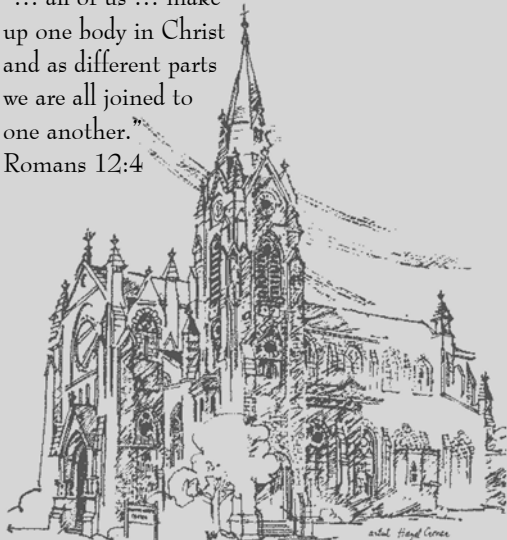


“... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another.”  
Romans 12:4



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. 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 Sarah Bujno at [Sarah.Bujno@archbalt.org](mailto:Sarah.Bujno@archbalt.org)

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 17 - 18, 2016  
Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24

Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-6; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14

## Scripture Reflection

***Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events!***

## Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

George Steinrock, Sr., Alfredo Panico, Sister Jane Coyle, Kim Palowitz, Michael Previdi, Gillian Riddle, Marco Glorioso, Brennan Meadows, Kenneth E. Bates, Lilian Mary Nabuline, Bob Trimble, DeWitt Crews, Dick Ullrich, Patrice Cromwell, Kim Maerkl, Kurt Berger, Valerie Dimmer, 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, Frazier Brice, Vivonne Cooper, Colette Danek, Sarah Delcamp, Kathleen Ward Dragovich, Judith Zoellner, Jordan Crews, Joe Pezzi, Caylee Crews, Pat Kane, Francis Saba, Sr. Jean Marie Hobbs, 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. 17, Henry Tom, deceased.

Sunday, Dec. 18, Msgr Art Valenzano, *deceased*

Monday, Dec. 19, Tom Ward, *deceased*

Wednesday, Dec. 21, Marguerite Moran, *living*

Friday, Dec. 23, NO 12:10 pm MASS

Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm – Christmas Memorials

Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm – Christmas Memorials

Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am – Christmas Memorials

## Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$3,193.00 \$: Budgeted -- \$4,524.33

Last Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Retired Religious - \$ 1,433.00

This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection benefits our Community Outreach Programs

**THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS – THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Mass Attendance: 12/ 10 -11/ 2016 – 4:00 -- 26 10:30 – 144

## Coming Up at Corpus Christi

Sunday, Dec. 18, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, Dec. 18, 11:45 am	Fair Trade Chocolate and Coffee Sales	Church
Sunday, Dec. 18, 11:45 am	Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 pm	Christmas Family Mass	Church
Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 pm	Christmas "Midnight" Mass	Church
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 am	Christmas Mass	Church
Monday, Dec. 26 – Monday, Jan. 2	Parish Office Closed – Merry Christmas!	
Saturday, Dec. 31, 6:00 pm	Wedding	Church
Sunday, Jan. 1, 11:45 am	Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Saturday, Jan. 7, 10:30 am	Liturgical Ministers Training	Church
Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Jan. 8, 9:15 am	Confirmation	Rectory
Sunday, Jan. 8, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sunday, Jan. 8, 11:30 am	Hospitality and Holiday Candy Sales	Church
Monday, Jan. 9, 10:30 am	Seniors Group	Rectory
Monday, Jan. 9, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sunday, Jan. 22, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church

Visit our parish website at [www.corpuschristibaltimore.org](http://www.corpuschristibaltimore.org) for more information

## CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend the Christian community throughout the world will celebrate, once again, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus certainly is the greatest gift that our God have given to the human race – he is a gift of mercy and love and hope that the world continues to so desperately need.

We are living in a very trying time of righteous concern in our nation. We need to open ourselves to the Lord Jesus – he who is our gift of love and peace and mercy. We need to trust that our God will be with us and with our nation as it moves forward into the New Year. So let us pray this Christmas for the gift of hope as well.

Please know that I will keep all of you in my prayers now and throughout the entire Christmas season.

Peace,

Fr. Marty

### Christmas Greens

Once again, the Liturgical Environment Committee is asking parishioners to donate Christmas greens – holly, various pines, magnolia leaves etc. for use in decorating the church for Christmas. Please bring the greens this Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and leave them in the containers in the work sacristy. Thank you!

### Christmas Flower Memorials

We would like to offer our Christmas liturgies, including their environment, decorations and programs in memory of loved ones who have passed away. A memorial Program will be created listing the names of the individuals to be remembered and the donors. This year we would request a \$10.00 donation for each individual remembered. If you would like to participate, please fill out the “Christmas Flower Envelope”, found on the table in the back of church and drop it in the collection basket **no later than this Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### Decorating for Christmas

Mark your calendars – plan ahead – decorating the Church for the Christmas celebrations will take place on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm -- won't you consider joining us for the fun adventure. A light supper will be available afterwards in the rectory.

### Christmas Masses – Plan Ahead

Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Saturday, 12/24 at: 4:00 pm – Family Mass & 10:00 pm – Choir Mass  
And on Christmas Day, Sunday, 12/25 at:  
10:30 am – Christmas Day Mass

Please consider bringing your family and friends and joining us in celebrating God's gift of mercy and love – Jesus.

### Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed from Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through and including New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parish Offices will reopen on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Christmas Special Collection

Please be reminded that there will only be one collection on Christmas. But also remember that since Christmas falls on a Sunday, the parish loses a regular Sunday Collection. So I am asking you to be especially generous this year in your Christmas offering. Thank you as always for your generosity.

### Food Program – Week of 12/5– 12/9, 2016

Grocery Bags	Mon	27 Bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	65 Guests

### Grocery Bags

Bags this week were filled with the usual items – cereal, soup, vegetables, beans, tuna, pasta, peanut butter and preserves. Whole Foods donated lots of bread, muffins, rolls, cookies and danish. In addition to all the baked goods there was fresh fruit and vegetables.

Through 12/19, we will be giving each person a \$75 Target gift card for their Christmas celebration. Instead of an extra bag of “Christmas” groceries, we increased the value of the gift card so people can buy exactly what they want. We know from past experience how much the gift cards are appreciated.

### Boxes of Chocolate

For Christmas we want to give each person who receives a bag of groceries a box of chocolates along with their gift card. We will need a total of 120 12 oz boxes of Russell Stover or Whitman Samplers. The candy will be given out through 12/19. If you can buy a box or two, please drop them off in the basket at the back of church or bring them to the rectory. A box of chocolates is such an extra special and delicious thing to have for the holidays! Thanks in advance for helping out.

### Christmas Cookies for Outreach

Last year we gave out Christmas cookies to our guests who received lunch at the rectory door. They were a big hit and guests appreciated the homemade treats. We would like to continue the tradition this year during Advent. If you can share some of your holiday cookies, please place them in a plastic bag in the basket in the back of Church. We will be collecting cookies through Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Holiday Candy Sales

We will be selling homemade candy after Sunday mass on 12/18, 1/1, and 1/8 to raise money for Corpus Christi's evangelization efforts such as student programming, senior activities, and community events. Please consider supporting our efforts.

### Calling All Corpus Christi Seniors!

Our next seniors group meeting will take place on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 am in the rectory. This member-led group includes worship, Bible study, and creative activities. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please contact [sarah.bujno@archbalt.org](mailto:sarah.bujno@archbalt.org) or call the rectory at 410-523-4161.

### 2017 Church Envelopes

If you are a church envelope user, please pick up your envelopes in the back of the church. We thank you for faithfully using the envelopes week after week. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please call the Parish Office.

### Annual Liturgical Minister Training and Updates

For those ministers who were unable to attend the prior two sessions AND any parishioners who feel called to minister to the community as a lector or Eucharistic minister there will be a final training session on Saturday, January 7 at 10:30 am in the church. The session will last 60-90 minutes.

**A Blessed Christmas to all our  
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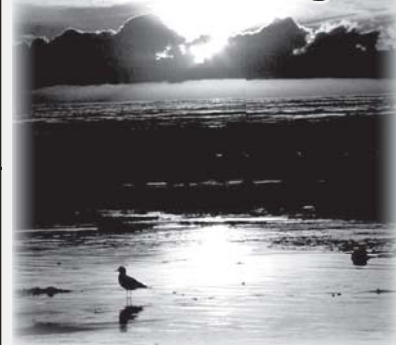


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