



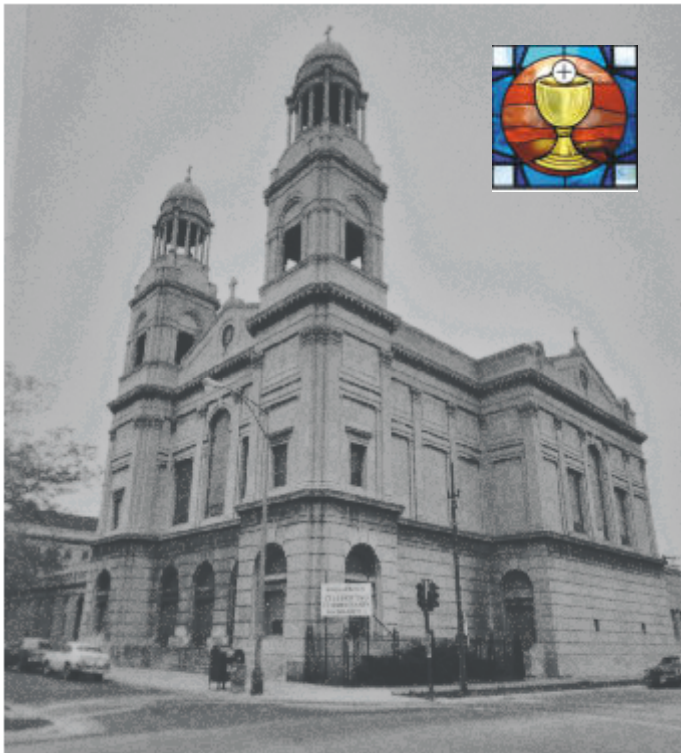
Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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Sunday Masses:

9:30 a.m.

Igbo Community Mass

Every last two Sundays of the month - 2:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Legal Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

Holydays of Obligation - (As announced)

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Fridays - 8:30a.m. – 7:30pm

Confessions:

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. or by appointment

Infant Baptism:

Please call the parish office to make arrangements with the pastor. Parents must ensure enough time to participate in preparation meetings prior to the Baptism.

Marriages/Weddings: Prior to making any arrangements, please call the parish and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Parish/Rectory Phone: 773-285-7720

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The **Parish Pastoral Council** meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month, September through June. It's Chairperson is **Lorrie Walls**

The **Parish Finance Committee** meets on the 4th Saturday of the month, September through June. Its Chairperson is **Nancy Banks**.

Parish Registration: To be considered an active member of the parish, every single adult and family must be duly registered with the parish office, and must be on our mailing list, and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Please, call the office if you are interested in joining our Parish Family.

Our Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, believe that God, The Source of Life, has graced us through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who stands as a living example for us to follow in our daily lives. We believe that we are called by the Holy Spirit to build up the Body of Christ, to be united in a common bond as a people who proclaim the Good News of salvation and who share God's love by ministering to others.





What Is True Religion?

Our readings for this Sunday touch on real religion and challenges the beliefs of those who claim to have a spirituality and not care about religion, those who passionately do social service and not care about moral standards. Today Jesus challenges the religious authorities and people of his time for reducing religion to just ritualistic and external observances while desecrating the soul of religion. Moses in the first reading called his people to cherish and keep the laws that make them a unique/special people and witnesses of the Lord in a world that does not know the living God.

On their journey to the promised land, that challenging but miracle-filled journey from the land of slavery to the land of freedom, Israel was reminded of how important it is, not just to be the people of God in name, but to live lives that reflect the wisdom of God's commandments. In doing so, they would be witnessing to God and living good and holy lives that serve as a testament to other people about the wisdom of their God. Moses taught his people that obedience to God's laws is the way to show how much they love and fear God.

In the gospel, Jesus takes this admonition even further when he observed that the religious authorities and the people were more concerned about the external rituals of their religion. They washed their hands and kept other external rituals but failed to live moral and compassionate lives. When some pharisees and scribes complained and questioned Jesus about his disciples not keeping to "the tradition of the elders," their ablution rituals, he made it clear that it was more important to care about the state of the heart and how much they loved and revered the laws of God. According to Jesus, people focused so much on the externals but neglect the health of their hearts from which flowed the true defilement and diseases of the heart namely, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly and other evils.

The readings of this Sunday raise the question, what is true religion? St Paul answers this question in the second reading that "religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." The helpful attitude is to "welcome the word" of God that is offered to us, and to be "doers of the word and not just hearers only" and not to delude ourselves. It is not enough to focus on the external rituals of religion without living up to the word of God, imbibing the religious messages and values behind the rituals. It is also not enough to work to serve the social concerns of our time without addressing our need for God, and without being careful to avoid sin and the danger of attachment to the atheistic and individualistic philosophies of this world. The psalmist reminds us that the way we live our lives determines if we would share the life of God and the blessings reserved for the just and the compassionate. Let us continue to pray and ask for the grace to be compassionate, pure of heart and faithful to the true practice of religion that gives glory to God and cares for others.

Fr, Anthony Anike, M.S.P.

PARISH CALENDAR



- Sunday 8:45 am 9:30 am **September 2**, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary
Families Corpus Christi
- Monday **September 3**, 
- Tuesday **September 4**, 
- Thursday **September 6**, Bible Study in Rectory at 6:30pm
- Friday **September 7**, Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel 8:30am to 6:00pm.
- Saturday **September 8**, *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Sunday 8:45 am 9:30 am **September 9**, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary
Grandparents Day 
- Tuesday 
- Friday **September 14**, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Saturday **September 15**, Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sunday 8:45 am 9:30 am **September 16**, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary
Families Corpus Christi
- Friday **September 21**, St. Matthew
- Saturday **September 22**, Financial Committee
- Sunday 8:45 a.m. 9:30 am 2:30 pm **September 23**, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary
Families of Corpus Christi
Igbo Community Mass
- Saturday **September 29**, Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels
- Sunday 8:45 a.m. 9:30 am 2:30 pm **September 30**, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary
Families of Corpus Christi
Igbo Community Mass

** Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday—Saturday
** Saturday Confessions (In Church) 5 - 7 pm

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ROSARY & LITANY SCHEDULE

The Rosary & Litany begins at 8:40 am to 9:10am each Sunday. Prayer guide will be available for the parishioners at the usher table. Please join us.

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