

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: *Corpus Christi Catholic Elementary School*

School Mission Statement:

As a Catholic School Community, we commit ourselves to nurture and develop the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social growth of each student. We pledge to promote an effective partnership with the home, the school, and the Parish in a safe, caring, inclusive, and Christian environment. The mission of Corpus Christi Catholic Elementary School is to enhance the faith of our members and to recognize that God lives in all of us. We strive to promote academic excellence in a success-oriented environment. Through social outreach programs, we strive to help students develop healthy minds, bodies, and spirits. Instilling self-respect, respect for others, as well as compassion and empathy are of foremost importance to our mission.

School Motto: *The Bread of Life*

Our Parish: *Cristo Rei*

Pastor: *Fr. Carlos Macatangga, SVD*

Parish website: *www.cristo-rei.com*

Message from the Pastor:

Corpus Christi Catholic Elementary School is under the pastoral care of Cristo Rei Parish. We encourage our families to register with the parish and join us for Saturday Holy Mass at 4:00 pm in Portuguese and 6:00 pm in English, or Sunday Holy Mass at 9:00 am in Portuguese or 11:00 am and 5:30 pm in English.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Catholic School Council, on behalf of the parents of Corpus Christi Catholic Elementary School, support the staff in promoting Catholic values and building a sense of Catholic Community.

Catholic Education Week – May 5th – May 10th, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love
L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

"If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

- Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l'espérance**
Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**
Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**
Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**
Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

Activities or events planned for the Week:

- *Monday: FDK Welcome to Kindergarten*
- *Tuesday: Patron Saint Gallery Walk*
- *Wednesday: French Café*
- *Thursday: Visit to Cristo Rei Parish*
- *Friday: Crowning of Mary & Virtue of Acceptance Liturgy*

Faith Formation:

Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.

As a school community, we continue to integrate scripture and faith activities within our classrooms. There is a daily focus on scripture through our morning announcements. As well, we receive blessings, and celebrate mass/liturgies with Father Carlos from Cristo Rei Parish during special times in the Liturgical Calendar and our school year.

Father Carlos and his team visit Corpus Christi for Confession during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

The Rosary Apostolates will connect to pray the Rosary with staff and students.

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation will be celebrated with our Grades 2 and 7 students at Cristo Rei Parish.

Our Adult Faith Ambassadors incorporate staff liturgies during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Throughout the school year, staff and students assist with our food drives, Christmas hampers, monthly Virtue Liturgies, and front foyer display.

Sacramental Preparation:

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Cristo Rei Parish)</i>	<i>Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ 6:00 pm</i>	-----
<i>Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Cristo Rei Parish)</i>	<i>Saturday, April 20/27, 2024 @ 10:00 am</i>	-----
<i>Sacrament of Confirmation (Cristo Rei Parish)</i>	-----	<i>Sunday, April 21/28, 2024 @ 1:30 pm</i>

Liturgical Celebrations:

The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.

Celebration	Date
<i>Opening School Year / Thanksgiving Mass</i>	<i>Thursday, September 28, 2023</i>
<i>Remembrance Day Liturgy</i>	<i>Friday, November 10, 2023</i>
<i>Advent Mass</i>	<i>Tuesday, December 5, 2023</i>
<i>Advent Confession</i>	<i>Monday, December 11, 2023</i>
<i>Ash Wednesday Mass</i>	<i>Wednesday, February 14, 2024</i>
<i>Lenten Confession</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Stations of the Cross Liturgy</i>	<i>Thursday, March 28, 2024</i>
<i>Easter Mass</i>	<i>Thursday, April 11, 2024</i>
<i>Crowning of Mary Liturgy</i>	<i>Friday, May 10, 2024</i>
<i>Feast Day of Corpus Christi / Year End School Mass</i>	<i>Thursday, May 30, 2024</i>
<i>Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<i>Friday, June 7, 2024</i>

Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:

Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.

Corpus Christi participates in several activities that support members of our school and school community:

ShareLife & Other Charities – Donations are collected through various staff and student activities (e.g., Dress Down Fridays, Terry Fox Walk, Toy Drive, The Mitten Tree).

Food Drives – Food donations and/or Gift Cards are collected during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent to support the Food Banks Mississauga and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society through Cristo Rei Parish.

Christmas Cards for Seniors – FDK classes will create and deliver Christmas Cards, as well as a live Christmas sing-along from our school Choir, for a local Retirement Residence.

Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:

Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.

To celebrate the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), we as a school community gather to celebrate the Graduate Expectations throughout the school year.

Our teachers integrate each expectation with their classroom lessons, and staff/students prepare our school liturgies modelling each expectation.

OCSGE medals are given to each Grade 8 student during the Graduation Ceremony.

Mural work of the Graduate Expectations are visible throughout the Graduation hallway.

Celebrating Virtues:

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.

We gather as a school to celebrate the Virtues throughout the year during Masses/Liturgies, as well as monthly Virtues assemblies.

Virtues are integrated within our Religion program and within classroom lessons.

Each class is assigned a Virtue each month to display in our Front Foyer.

Each day, our morning announcements reflect/apply the Virtue of the month through scripture and prayer.

Each month, selected students who display the Virtue of the Month, will receive a certificate recognizing the modelling of the virtue during the monthly Virtue assembly.

Visible Signs of our Faith:

Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God's love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.

Visible signs of our faith at Corpus Christi are demonstrated by:

- *Prayer Tables in each classroom*
- *The Liturgical Calendar is reflected by the use of the prayer table's cloth based on the season*
- *Religious Symbols located in each classroom and throughout the school (e.g., Crosses)*
- *The Choir is an active participant in all school Masses/Liturgies*
- *Altar is displayed in the Front Foyer of the school*
- *Praying frequently throughout the day*

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- ***General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar***
- ***Religious Education Curriculum - Ontario Religious Education Curriculum***
- ***Family Life Curriculum - Ontario Family Life Curriculum***
- ***Fully Alive Program information - Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive***
- ***Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"- Fratelli Tutti***
- ***National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation***
- ***Catholic Education Week 2024 – Catholic Education Week 2024***
- ***Synod on Synodality – Synod 2021 - 2024***

Resource List for Schools:

Board

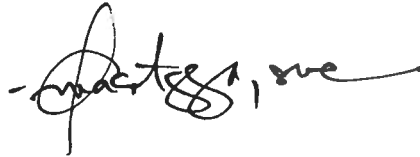
- ***General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar***
- ***Multi-Year Strategic Plan - Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023***
- ***Renewing the Promise – A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education***
- ***Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- Fratelli Tutti***
- ***National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation***
- ***Catholic Education Week 2024 – Catholic Education Week 2024***
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School-Based

- ***Cristo Rei Parish – http://www.cristo-rei.com/***
- ***School Website – https://www.dpcdsb.org/CORPC***
- ***School X (Formerly Twitter) Account – @CorpusChristiDP***
- ***School Newsletter – e-mailed weekly to school community***
- ***Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) – https://www.oapce.org***
- ***Sowing Seeds – FDK Resource***
- ***Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ – Grades 1-8 Religion Resource***
- ***Fully Alive – Grades 1-8 Family Life Resource***

Signature Page

Pastor - Fr. Carlos Macatangga, SVD



Faith Ambassador(s) – Caroline Davidson, Greg MacDonald, Mary Tassone



Teacher(s) – Danielle Bowden



Chair of Catholic School Council – Leela Johnson



Vice Principal(s) – N/A

Principal – Matthew Di Fiore



Superintendent – Dulcie Belchior