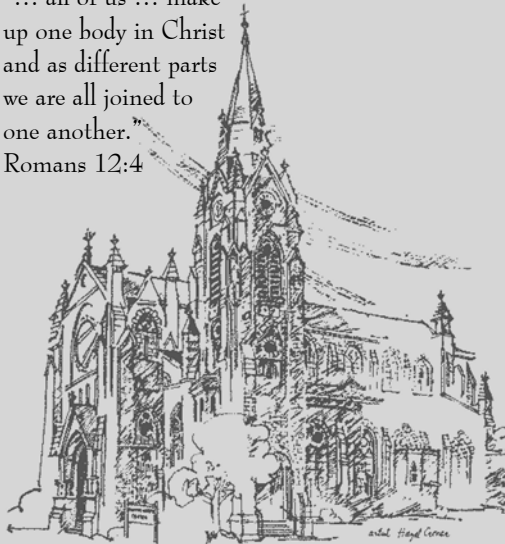


"... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another."  
Romans 12:4



We who gather at Corpus Christi are called into the Body of Christ. Alone we acknowledge our incompleteness; together we experience our wholeness as a people of God. Our journey of faith opens us up to opportunities for collaborative ministry, the pursuit of justice, and the celebration of our diversity. Strengthened by the Spirit, we accept our calling to be a church that affirms the grace of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. We acknowledge that we share in the transformation of the world through Eucharist, reconciliation, and prophetic witness to God's justice and peace."

(Corpus Christi Mission Statement 2001)

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# The Community of Corpus Christi

**Welcome, Visitors!**

If you are visiting us, the Corpus Christi community welcomes you! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to one of our ministers. And, please, visit us again.

**Interested in Registering**

If you would like to register as a member of Corpus Christi parish, please pick up a registration form in the back of the church and return it to one of our ministers, the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket.

**Mass Schedule**

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 P.M. & Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday–Friday: 12:10 P.M.

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

**Corpus Christi Grocery Program**

Located at SFNC, 2405 Linden Avenue \* Baltimore, Maryland 21217  
For program information or to volunteer, call 410-523-4161

**Faith Formation for Children**

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays, 9:15 A.M.-10:15 A.M., for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must have a year of faith formation before beginning sacramental preparations, as required by the Archdiocese. If you would like more information, or to register, contact the parish office.

**Baptism for Infants and Children**

Parishioners should call the parish office to schedule a baptismal preparation meeting. Baptismal preparation is required for first-time parents. Ordinarily, both godparents are Roman Catholic. If there is at least one Catholic godparent, a baptized Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please notify the parish office when someone is hospitalized or homebound, and a staff member will visit. A parishioner who is ill can request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion either at the hospital or at home. When someone cannot attend mass because of illness, notify the parish office and Communion may be brought to the home.

**Marriage**

Any couple is welcome to be married at Corpus Christi, provided at least one party is Catholic. Registration in the parish is not required. Call the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The RCIA is for non-Catholic adults who wish to become Catholic and for Catholic adults who may have been baptized but have not received other sacraments. Call the parish office for more information.

**Parish Ministries**

Pastoral Council \* Liturgy Committee \* Children's Liturgy \* Faith Formation \* RCIA \* Artscape Weekend \* Gays And Lesbians At (GALA) Corpus Christi \* Hospitality \* Marriage Preparation \* Small Christian Communities \* and others.

**Corpus Christi Baltimore E-mail Communication Group**

Interested in receiving parish information by email? Send your email address to [mdemek@archbalt.org](mailto:mdemek@archbalt.org)

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 9 - 10, 2017

## Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Scripture Reflection

*Today we are in the rhythm of both gratitude and yearning. Between the two, there is great space for hope. We are learning to be a patient people, continuing on, grateful but also impatient, in hope. We don't give up hoping just because some of the things we long for in God's reign of peace and justice have already happened. We're there, and yet we're not. So much remains unfinished; so many have not yet experienced what has been promised!*

### Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

David Rivera, Mykell Scott, Kelly Walsh, Joe & Missy Murphy, Marilyn Anderson, Christopher Kauffman, Alfredo Panico, Sister Jane Coyle, Kim Palowitz, Michael Previdi, Gillian Riddle, Marco Glorioso, Brennan Meadows, Kenneth E. Bates, Lilian Mary Nabuline, Dick Ullrich, Patrice Cromwell, Kim Maerkl, Kurt Berger, Nancy Sherri Potter, Amanda Anderson, Tony Preston, Kristine Chiong, Rufino Labindao, Arthur Weaver, Julia Smith, Eloisa Santos, Francois Smets, Thomas Klein, Mary Romano, Keith Hargraves, Rosalie Labindao, Nina McKnight, Lilia Labindao, Vivonne Cooper, Sarah Delcamp, Kathleen Ward Dragovich, Judith Zoellner, Jordan Crews, Joe Pezzi, Caylee Crews, Pat Kane, Noreen Betteridge, Francis Saba, Mary Lou Palazzolo, *Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory).*

### This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 9, 4:00 pm, Leo Nine., deceased      Friday, Dec. 15, 12:10 pm, Dorothy L. Hertz, *deceased*  
Sunday, Dec. 10, 10:30 am, Parishioners Intentions      Saturday, Dec. 16, 4:00 pm, Robert Zarbin, *deceased*  
Monday, Dec. 11, 12:10 pm, Jack Mulholland, *deceased*      Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30 am, Eric Peloquin, deceased  
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 12:10 pm, Frank Cappadora, Sr., *deceased*

### Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$ Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$

**This Weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will benefit the Retired Religious Collection.**

**Next Weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection will benefit our Community Outreach Programs.**

Mass Count – December 2 - 3 – 4:00 pm - 10:30 am –

### Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sunday, December 10, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, December 10, 9:15 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sunday, December 10, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, December 17, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, December 17, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, December 17, 11:45 am	Hospitality	Church
Saturday, December 23, 4:00 pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass	Church
Sunday, December 24, 4:00 pm	Christmas Family Mass	Church
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 pm	Christmas "Midnight" Mass	Church
Monday, December 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Day Mass	Church
Mon., December 25 – Friday, December 29	PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	
Sat., December 30- Sunday December 31	Feast of the Holy Family	
Monday, January 1, 10:30 am	Mary, Mother of God – Corpus Christ Anniversary	Church
Monday, January 1	PARISH OFFICES CLOSED	
Wednesday, January 3, 12:10PM	Daily Mass- Christmas weekday	Church
Friday, January 5, 12:10PM	Daily Mass-Christmas weekday	Church
Saturday, January 6, 1:30PM	Wedding	Church
Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 6 & 7	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	
Sunday, January 7, 9:15AM	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, January 7, 10:45AM	CLOW	Church
Sunday, January 7, 11:45AM	Hospitality	Church
Monday, January 8, 12:10PM	Daily Mass-The Baptism of the Lord	Church
Monday, January 8, 7:00PM	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory

For more information, visit [www.corpuschristibaltimore.org](http://www.corpuschristibaltimore.org)

## CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Here we are on the second Sunday of Advent – we hear the Sacred Scriptures use the words “comfort”, “speak tenderly” and “prepare” and “make straight”.

In light of this year’s theme, one would think that putting these words into our faith life would be pretty easy – pretty simple. Certainly we know how to comfort. Yes, we can and do speak tenderly. Always prepared might be our motto. But making straight the path can be challenging – why? Because there is so much out there to deter us from His path.

So let us work on remaining on His path – let us put that which might take us away from the Lord aside and let us open ourselves to Jesus and to His Way.

Peace, Fr. Marty

### Christmas Greens

As we have done in the past, our Environmental Committee invites our parishioners to bring in Christmas greens of all sorts – pine, fir, holly and magnolia leaves. We need it for decorating the church for the Christmas season. **Please bring the greens in next weekend – December 16-17. Place them in the work sacristy in the large containers. Thank you!**

### Happy Birthday Deacon Frank!

The pastor and parishioners wish Deacon Frank a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which will take place this week. May God continue to grace and bless Deacon Frank and grant him good health now and always!

### Christmas Flower Memorials

Christmas is rapidly approaching – please use one of the Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes to make a donation and have your family and friends remembered in a special way through the beauty of our Christmas sanctuary. Envelopes need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Please be aware that this year the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve coincide – December 24<sup>th</sup>. However, here at Corpus Christi we will not have a 10:30 am morning Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup> in light of the fact that we will have a 4:00 pm and a 10:00 pm later that day for Christmas. **So we will celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent on Saturday evening, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 4:00 pm Mass** – we will light the Advent Wreath and we will have music as well.

### Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Our pre-school through 1<sup>st</sup> grade parishioners (and non-parishioners, of course) are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday morning Mass. Just come forward when Father Marty calls for participants! CLOW follows the same schedule as Faith Formation, so we will not have CLOW on December 24<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ALERT!!! Food Program Volunteer Opportunity

We’re looking for a volunteer who can stock shelves and do an inventory of our grocery bag items twice a month. If you’re interested or have any questions please contact Beth at 410-615-7771 or [beth.steinrock@archbalt.org](mailto:beth.steinrock@archbalt.org).

Many thanks to all those parishioners who brought in Advent greens – they certainly made an incredibly beautiful Advent Wreath for our church! Many thanks!

### Food Program – Week of 11/27 – 12/1, 2017

Grocery Bags	Mon	25 bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	54 lunches

### Grocery Bags

This week’s grocery bags were filled with cereal, pasta, beans, vegetables, soup, canned fruit, tuna, salmon, peanut butter and jelly.

A huge thank you to Whole Foods for their generous post Thanksgiving contribution of bread, rolls, bagels, muffins, donuts, cookies, pies, lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, milk and a variety of non-perishable goods. Everyone left with bags full of goodies.

On the Mondays leading up to Christmas, everyone in our grocery bag program will be given a box of chocolates and a Target gift card to help with their holiday expenses.

### Sandwiches!!!

McDonough is back on schedule delivering sandwiches once a month which is wonderful. As a reminder to everyone, the sandwiches the students make help a great deal, but we still need you to make a sleeve or two of sandwiches when you can. Thanks for your support of our food program by making sandwiches!

### Thinking Ahead...

We are hoping you will help us make Christmas special for the folks who come once a month for a bag of groceries. Along with their gift card we would like to give everyone a box of chocolates as a special treat. We will need 200 boxes of candy! A one pound box of Russell Stover or Whitman’s chocolates is what we need. Candy can be left in the basket at the back of church or dropped off at the rectory. Thanks so much!!!

### Advent, 2017—“Simple—Not Easy”

#### Family Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are available in the back of the church. The calendar has prayers, crafts, and information to help prepare your family for the coming of Christ! If you’d like an electronic version, please email Kristen at [kristen.bowden@archbalt.org](mailto:kristen.bowden@archbalt.org). Copies will also be distributed on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Faith Formation.

**Advent Resources**—Visit our Advent Pinterest page for all sorts of Advent crafts, activities, prayers, and more!  
[www.pinterest.com/corpuschristiff/advent/](http://www.pinterest.com/corpuschristiff/advent/)

**An Evening of Prayer**—All young adults are invited to join Archbishop Lori Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00PM-Vespers, 7:45PM-Las Posadas, 8:15PM-Fellowship  
**Moments of Silence/Prayer/Fellowship/Christmas Music**

**Best Advent Ever**—Remember getting ready for Christmas when you were a child? Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful as it was the. Rediscover the joy in the season with the **Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas. Sign up at [bestadventever.com/almostchristmas](http://bestadventever.com/almostchristmas)**





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