待著應驗的預言……基督聖嬰將要誕生，而天主自己，不是天主的使者，而是**天主自己**，將為我們、為你、為我誕生！

我們從聖路加福音所記載的場景中聽到，聖母瑪利亞顯然曾與聖路加分享過她生命中的這些時刻，以及她聖子的生命。『**她急速動身**』前往探望依撒伯爾；牧羊人一聽到救主的誕生便『**急速前往**』看那嬰孩……而瑪利亞則『**把這一切事默存在心中，反覆思想**』。

你真的想要享受聖誕節及聖誕節期的喜樂嗎？我的意思是，你是否**真正地**渴望體驗這個季節所要賜予你的全部喜樂呢？那麼，請在這幾天的將臨期中，多作禱，騰出時間去祈禱吧，刻意安排時間祈禱，有意識地留些時間祈禱。祈禱能專注我們的靈魂，重新振奮我們的心靈，提升我們的思想。當我們為天主騰出空間時，生命中便只會有美好的事發生，即使那意味著我們在面對生活中的掙扎和困難時變得更加堅韌。

這裡有一份美好的將臨期聖歌名單：
<https://tinyurl.com/music-for-advent>

在這僅剩的幾天裡，或許有人願意，或需要好好辦一次妥善的告解。以下的連結，提供一份非常好的良心省察指引：

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AcvJLNe4dQX5POkSpome74oo73JFv2OJguMv5i5nwIq/edit?tab=t.0>

聖誕節，這是**基督的感恩祭**的慶典……耶穌的誕生，開啟了祂漫長的奉獻，奉獻，不斷奉獻自己、的旅程，這一切將在加爾瓦略山十字架上達到高峰。天主不僅愛我們，祂對我們的愛超乎我們所能理解，祂同時也在教導我們如何愛祂，並彼此相愛。

我們應將自己奉獻給天主和我們周圍的人，從我們的家庭開始，並超越家庭，關懷陌生人，對窮人懷有善心，有時甚至是簡單地承認他們的存在，向他們問候一聲。

讓我們如同聖母瑪利亞那樣『**把這一切事默存在於心，反覆思想**』，不僅是為了認識它們，或背誦它們，甚至不是為了一時的良好感覺，而是為了讓這些真理幫助我們邂逅那位降生成人的猶太人嬰孩君王，祂來是為拯救我們，並引領我們進入光明的國度！

願天主降福你們及你們所愛的人！

Hamilton 神父

[12 Delightful, Faith-Filled Catholic Stories to Enjoy as a Family This Advent & Christmas Season](#)

By Debbie Cowden, Church Pop

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I've curated a list of my family's favorites, which you can get at the [EWTN Religious Catalogue](#).

1) ["Christmas in Heaven," by Anthony DeStefano](#)

New, and hot off the press, Anthony DeStefano delivers readers with another marvelous story the whole family will enjoy.

Weaving together truths about our faith (death, holy souls, and the Church Triumphant) with the nostalgia of Christmas traditions here on Earth, DeStefano encourages readers to lean into our Christian hope that we can see our loved ones again in Heaven one day.

As someone who misses Grandma, especially during the holidays, I highly recommend this book!

2) ["The Spider Who Saved Christmas," by Raymond Arroyo](#)

Until reading this book, I could not have imagined a place in the Christmas story for a spider, but I'm happy to report that

Raymond Arroyo proved me wrong.

Now, this is one of my kids' all-time favorite Christmas stories! When King Herod's men set out to kill all Jewish boys under age two, the Holy Family, on their way to Egypt, seeks refuge in a cave occupied by Nephila and her young. See how the eight-legged heroine and her spider babies spring into action and risk their own lives to save the hallowed visitors. And if this story inspires you to hide a little spider in your Christmas tree from now on, let me know!

3) ["Go and Fear Nothing: The Story of Our Lady of Champion," by Patrick O'Hearn](#)

There has only been one official Marian apparition in the United States, and THIS is the story!

Patrick O'Hearn brings to life the story of Adele Brise and her encounter with the Blessed Mother in Champion, Wisconsin in 1859.

Not only does this book share yet another miraculous appearance of the Blessed Mother to her children, but it also reminds children and their parents to pray for the conversion of poor sinners, to receive the sacraments often, and to always ask for Mary's intercession at the feet of her son, Jesus.

4) ["ABC Get to Know the Saints with Me," by Caroline Perkins](#)

Since the book's release, I've made it my mission to use the charming rhymes and colorful illustrations to teach my children the alphabet and the saints!

I'm happy to report that, with our fourth child recently turning one, we are on a winning streak of incorporating this book into our regular reading rhythm.

My three older kids love using this book to tell our youngest about the saints, teaching her letters along the way. Every Catholic family should have this colorful book in their library!

5) ["The Snail and the King," by Fr. Peregrine Fletcher, O. Praem.](#)

This spring, Father Peregrine introduced his newest book to me, and my children and I instantly became big fans.

For children who believe they're too young or too small or too insignificant to be chosen by God, this book settles the score – God has called each of us, big and small, to holiness! Father Peregrine invites us all on Snail's adventure, facing danger and discouragement along the way.

Does Snail persevere on his quest called by the Prince? Why is the dove so adamant about helping him? Will he ever meet the King? Find out when you read "The Snail and the King"!

Father Peregrine illustrates his own books – see his talent shine in ["My Name is Philomena"](#) too!

6) ["Mother Cabrini: A Heart for the World," by Claudia Cangilla McAdam](#)

As you might have guessed, I love stories with an underdog (and I think God, in His magnificence and mercy, loves them too). Mother Cabrini's story ticks all the boxes of a successful underdog story.

Born with such fragility that she was immediately baptized for fear of death, Cabrini spent her life facing health problems that seemed to hold her back.

However, God had a plan for this little soul, who went on to start a religious order, travel across the Atlantic, and radically improve the lives of countless Italian immigrants in the New World. Her faith and fiat make her an excellent role model for children – and adults – who wonder what they can do to build up God's Kingdom on Earth.

7) "[Puffel](#)," by Sr. M. Gianna Casino, LIHM

As a Catholic mom, I am always looking for age-appropriate ways to share the Theology of the Body with my kids, and Puffel has become an amusing and accessible way to do that. Puffel is a puffin living in Norway. On a cold, wintery day, he meets some new friends. He starts to question his own ability and identity, but this book guides Puffel and readers through the work of self-acceptance, being created in God's image, and appreciating the differences that make each of us special in our own ways.

8) "[New Friends, Now and Forever](#)," by Susan Tassone

At one time or another, our children will experience the death of family and family friends, and it can be difficult to have discussions with our kids when someone close dies.

[Susan Tassone, affectionately known as "The Purgatory Lady,"](#) provides clarity in the conversation with this touching story of twins Ben and Hope, whose budding friendship with an elderly parishioner paves the way for them to learn about the reality of purgatory, the benefits of praying for souls in purgatory, and the rich traditions of our Catholic faith. Our kids are excited to pray for souls in purgatory, and yours can be too.

9) "[The Chaste Heart of St. Joseph](#)," by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

Known for his [Consecration to St. Joseph](#), Father Calloway has an awesome graphic novel to help children learn about the wonders of their Spiritual Father, Saint Joseph.

Sam Estrada's vibrant illustrations lead readers through the origins of devotion to Saint Joseph, saints who loved him, and various titles of the great saint, such as "Terror of Demons."

I suppose little boys have a natural attraction to comic books and graphic novels, as my five-year-old son frequently opens the book just to stare at the pages.

10) "[Thérèse of Lisieux](#)," by Coline Dupuy, Davide Perconti, and Francesco Rizzato

In another impressive graphic novel, readers dive into the everyday life of Thérèse of Lisieux, her interactions with her family, and the suffering she faced in her last years in Carmel.

Readers will get to know Thérèse in a unique way, as she faces hardships head-on and overcomes trials with love.

Our eight-year-old daughter would recommend this to her peers!

11) "[The Light in You: Little Convent in the Big City](#)," by Mother Clare, CFR

This is the second book in Mother Clare's series, "Little Convent in the Big City."

I have a deep appreciation for how she and illustrator Michael Corsini portray the important work of the Franciscans of the Renewal.

"The Light in You" is a perfect story for Christmas, as its setting in New York City at Christmastime sets the mood for sharing the true meaning of our existence AND our call as Christians to bring Christ's light to others. Whoo! It is a big call, and Mother Clare's stories on the "Little Convent" show how it's possible!

12) "[Goodnight, Jesus: A Children's Bedtime Story](#)," by Kate Sydnor

Rounding out the list is [this precious board book](#) from EWTN Publishing, which we received just before our youngest child was born.

"Goodnight Jesus" is an ideal book for new parents to read to their new babies, but also for children who want to read to their younger siblings. It has a calming cadence and illustrations, as children are guided through thanking God for their favorite people and favorite parts of their day. It's a wonderful way to teach children prayer at the earliest of ages!

Corpus Christi Parish
YOUTH MINISTRY

Bottle Drive

to Help Support
Events for Corpus
Christi Youth
Ministry!

Collection Date:
Jan 4, 2024
9am-12pm

Drop-off Location:
6350 Nanaimo St,
Vancouver, BC V5P 4K7
Parish Parking Lot

Note: American
recyclable bottles,
takeout boxes, and
containers are not
accepted.

♥ Thank you for
supporting us with
your donation!



Corpus Christi Advent Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Sat, Dec 21	Morning Mass Confession (2 priests) Confession (2 priests) Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)	8:00 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 3:00 PM - 4:45 PM 5:00 PM
Sun, Dec 22	Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Cantonese)
Mon, Dec 23	Morning Mass	8:00 AM
Tues, Dec 24	Morning Mass Christmas Mass	8:00 AM 5:00 PM
Wed, Dec 25	Christmas Mass	12:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Cantonese)
Thurs, Dec 26	Morning Mass	9:00 AM
Fri, Dec 27	Morning Mass	8:00 AM
Sat, Dec 28	Morning Mass Confession (1 priest) Confession (2 priests) Mass (The Holy Family)	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM 5:00 PM
Sun, Dec 29	Mass (The Holy Family)	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Cantonese)
Mon, Dec 30	Morning Mass	8:00 AM
Tues, Dec 31	Morning Mass Mass (The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God)	8:00 AM 5:00 PM
Wed, Jan 01	Mass (The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God)	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Cantonese)
Thurs, Jan 02	Morning Mass	8:00 AM