



December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

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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
Miguel Lacson, Isabelle Liu

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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Saturday, Dec 14

Vigil Mass

5:00 PM Juanchito R. Gamboa, RIP

Sunday, Dec 15

Sunday Mass

9:00 AM Ita McCann, RIP

11:00 AM All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

3:00 PM Joe & Mary Chan, RIP

Monday, Dec 16

8:00 AM Aaron Wong-Sing, Health

Tuesday, Dec 17

8:00 AM Petrina Lee, RIP

Wednesday, Dec 18

8:00 AM Sit Wuan, RIP

Thursday, Dec 19

8:00 AM God the Father of all Mankind Prayer Group, Intentions

Friday, Dec 20

8:00 AM Reina Canal, RIP

6:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday, Dec 21

8:00 AM Mellissa Fung, Birthday

9:00 AM School Mass



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

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.ccp parish.ca.

Envelopes are assigned to those who request for them.

PROJECT ADVANCE

Volunteers will be available after all Masses this weekend (Dec 14th & 15th) collecting donations for the last time this year. We've raised \$106,430 so far.

Help us achieve our goal of \$150,000! Thank you!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES BOOTH

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

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	\$8,254.35
Building Fund	\$860.00
Christmas Offering	\$45.00
Healing & Reconciliation	
Home Missions	\$30.00
New Year's Day	
Peter's Pence	
Youth Ministry	\$165.00
Total	\$9,354.35

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.

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.

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS



HISTORY

The Germans believed that the world was held in the branches of a tree called "god Odin." Each winter solstice, they worshipped the tree by decorating it with torches.

CHRISTIAN ORIGINS



It is said that St. Boniface knocked down the tree and planted a pine, symbol of God's everlasting love. He decorated it with apples (sin) and candles (the light of Christ).

THE CHRISTMAS TREE



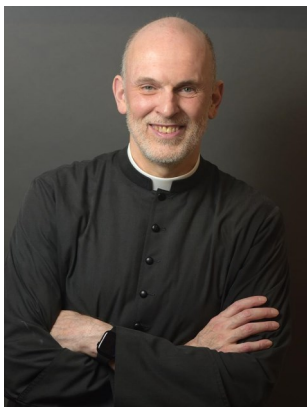
EXPANSION

This tradition spread throughout Europe in the Middle Ages and, with the conquests and migration, arrived to America. Gradually, this tradition evolved.

NOWADAYS



Apples were replaced by spheres and the candles by lights, which represent the joy and light that Jesus brought to the world.



pastor's Corner



Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday (Joy/Rejoice Sunday). The Entrance Antiphon states: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil 4:4-5) So, what happens on this Sunday? On this one Sunday of Advent we are allowed to have flowers in the sanctuary and the priest can wear rose colored vestments. Both of these symbolize and convey the joy that we should have as children of God and members of the Church. Why? Because the Lord is near! The birth of Jesus is very soon!

The word itself, Gaudete, is inserted into the Third Sunday of Advent as it harkens back to a time when Advent was much more of a season of sacrifice, more in the line of preparation than reparation (as we hear and live in the season of Lent). People would make sacrifices during this season to cultivate the spiritual hunger to "see the Lord" on the day of his birth. The rose color is to help us understand that our sacrifices, and penitential practices, should be founded on and flow from "joy", but a very specific kind of joy.

This joy is not the "joy of the animal" which means our senses are satiated (our stomachs are full, we have good health and so on). These are good, but they are short-lived in nature. They are subject to change as all too many people know! The joy we celebrate today is founded upon the truth that we are God's children, and this does not change. This should give direction to our whole life. In fact, with time and growth we will arrive at a place in our spiritual lives where we realize that joy is not incompatible with suffering, although suffering never feels good, because the Lord is with us in our suffering. This joy is only incompatible with sin because only sin can truly strip us of the joy of having God's presence in our soul.

On this day let us give thanks to the Lord and thank him for the joy that he has given to us in Jesus Christ. Please note that this Wednesday there will be no Mass for the School. It has been moved to Friday as the 20th is the last day of School before the Christmas break. Mass for the School will be at 9am.

We are still very much in the season of Advent so I want to encourage everyone to keep this season as Advent. It is a time to prepare our hearts and souls for the birthday of Jesus Christ. Here is a list of beautiful Advent hymns put together by a fellow parishioner: <https://tinyurl.com/music-for-advent>

Our Advent Penitential Service is this coming Thursday, December 19th at 7pm. There will be 4 other priests along with Fr. Salvino and myself to hear confessions. Prepare through prayer, examining your conscience and take advantage of this most excellent way, given to us by Jesus himself, to prepare our heart to receive him at Christmas. Your family will benefit to!

Keeping everyone in prayer,
Fr. Hamilton





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將臨期第三主日 本堂神父的話



這個星期日是喜樂主日。進堂詠寫道：「**你們在主內應當常常喜樂，我再說：你們應當喜樂！主快來了。**」（斐理伯書 4:4-5）那麼，在這一天會發生什麼呢？在這個將臨期的主日，我們可以在聖殿中擺放花卉，神父也可以穿戴玫瑰色的祭衣。這兩者象徵並表達了作為天主兒女和教會成員的我們應該擁有的喜樂。為什麼呢？因為主已經臨近了！耶穌的誕生就在眼前！

「Gaudete」這個詞被放入將臨期第三主日，是因為它提醒我們回到過去那段將臨期更多是犧牲季節的時光，這段時間更像是準備，而非贖罪（如我們在四旬期中聽到並親身經歷的）。

人們會在這段時間內作出犧牲，以培養一種屬靈的渴慕，好在耶穌誕生的那一天「見到主」。玫瑰色的象徵，是要幫助我們理解，所有的犧牲和悔改實踐應該是建立在「喜樂」上，而且這是一種非常特定的喜樂。

這種喜樂不是「動物的喜樂」，即我們的感官被滿足（我們的肚子飽了，健康良好等等）。這些是好的，但本質上是短暫的，因為它們會隨著時間變化，正如太多人所知道的！今天我們慶祝的這種喜樂，是建立在我們是天主兒女這一真理上，而這個事實是不變的。這應該給我們一生的方向。事實上，隨著時間和成長，我們會達到一個屬靈生命的境界，讓我們明白，喜樂與苦難並不矛盾，儘管苦難永遠不會讓人感覺愉快，因為主與我們同在，與我們一同受苦。這種喜樂只與

罪不相容，因為只有罪能夠真正剝奪我們在靈魂中擁有天主同在的喜樂。

在今天，讓我們感謝主，感謝祂在耶穌基督裡賜給我們的喜樂。

請注意，這個星期三學校將不會舉行彌撒。由於二十日是聖誕假期前的最後一個上學日，彌撒已經改到星期五，時間為早上九點。

我們仍然處在將臨期的季節中，因此我要鼓勵大家保持將臨期的精神。這是一段準備我們的心靈和靈魂迎接耶穌基督誕生的時光。這裡有一份由教友整理,美麗的將臨期聖歌列表：<https://tinyurl.com/music-for-advent>

我們的將臨期悔改聖事將在十二月十九日（星期四）晚上七點舉行。除了 Fr. Salvino 和我外，還有四位神父將共同聆聽告解。請透過禱告、檢視良心來準備，並充分利用這個由耶穌親自賜給我們的絕佳方法，來準備我們的心靈，迎接祂在聖誕節的降臨。你的家庭也將因此受益！

為每一位祈禱，

本堂神父

Fr. Hamilton

5 Powerful Ways to Discover Advent Asceticism & Spiritually Prepare for Christmas

Advent is a time of joyful expectation!

By [Dr. Jared Staudt](#), Church Pop



Design by Jacqueline Burkepille / ChurchPOP

Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

With the celebration of Christmas anticipated throughout the month of December, it can be hard to know what to do spiritually to prepare.

Do we sacrifice things and do penance? Should we fast while most people feast?

[Loving Presence, the Advent Challenge](#) on the [Exodus 90 app](#), proposes concrete ways to embrace a joyful asceticism that can give Advent a distinct expression.

1) Growing in Hope

Why do we pray and sing for Emmanuel to come

when he came 2,000 years ago?

Advent places us back within Israel's hope for a Savior because the world still needs His peace and loving presence among us. We read the Book of Isaiah and pray through the ancient prophecies knowing that we, too, must grow in hope for all that the newborn Messiah continues to bring into the world.

2) Incarnational Prayer

Catholics traditionally pray the Angelus three times a day, but it's all the more fitting to do so during Advent because it focuses on the Incarnation:

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." Praying the Angelus and other prayers, such as [Saint Andrew's Novena](#) and the Marian antiphon "[Alma Redemptoris Mater](#)," keeps our minds focused on the goal of Advent: Christ's Incarnational presence, taking on our flesh out of his infinite love for us.

3) Loving Presence

Christmas is all about the loving presence of God, who chose to become a helpless babe to save us.

As we embrace joyful asceticism, we can become a loving presence for others, making the most of the holiday gatherings. They can become a sacrifice of love by pouring ourselves out to our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers by becoming uncommonly present and attentive to them.

4) Counting Time

Counting the time to Christmas has become one of our most cherished traditions, whether it follows the weeks through the Advent Wreath or each day with an Advent Calendar.

It helps to follow the narrative of salvation history converging on the coming of the Messiah, reading from the Bible in the Jesse Tree, or, for men, following daily reflections on the [Exodus 90 app](#).

In addition to Bible stories, there are many great stories to read as a family through the season, such as those found in [Home for Christmas: Stories for Young and Old](#).

5) Prayerful Silence

Finally, silence, more than anything else, captures the unique asceticism of Advent.

When God entered the world, He chose to do so in a hidden way, revealing Himself to particular witnesses: the shepherds and Wise Men. We commemorate this great silence in the famous Christmas carol, "Silent Night."

During [Exodus 90's challenge](#), we are taking 10 minutes of silence each morning and evening. Taking time for silent prayer every day will help us to focus on the reason for the season, turning our hopeful expectation toward Jesus' loving presence in the manger.

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS



ORIGINS

The first missionaries in Europe took advantage of the pagan traditions to evangelize. One of them consisted of lighting candles during the winter, which represented the sun god.

CIRCULAR SHAPE



It represents God's eternal love for us and also speaks of our own love towards the Lord and others, which needs to be renewed constantly.

THE ADVENT WREATH



THE BRANCHES

Green is the color of hope and life. Our biggest hope should be to achieve a closer union with God as the tree and its branches.

THE CANDLES



The four candles of the wreath are lit each Sunday of Advent. They represent the dissipation of darkness as we approach the birth of the Lord.

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS



HISTORY

According to tradition, St. Francis of Assisi was the initiator of living nativity scenes. The practice became popular and later on, figures were used instead of people and animals.

THE FIRST MANGER



It is said that the first nativity scene was built in Naples, Italy in the late fifteenth century and was made clay figures.



THE MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE



EXPANSION

Charles III ordered the mangers to be spread throughout the Spanish and Italian kingdom. The Franciscan friars carried this tradition to America.

NOWADAYS



The figures of a nativity scene can be of different sizes (even real size) and they represent the different scenes of the birth of Baby Jesus.



Corpus Christi Advent Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Thurs, Dec 19	Penance Service (4 priests)	7:00 PM
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	Christmas Mass	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