



CORPUS CHRISTI NEWSLETTER January 30, 2026

RE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Re-Registration Packages are due on or before Fri., Feb. 6, 2026.

Incomplete and/or late Registration Packages will be subject to a late fee of \$30 per child.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Mon., Feb. 2	Loving the Religious in Our School & Celebrating Our Catholicity Assembly in gym @ 9:10 am
Tues., Feb. 3	Loving Our Teachers and Students - Dress down day
Wed., Feb. 4	Mass 9:05 am Gr 6 Loving Our Parents
Thurs., Feb. 5	Celebrating Our Students
Fri., Feb. 6	Celebrating Our Diversity and Culture



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Desk Dear Parents and Staff,



Last weekend, on **Word of God Sunday**, I encouraged our parish to renew a simple but life-giving habit: **reading Sacred Scripture**. To sit with the Word of God is truly to **sit at the feet of Jesus**.

To help families—especially children—begin or deepen this practice, I shared a few accessible options:

- **The Action Bible**
- **The *Bible in a Year***
- **Pocket New Testament**
- **Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (Old & New Testament)** – A comprehensive study Bible with rich footnotes for those wishing to go deeper into Scripture.

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity not only to celebrate, but to **pray intentionally in thanksgiving** for our Catholic schools. They are a great blessing—but every blessing must be lived and worked, or it can be lost. Our schools exist **because parishes exist**. The school is an extension of the parish's mission, not the other way around. To “work the blessing” of Catholic education means:

- Teaching our children the Catholic faith **at school**
- Bringing them to **Sunday Mass as a family**
- Living our faith visibly and consistently

The goal of Catholic education is not simply to form good students, but to form young people who **know, love, and serve Jesus Christ**. When children love God, they learn to love others better—especially their parents—and to live with integrity and purpose.

The proper order matters:

1. **Faith**
2. **Academics**
3. **Sports**

When this order is lived well, it leads to freedom, joy, and a truly fulfilled life.

Because this topic arises every year, I want to state it clearly and pastorally.



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

Category 1 tuition is reserved for active Corpus Christi parishioners who attend Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi Parish on a weekly basis.

Key points for clarity:

- Attending Mass means participating in the full Eucharistic celebration; dropping off an envelope alone does not constitute active parish life.
- Parents model faith by clearly prioritizing Sunday Mass.
- This is of the essence of our Catholic faith—not a personal rule of the pastor.
- Questions about Category 1 or Category 2 tuition should be directed to the parish office for clarity and consistency.

For clarity going forward:

- Normal attendance means attending Mass **here at Corpus Christi** and placing your envelope in the collection.
- Attendance at other parishes will be considered an exception, not the norm.
- This policy will take effect in the **2027–2028 school year**, with ample time to adjust.

Why this matters:

- It strengthens our parish-school family.
- It avoids misunderstandings and administrative difficulties.
- Practices such as having others drop off envelopes or leaving immediately after dropping one off involve dishonesty and undermine our mission.
- The primary purpose of this school is the proclamation of the **Good News of Jesus Christ**, alongside strong academics.

I have also begun initial conversations with the Archdiocese regarding the completion of our **Campus Master Plan**, including:

- Seismic upgrading of the Church
- A new Parish Office
- An Adoration Chapel
- Completion of the School Field

These are important steps toward securing the future of our parish and school community.

Let us pray for one another as we enter Catholic Schools Week. May God bless our families, our students, our staff, and our parish as we continue to place **faith first**, trusting that everything else will follow.

God bless you and your families,

Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton

Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish

ST. BLAISE - BLESSING OF THROATS – Fri., Feb. 6

On Fri., Feb. 6 at 9:15 AM the staff and students will be receiving the Blessing of Throats. Parents are welcome to receive this blessing.

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century.



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor. Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

In His Footsteps:

Take time as Saint Blaise did to find out how you can help wild animals. Find out what is being done to support and protect the wildlife in your area. There is wildlife everywhere, even in cities. Even a birdfeeder can help God's creatures survive.

Prayer:

Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

- Tues., Feb. 10 - Dress Down Day
- Thurs., Feb. 12, Fri., Feb. 13 **School Closed** for the Catholic Educators Conference
- Mon., Feb. 16 **School Closed** for Family Day
- Tues., Feb. 17 Red Day - Dress Down
- Thurs., Feb. 26 Pink Day - Dress Down
- Fri., Feb. 27 Professional Day for Teachers - **No school** for students

WINTER CARNIVAL - Dress Down Day - February 10th, 2026

On **February 10th**, we will be celebrating our very own Winter Carnival in honor of the famous Carnaval de Québec! As part of the festivities, students are invited to participate in a **Dress Down Day** by wearing their favorite **winter clothing**, such as scarves, toques, mittens, and other cozy attire. Throughout the day, students will enjoy a variety of **winter carnival activities**, all designed to capture the fun and spirit of this special tradition. We look forward to a day filled with winter-themed fun!



RED DAY – FEB. 17 Celebrating Valentine’s Day and Lunar New Year. Students are encouraged to wear red colored



PINK DAY – FEB. 26

On **Thursday, February 26**, we encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying. Students that do not wear pink, must wear their school uniform. Students are reminded that the second commandment Jesus gives is to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:39)



TUITION TAX RECEIPTS 2025 – Families will be notified when receipts are ready for pick up.



Corpus Christi SCHOOL

WEATHER MEMO...

We want to remind you of the following procedures if the school should 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.**

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.