



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER November 20, 2025

PURDYS FUNDRAISER

We're thrilled to share that Purdy's Chocolates Christmas Order raised an impressive \$1,881.80! A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your support. We would also like to extend a special thanks to our coordinator, Carol Lee, for all her hard work in organizing this fundraiser.

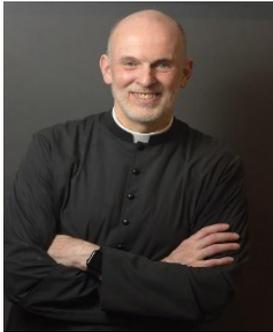
SCHOOL CLOSED

The school will be closed tomorrow Fri., Nov. 21, 2025, for a teacher Professional Day.

BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Special thanks to Ms. Plachta for coordinating the Book Fair this year. We would also like to thank all those parents, especially Brenda Lo, Bergan Ngans and Joyce Chen, who volunteer their time to help in making the book fair such a big success. With everyone's efforts we were able to exceed our sales goal and generate \$12009.40 in sales. Partial proceeds will go towards the school library and classroom libraries.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK



In early October a team from Corpus Christi went to Detroit for a week. We were guests of Fr John Riccardo and ACTS XXIX Family/Team. We spent our week in Immersive. What are or is Immersive? I have crystalized the notes I took and then applied them into ideas/principles to assist families, friends and single persons. **Each section gives you (1) the big idea, (2) the common impediments and (3) a simple Rule of Life you can start this week.** If you are interested in reading a little more about this and applying some of these great ideas to your life then click the link.

[Immersive](#)

Advent will begin on November 30th – the 1st Sunday of this holy season. It is a time to prepare for the arrival of Jesus. I want to encourage everyone to really make an effort to live Advent, to put off living Christmas until it is ... Christmas. This will take intentionality, but it will be worth it. The tsunami of advertising, gatherings, running around at a frenetic pace is enough to leave anyone exhausted and quite happy to see Christmas over with. I think that is what the enemy wants! He wants us exhausted, fed up, in debt over our heads. So, try to live this season longing for Jesus to arrive. How you might be thinking? Here are some suggestions. The QR code will take you to Advent Hymns. Admittedly by the time you get this some of the links may not work as music videos come and go but I will work on updating them as the days unfold.



Other ways to keep Advent: 1) Try to go to an extra Mass during the weekday; 2) Receive the sacrament of Penance during this time of the year – the **Advent Penitential Service at Corpus Christi is December 18th**; 3) Spend 15 minutes a day in quiet prayer; 4) try to read the daily Readings of Mass. There is a free app: **Living with Christ** (Android and

Apple devices) that makes this easy!

Remember that **a thousand times in history a baby has become a king; But only once in history did a King become a baby**. This is what Jesus has done for you, your children and me!

Until the next "From the Pastor's Desk."

Fr Hamilton

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMANCES

There will be an important dress rehearsal on Friday, December 12. Students are asked to come to school dressed in their costumes.

Photos and video recording will take place during this rehearsal and it is only for staff and students.

Tuesday, December 16, and Wednesday, December 17 - There will be Matinee performances @ 1:45 – 2:45. Students are asked to come to school dressed in their costumes.

On Wednesday, December 17 - There will be an evening performance at 7:00pm. Students are expected to be in attendance. Students are asked to arrive at school by 6:45pm dressed in their costumes and wait under the covered area. Staff will bring students in from the covered area.

Admission is by donation to help raise money for Catholic Charities.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT COSTUMES

Please see attached Christmas concert costume list

EVENING CONCERT AUDIENCE PROTOCOL

In keeping in line with safety protocols, each family will receive **two tickets only** for the evening performance. They will be sent to you the week of December 8th. Younger siblings (four years old and under) must sit on adult laps as chairs are reserved for adults.

Please inform extended family members about seating restrictions and invite them to attend the matinee performances. Only those with tickets will be allowed admittance to the Gymnasium for the evening performance. After grade performances, students will wait for parents in their classrooms and will be supervised by school staff. Once picked up students cannot be taken into the gymnasium.

ABOUT ADVENT

Advent is a time of observing the coming Christmas holiday, Jesus' Birth, and is celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox Christians throughout the world. The observance of Advent has its roots in ancient times. Advent means "coming," referring to the coming of Christ. The season of Advent is four weeks before Christmas. Advent calendars are commonly used as a "countdown" to Christmas. Small toys or candies are placed inside little doors or windows, and one door is opened each day to count the days till Christmas. The advent wreath counts down the weeks left until Christmas, starting with the 4th Sunday before Christmas.

An advent wreath contains 4 candles, 3 purple, and 1 pink. Purple signifies penitence and fasting in preparation for the coming of a King. The pink candle is for the 3rd Sunday (also known as the Sunday of Joy). A candle is lit on the advent wreath during the Sunday evening meal. This candle will be lit every evening during the evening meal in many cases. Each week an additional candle is lit, until the last Sunday before Christmas, when all four candles burn. A portion of the Christmas story may be told each week and a devotional completed as part of the observance.



Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath

Blessing of the Wreath

God of love, may this wreath and its light remind us that Jesus came to save us from our sin. Bless this wreath and all who gather around it as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. Come, Lord Jesus, bring hope, faith, and life to our world. Amen.

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.

Advent Prayer for Families

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

Blessing the Advent Wreath with Children

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

APPROPRIATE OUTDOOR WINTER CLOTHING

For colder weather, especially during snowfalls and rain, please make sure your children are dressed suitably (winter coats, hats, mitts, boots) for outside recess times.

WEATHER MEMO...

Please review following procedures should the school close due to weather conditions.

1. Check your email
2. Visit the school website— <https://www.cchristi.ca/> (6:30 AM) approx.
3. Follow our school Instagram page [@corpuschristielementary](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristielementary).
4. Listen to CKNW (980 AM) or watch Global News.

It is the parent(s) responsibility to verify if the school will be open due to the weather based on the information sources noted above.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The school will be closed for Christmas break from **Monday, December 22, 2025, to Friday, January 2, 2026**. The school will reopen on **Monday, January 5, 2026**.

