



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

We are already in the 2nd week of Advent. The celebration of Christ's birth is quickly approaching. Let us really strive to focus our spiritual sites on the expectant mother – Mary – and Joseph as they prepare for the Saviour's birth. We can do this by making a little bit of time each day to pray; we can do this by offering Jesus the gift of a good confession; we can do this but doing something very simple and "free" ---- try writing one (and only one) thing in your calendar ... this one thing you can do each day for God or a person around you. Each day it can be like "opening a door for someone", "greeting Our Lord as you go by a Church", telling a loved one that you are praying for them; phone a friend who you haven't talked to in a while and the list goes on. One thing in the calendar and then check it off. It doesn't cost and these things are remembered for a long time! It is a good way to live Advent – that expectation for Jesus.

Corpus Christi Parish and School are launching new websites. We are excited about these sites. A lot of work has gone into their preparation. The web addresses are the same so go and take a look:

[www.corpuschristi-parish.ca](http://www.corpuschristi-parish.ca)

[www.corpuschristi-school.ca](http://www.corpuschristi-school.ca)

It will take a little while to get things loaded on to the sites but this new look and increased functionality (especially for the School) will help in many ways – e.g., parents will be able to log participation hours on to the site.

I will be loading materials in the future to help people access articles, sites that will help us grow in our faith. These sites are also compatible with various platforms – meaning ... smart phones, Ipad, Tablets.

This coming Monday is a "day off" for the students but not teachers and parents as it is parent-teacher interview day. The School will be occupied throughout the day with parents coming to see how their children are doing.

The following week the School will put on its annual Christmas Concert. If you are interested in attending this please take note of the time in the bulletin.

As well – it is a good time to take note of the Christmas Mass(es) and Confession time schedule. It is out! It was in the bulletin last week and it is now on the new website. As time goes on I am hoping to use this new website more frequently as a means of communication with parishioners. The Holy Father has encouraged us to use the Internet for evangelization so I will do my best to do just that.

Here are two good quotes to reflect on during this time of preparation:

"What good does it do me if Christ was born in Bethlehem once if he is not born again in my heart through faith?" – Origen (he is one of the great early Christian writers)

"If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm." -- Vince Lombardi, American Football Coach

Let us strive to be well prepared. We will be busy but not so busy as to make time for God as he makes time for us.

United in Prayer,

*Fr. Hamilton*