

# FULLY ALIVE

## CORPUS CHRISTI VISION REPORT
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Engaged Disciples

Rooted in Tradition

Multiplying Leaders

Evangelical Hospitality










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A YEAR OF GRACE:

# *Living the Vision Together*

As we move through 2026, it is truly remarkable to look back and see how abundantly the Lord has blessed us at Corpus Christi Parish. The past year has not been marked by one single moment, but by a steady outpouring of grace across every area of parish life—clear signs that our 10-Year Vision is not simply an idea, but a living reality among us.

At the heart of this renewal is evangelization. Through Alpha, we have seen countless lives touched and hearts opened to Jesus Christ. What is especially encouraging is how many have continued the journey—moving into Faith Studies and then into RCIA. This year alone, we welcomed 22 adults into the Church, which included 2 entering into full communion, and 16 children were baptized soon after. These are not just numbers—they are souls encountering Christ and stepping into new life.

This movement of grace is being supported by a parish that is increasingly alive and engaged. Our youth and young adult ministries are growing, with young people themselves stepping forward to lead and build community. Our seniors are finding renewed connection and purpose. Our men's ministry continues to deepen faith and fraternity. Across every generation, we are seeing what happens when people live out our core values—especially Evangelical Hospitality and Multiplying Leaders.

In our school and sacramental preparation programs, we are also reminded of our deeper mission: not simply to increase numbers, but to form disciples.

The true measure of success is whether our young people are encountering Jesus Christ and being equipped to live their faith with confidence in the world.

We are also witnessing God's providence in very tangible ways. Through the generosity of parishioners, we have made significant progress financially and are now taking concrete steps toward the seismic upgrade of our church—a major milestone for our parish. This is not just a construction project; it is a sign of our commitment to the future, and it will require all of us to participate as one parish family.

Another profound blessing has been the collaboration with St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Their generosity—especially through the support of Catherine Kriekenbeek-Lee—is aimed at strengthening our efforts in hospitality, leadership development, and discipleship. This kind of partnership reflects the wider mission of the Church: to build one another up for the sake of the Gospel.
There is so much to be grateful for. And yet, there is more to come.

As you read through this Vision Magazine, I encourage you to do two things: first, give thanks to the Lord—because all of this is His work. And second, ask Him how He is calling you to be part of it. The invitation is not just to observe these blessings, but to step into them.
God is on the move at Corpus Christi.
Let us move with Him.

**Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton**
Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish





A YEAR OF GRACE:

# *Living the Vision Together*

As many of you know, I was assigned here as a seminarian about four summers ago. It has a been a blessing to return to Corpus Christi four years later, and to see the same community and familiar faces. It feels like coming back home! Thank-you for your warm welcome, evident love for your priests, and the care you show us in many different ways.

Having the entire parish involved in this mission not only lightens our load as priests, but ensures that more people can be reached with the Good News. Each person is precious to God; and I rejoice in the fact that many souls are being saved and given new life through what we are doing here. Furthermore, I am honoured, not only to witness to the growth of the parish, but to contribute to it. Thank-you for this opportunity, and may God grant the increase!

Another blessing has been to see the growth and transformation that has taken place in only four years. When I arrived, they were still pouring the foundations of the Elementary School; and now, it is a thriving hub for learning and community. I am also very appreciative of the time and intention poured into the discipleship pathway, namely Alpha, Faith Studies, and RCIA – which are essential for bringing people into the Church and closer to Christ – and how all the various ministries of this parish strive through their respective charisms to carry out our common mission of evangelization.



**Fr. Patrick Le**
*Assistant Pastor,*
*Corpus Christi Parish*




BLESSED by GOD
Led by JESUS
the Spirit


Michelle
Wong




Michelle
Becky
Peter





# Alpha

I first joined Alpha in September 2023 after my mom invited me several times. To be honest, I was quite skeptical. I had convinced myself the sessions would be geared toward an older crowd and wondered what I could possibly have in common with the group or what I could contribute.

When my mom invited me again in August 2023, something had shifted inside me. There was a quiet but persistent nudge to simply say yes. Looking back, I now recognize it as the gentle prompting of the Holy Spirit drawing me back to the Church.

In the years leading up to Alpha, I had felt deeply lost in my faith, and returning to the Catholic Church was not easy. That simple decision to attend became a turning point in my life. Since then, Alpha has become an integral part of my journey. I now serve in every session and have completed most stages of Faith Studies, where I also serve as a leader. Along the way, I have gained not only deep formation but also lifelong friendships and a community that truly feels like home.

Having attended Corpus Christi School as a child, returning now in this new capacity feels especially meaningful. This parish has helped me rediscover my faith, find belonging, and embrace renewed purpose. I am deeply grateful to serve through Alpha and Faith Studies, giving back in the very area where I once felt lost.
I was lost, but now I am found. With each session, I continue to grow closer to God alongside my Corpus Christi family.

**Patricia Pizarro**
*Member*







# *Faith Studies*

In the second half of 2025, Faith Studies concluded its second session of the year with our traditional Prayer Night and Pizza Party in June. Participants spent time in prayer and reflection in the church, with opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and personal prayer ministry. One of our leaders, Bruno, shared a powerful testimony about how placing Christ at the center transformed his life. Several participants felt called to continue their journey by enrolling in RCIA.

In October we launched our first-ever Fall Faith Studies session. With no preceding Alpha program, most groups focused on the advanced levels (Source and Growth, Levels 2 and 3), helping participants deepen their understanding of the faith. We now offer Faith Studies three times a year so everyone can continue growing spiritually throughout the year.

**Thomas Robinson**
*Coordinator*



# RCIA

My faith journey has been shaped by my family, my community, and God's gentle, steady pull over many years. Although I was not originally Catholic, the Church has long been part of my life. My husband and I were married at Corpus Christi, and our children were baptized here. They now attend Corpus Christi School, and our family life is grounded in this strong, faith-filled community.

For years I attended Mass regularly with my family and lived the rhythms of the Catholic faith, even without formally converting. With encouragement from my family, I joined the Alpha program a couple of years ago. I was surprised by how deeply it touched me. Alpha led me into Faith Studies and eventually RCIA. Along the way I have come to love the people of this parish. This journey has drawn me closer to God and surrounded me with wonderful support.

This Easter, I will joyfully receive my sacraments and enter fully into the Catholic Church with my family. This is just the beginning of where God is leading me.

**Tami Ofreneo**
*Participant*








This year has been a grace-filled journey for our RCIA ministry at Corpus Christi. We are especially thankful that 92% of our candidates journeyed through the Discipleship Pathway, walking together in faith, prayer, and learning. Many have formed lasting friendships and grown deeper in their relationship with Christ.

We warmly welcome two new members to the RCIA team whose willingness to serve has been a great gift. We are also deeply grateful for our dedicated catechists, Nathan Rumohr, Veronica Yam, Frank Hangler, Kevin Lam, Rachelle Yong, and Arleen D'Souza, who faithfully accompany our Elect and Candidates each week.

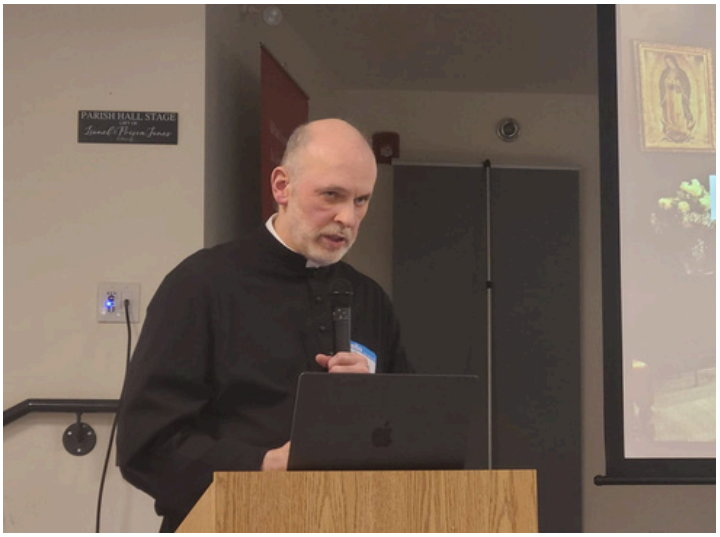
Let us continue to pray for our Neophytes, for those discerning the Catholic faith, and for all journeying the pathway of discipleship.

**Kieth Lam**
*Participant*

# *Leadership Summit*

The Leadership Summit gave Corpus Christi ministry members a wonderful opportunity to come together for faith, fellowship, and food. The focus was on learning how to allow the Holy Spirit to guide and lead our ministries through the power of prayer.

Immersive Team members, together with Fr. Hamilton, Fr. Patrick Le, Peter Lee, Becky Wong, and Michelle Wong, led sessions on personal and collective prayer.










## PARTICIPANTS SHARED:

***"It was a blessing because the Holy Spirit spoke exactly what I needed to hear from Jesus for me and my ministry."***

***"The Summit helped me reflect on whether our core focus and values are moving in the right direction."***

***"I learned that ministry meetings need to be discernment-focused, beginning with prayer and silence."***



# *Youth Ministry*



What does it mean to develop a genuine relationship with God? Recently, I have struggled in my transition to university. Amidst all the changes, it feels as if my relationship with God was being tested more than ever. I lost touch of what true surrender means. During my time at CYC, it was evident that I was not the only teenage Catholic that was going through the same crisis.

I learned that a genuine relationship with God means so much more than one good day or one bad day. It means consistently choosing God everyday, and coming back to Him even when we have committed wrongdoings. It means reaching out to God in both the difficult and happy times, including Him in every aspect of our life. At the end of the day, the one thing that stays constant is our desire to get to know Jesus better.

**Aaliyah Cabiles**
Core Team Member

Faith becomes stronger when it is shared. Going into the retreat, I wasn't expecting to see anyone I recognized. By the end of the retreat, I was surprised by how much their attitude and enthusiasm toward God had changed. I ended up spending most of the retreat with them, and through the different talks, worship sessions, and activities, I was able to build and strengthen real friendships. Through this experience, I realized that faith isn't just personal. It is lived out in community. Coming out of this retreat, I want to continue building those friendships and be more intentional in my conversations.

**Christopher Lacson**
Participant



# Young Adults Ministry

When I first joined Corpus Christi three years ago, I wanted to get involved in the community. I participated in Alpha, led Faith Studies, and helped wherever I could. Yet after a while, I still felt lost. Too old for Youth Ministry and unsure where I belonged.

That changed when I received the call to start a Young Adults ministry. Since launching it in September 2025, the Lord has blessed it abundantly. We now have a team of eight members, including our assistant pastor Fr. Patrick and seminarian Jerome. Our first dodgeball event drew nearly 30 young adults from across the diocese, and many have since found genuine community here.

In the new year, we began hosting monthly Adoration nights, where we adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and share personal testimonies of God's love. We have also organized service events and recently partnered with The Door is Open and St. Joseph's Parish to serve the poor — a collaboration we hope to expand across the diocese this summer.

**Bruno Rodriguez**
*Core Team Member*









# Men's Group

I was raised as a Protestant and for various reasons I had been away from the church for about 25 years. I never really doubted the existence of God, but I didn't really see Him having a significant a role in my life.

About 18 months ago I was invited to the Friday Morning Men's Group. At the time I attended mass occasionally with my wife and son, more to support their faith journey, than to further my own.

When I started going to the Friday morning meetings I wasn't really expecting a whole lot - it was more as a way to meet some new people than with the intention of starting (or restarting) my faith journey. At the time I was content with where I was faith-wise.

Over the next few of months the Friday morning meetings became an important part of my week that I looked forward to and really regretted whenever I missed a meeting due to illness or travel commitments for work.







It was the friendship of these men and the example they demonstrated of how amazing life could be if we make God the centre of our lives that really encouraged me to re-establish my faith in God and this past Easter I was blessed to become a fully confirmed member of the Catholic Church!

My journey back has been wonderful for me and I am excited to continue to deepen my faith and relationship with our Lord.

**David Smith**
*Men's Group Member*

# *Chinese Ministry*

The Chinese Ministry at Corpus Christi Parish is thriving. This year has been filled with many blessings through our regular annual activities, including the Lunar New Year Fundraising Dinner, three Chinese Catholic Open Houses (with the third featuring an engaging Drama Show performed by EV Footprints), and our yearly retreat.



For the 2025 Advent retreat, we were especially blessed to have Sr. Cecilia Mzumara of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception as our guest retreat leader.




**Frank Chan**
*Ministry Leader*








# *After Mass Social*



As Christians we have always heard that we are supposed to be brothers and sisters in Christ — a family. At Corpus Christi that has become beautifully true. We arrived in 2021, right at the beginning of Fr. Hamilton's 10-Year Vision. One of its key cornerstones is Evangelical Hospitality, and the After Mass Socials perfectly embody this.



The AMS beautifully blends socializing, faith-sharing, and deep friendship. While the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass remains the heart of our Sunday, the After Mass Social makes our Sundays feel truly complete. It spans generations — our children can play while we parents enjoy meaningful conversation. We are so grateful for this expression of hospitality and pray it continues to grow for many generations to come.



**The Rumohr Family**
*Parishioner*





# Vacation Bible School







We have been participating in the Corpus Christi Vacation Bible Camp for two years now. Some of my children have served as leaders while others have attended as campers. All of them have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are already excited for the upcoming year.

The camp offers excellent formation as well as a truly fun experience for the kids. As parents, we are grateful to have such a high-quality program so close to home — we used to drive over an hour to attend another VBS. The music, crafts, food, and entire program are prepared with such thought and love. We couldn't be happier!

**Theresa Yong**
*Parent of Participant*












# A SECRET OF *Christian Life*

One of the principal signs that set the early Christians apart from their pagan surroundings was the radical generosity that marked the life of the young Church and her members.

At Corpus Christi, we've sought to recapture this vital facet of Christian life within our own parish; generosity modeled upon Christ has become a recurring feature of our preaching, our approach to serving in ministry, and the essence that underlies our financial tithing.

More than some aspirational value, you have noticed the tangible effects of a growing spirit of generosity at Corpus Christi: many a young family has commented, "I really feel like I'm welcomed here; when my child cries at Mass, I get smiles from other parishioners, not scowls". Many of you have experienced the culture of generosity so memorably emobdied at our Alpha Sessions, or the deep friendships developing in Faith Studies. Many have also experienced that joy that comes from trusting God with our finances, and offering our own "widow's mite" (Lk 21:1-4).

Whether you have been giving faithfully for years or are considering a first-time donation, we first wish to say, "Thank you"– look around you and see what your giving is bringing about in this parish: not merely new facilities but a new life at the heart of our parish.

Every gift to the parish is received with gratitude. While there's no wrong way to give, one method stands out for its consistency, security, and stewardship: AUTOMATIC GIVING, a secure way for recurring donations directly from your bank account.

With Automatic Giving, your offering recurs with the frequency and amount you choose. This method ensures your gift reaches its intended purpose—whether for the Sunday collection, building fund, or another parish need—without worry or delay.

Automatic Giving not only simplifies the process for parishioner and parish alike, it also allows both you and your parish to project financial futures more accurately, make budgeting our resources far simpler, keep transactions secure, and ensure you receive a tax receipt.

Set up ***AUTOMATIC GIVING*** today! Scan here:

Select '***Corpus Christi'***, then follow instructions on the website. Select '***Bank Withdrawal'*** as donation option.

ENVELOPE GIVING remains a good option, especially if you're transitioning from loose change, and helps to form a habit of intentional generosity while also qualifying for a tax receipt. While it has the advantage of bypassing credit card fees, envelopes may make your budgeting slightly more complicated.

***"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."***
***–St. Gregory Nazianzen***

However you choose to give, know this: your generosity today is a gift that will grow for the generations that will call Corpus Christi parish their community. Thank you for being a vital part this Corpus Christi family.

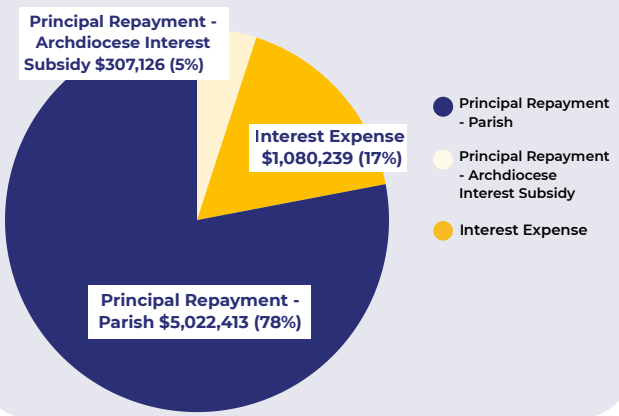
# Year End Financial Report

December 31st, 2025 and 2024

| REVENUE | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ordinary Donations**<br>(Sunday collections, Easter, Christmas) | 805,644 | 23% | 778,297 | 21% |
| **Capital Campaign Donations and Capital Levy** | 1,588,247 | 46% | 1,975,682 | 52% |
| **Extraordinary Donations**<br>(Project Advance, 2nd donations, Building Funds, bequests, clergy rent and special donations) | 299,166 | 9% | 221,725 | 6% |
| **Other Sources of Revenue**<br>(Day-Care, Vacation Bible School, Interest on deposit, interest subsidies from RCAV, Religious Article Booth, Candles, BC Catholics and Misc.) | 787,141 | 22% | 787,012 | 21% |
| **Total Revenue – A** | **3,480,198** | **100%** | **3,762,716** | **100%** |
| **EXPENSES** | | | | |
| **Priests and Staff Salaries & Benefits** | 399,413 | 27% | 395,522 | 25% |
| **Buildings & Grounds** | 161,187 | 11% | 214,913 | 13% |
| **Mortgage Interest** | 140,858 | 9% | 263,297 | 17% |
| **Day Care Expenses** | 253,642 | 17% | 249,212 | 16% |
| **Diocesan Assessment and Diocesan Collections** | 186,942 | 12% | 172,870 | 11% |
| **Evangelization and Discipleship** | 205,216 | 14% | 164,782 | 10% |
| **Administration** | 100,747 | 7% | 85,972 | 50% |
| **Worship, Sacraments, Liturgical** | 41,802 | 3% | 50,288 | 30% |
| **Total Expense before Mortgage Principal Repayment – B** | **1,489,807** | **100%** | **1,596,856** | **100%** |
| **Excess/(Deficit) from Operational Activities (A-B)** | 1,990,391 | | 2,165,860 | |
| **Mortgage Principal Payment** | (2,373,723) | | (2,000,000) | |
| **(Deficit)/Excess after Mortgage Principal Repayment** | **(383,332)** | | **165,860** | |

**TOTAL $6.41M PAYMENT (PRINCIPLE + INTEREST) SINCE INCEPTION OF THE $7M LOAN**

As of Dec 31, 2025 - Loan balance $1.67M




| REVENUE | NOTES |
|---|---|
| **Capital Campaign Donations and Capital Levy** | The decrease is mainly attributable to a decline in donations received from Wills and Estates, as well as the absence of an annual fundraiser in 2025. |

| EXPENSES | NOTES |
|---|---|
| **Buildings & Grounds** | Includes all costs associated with maintenance of the building such as repairs & maintenance. small equipment, snow removal, landscaping, municipal taxes, water, heat & lights. insurance, cleaning supplies, etc. |
| **Mortgage Interest** | Gross interest expense before RCAV interest subsidies. |
| **Day Care Expenses** | The increase is a result of higher student enrolment |
| **Evangelization and Discipleship** | Includes Alpha, Faith Studies, Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Parish Mission, Senior Ministry and After Mass Socials. Additional investment was made to support parish leaders in attending workshops to lead the 10-year mission. |
| **Diocesan Assessment and Diocesan Collections** | Diocesan assessment is a payment by each parish to diocese which enables an equitable sharing of the resources of the Archdiocese among all of its members. It is calculated based on a percentage of the parish's Sunday collection. Second collections (e.g. St. Joseph's Society which supports retired priests) are submitted to RCAV for specific purposes. |
| **Administration** | Includes all costs associated with the administration of the parish such as printing, office, bank charges and online donation fees, supplies, maintenance of office equipment, photocopier rental, postage, cost of Sunday offertory envelopes, police checks. banking charges, telephone & internet, etc. |
| **Worship, Sacraments, Liturgical** | Includes all costs such as candles, sacristy supplies, Mass bread and wine, parish decorations etc. |

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Fr. Bruce-John Hamilton**
**Fr. Patrick Le**
**Winnie Shiao**
**Deborah Welsh**
**Scholastica Au**

## PARISH STAFFS

**Winnie Shiao**
**Thomas Sin**
**Anita Berni**
**Cynthia Santos**
**Maribel Selin**
**Clarissa Gamboa**

## MASS TIMES

*Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation*

Sunday | 9am, 11am (English)
| 3pm (Cantonese)
Saturday Vigil | 5pm (English)

*Daily Masses*

Mon-Sat | 8am
Wednesday (School Mass) | 9am
First Friday of the Month | 7pm
Holiday | 9am

## CONFESSION TIMES

Mon-Fri | 7:45-7:55am
Friday | 6-6:45pm
Saturday | 8:30am, 3:45-4:45pm

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